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SQUIRRELS appoint new Secretary, defy common sense Dexter still lost in time

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He's gone, and it may be a while before he gets back.

This is the sad reality the UNB sliding club, SQUIRRELS (Students for the Quest of Undeniably Insane and Ridiculously Reckless Examples of Legendary Sliding), must accept, after admitting club secretary Dexter is lost in time.

The dog was flung into a place between time and space during a walk in Odell Park last week when he began chasing his tail faster and faster, until he



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"The puppet," the latest appointment to the SQUIRRELS executive. Will it succeed?

disappeared.

VP Brendan Doyle admits Dexter, the happy, self-assured golden retriever, may be gone for a while, but explains time is completely relative.

"It's an established fact," he asserts. "Although Dexter has been gone for more than a week, it probably seems like more minutes for him." Doyle added Dexter is probably napping, and has most likely encountered Sanford Flemming, hero of time.

"We're more than confident in the duo's ability to combine their intellect and return back to our time."

SQUIRRELS critic and longtime friend Patrick Reinartz disagrees.

"That Dexter has the brain of a hamster. Doyle too." Becoming more excited, he added the following joke, "Did you hear about the new pirate movie? It's rated 'arrrrr'." Reinartz was unable to comment any further, as he was consumed with fits of laughter.

The biggest piece of news, however, is the appointment of a new Secretary.

Simply dubbed "the puppet," it will pick up from where Dexter left off and has already officially been inducted into the club. Doyle and SQUIRRELS president Sean Sullivan cannot agree on the sex of the puppet; while Doyle maintains it's a



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Dexter is still lost in time - will he ever return?

male, Sullivan has resigned to whining and sobbing until the puppet is recognized as a female.

"The usually cursory glance under the tail can't be used in this situation," lamented Sullivan. "All it has is one big hole."

Again, time will tell, and nothing can currently be done for Dexter. Sullivan and Doyle are hoping for some kind of communication from Sanford Flemming, and expect it within the next few days. All letters of sympathy or goodwill can be sent to unbsquirrels@hotmail.com.

Monday ruled that Stitzer would face jail time if he wears anything less than a thong outside.

community service and place a bumper sticker on his truck that reads, "Texas doesn't mess with drugs."

Poe and his unusual sentences have been featured on "60 Minutes," "20/20" and "Oprah."

Gardening thong

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) A 62-year-old man who preferred to do his nighttime gardening either naked or wearing a thong was sentenced to two years' probation for indecent exposure.

Charles Stitzer of Pleasant Gap in Centre County was found guilty of indecent exposure in December for wearing only shoes and a watch while gardening in his back yard the night of June 22.

He testified that he often sat outside naked on summer nights, and that it was too dark for anyone to see him in the town of 1,700 about eight miles north of State College. He also testified that he often mowed his lawn wearing only a thong.

Centre County Judge Charles Brown on

Sanford Flemming

Is the hero of time Dexter's only hope?

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Dexter, the lovable Secretary of the ever popular UNB sliding club SQUIRRELS, must depend on the brilliance, cunning, and determination of Sanford Flemming, hero of time, to return home.

Many people recognize Flemming's contribution to human civilization as the invention and subsequent use of Standard Time in 1848. Standard Time refers to the division of time zones across the world. Each division, separated by an hour, ensures that the world works on a standardized time system, facilitating the smooth functioning of businesses worldwide.

Few people, however, recognize Sanford Flemming's greatest contribution to civilization as we know it. Without Flemming, the world would be a different place.

Many take for granted the fact that time runs at a seemingly constant speed; a given that was not always so. To get to the root of the problem, the very beginning of time itself must be questioned.

Soon after the dawn of time, an evil entity known simply as Gremlor created a dynamic influx in the space-time continuum. This led to a constant and erratic fluctuation in the perceived speed of time which, billions of years later, was detected by a simple, young farmer: Sanford Flemming.

Flemming pieced together his theory by examining periods in history which had little or no historical documentation.

For example, the Dark Ages lack documentation not because of the mass conflict of the times, but rather due to the fact that time was running nearly 17 times faster than what we perceive today. Flemming surmised people were too busy trying to get through a full day in the space of thirty minutes. Essentially, they had no time to write anything down. Another example is the so-called "missing link" between Neanderthal Man and Cro-Magnon Man. Flemming reasoned the link is missing because time was running

infinitely fast. The creatures had no time to live or die.

He realized that at any second the results of Gremlor's treachery could somehow affect the lives of every human, animal, and plant on the planet. He immediately began construction on a device to correct the inherent fluctuation of space-time.

Flemming's first device, a crude mismatch of wood, metal, and four chickens failed miserably. It was unable to manipulate the subspace field sufficiently to allow his trek back through the ages to do battle with Gremlor. After several other failed attempts, Flemming struck upon the idea of wheat and mice.

Finally, three long years after his initial attempt, his time machine, constructed from wheat and powered by 6000 tiny mice running on 6000 tiny treadmills, was complete. The treadmills, made from an intricately woven arrangement of grass and rocks, were designed by the head mouse, Franklin.

On that fateful October morning, Sanford Flemming, hero of time, began his arduous journey through the annals of history. Upon arriving at the dawn of time, he engaged the evil Gremlor in battle. After losing his left hand in the ensuing struggle, Flemming defeated Gremlor using an inverted tachyon pulse from a modified pitchfork. With Gremlor defeated, Flemming powered up the time machine to return to his own time. Then, with the promise of returning home, disaster struck.

Having failed to provide a food source for the 6000 miniature mice, Flemming returned to a partially eaten time machine. He did not, however, notice this glaring fact and as he activated the anti-matter distribution coils, a sub-space field rupture was created in the fabric of space-time. This rift began the gradual acceleration, on an exponential scale, of time.

Flemming was not aware of this for he was immediately catapulted to a place between time and space, far beyond the reaches of human perception. He is currently trapped in this timeless place, most likely now accompanied by Dexter.

I did drugs - now I'm shamed

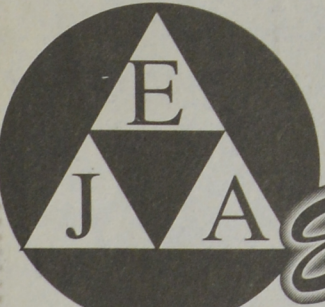
LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) As punishment for a drug offense, a Lafayette man marched in front of the federal courthouse here wearing a sign reading "I went to jail in Texas for possession of drugs."

Robert Krieg, 23, must wear the sign in front of the courthouse three hours a day for five days as part of his probation from Harris County, Texas, where he was convicted of felony possession of marijuana, according to the Harris County Clerk of Court's Office. The "shame sentence" was the brainchild of Judge Ted Poe, whose inventive punishments have received national attention.

Poe's methods are effective, Krieg said in front of the courthouse on Monday.

"I've learned my lesson," he said. "Drugs are bad. They lead nowhere. I'm out here embarrassed. I don't know what to say. Don't do drugs."

Krieg must also perform 240 hours of



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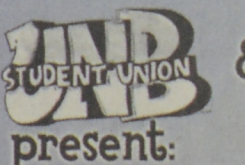
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