

The Gamecock

Ain't ain't a word cause it ain't in the dictionary—or is it?

I have learned a lot this summer. I have learned that you can live on canned vegetables if you don't have time to grocery-shop. I have learned that you cannot survive on three hours of sleep for a week straight. I have learned that summer



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deserved a spot in its acclaimed reference book.

I was shocked to find that the dictionary, which came out just in time for the new school year, has added words that would make most professors keel over and my mother wash my mouth out with soap.

After years of using the dictionary, I'd learned that it was a tool and not a reference on which words were excusable in college essays. For instance, I always thought it was cute that my dictionary had *doofus* in it. I knew better than to use it, but it was great just knowing it was in there. However, some of the newest additions are frightening, not charming.

Take the word *gaydar*. I was shocked to see it on the list and, for a moment, prayed it would be defined as "the ability to spot a happy person." No such luck. Whatever definition you learned

on the streets or in your dorm is correct. No, I'm not *homophobic*, but it, too, is in the new dictionary.

Dead-cat bounce was equally as frightening and I feared that the pledge system had finally gained enough influence to create their own new word. (It really has something to do with the stock market.)

I now know words that make me feel old and out of touch, though I'm not old enough to drink yet. However, I studied the list diligently until I could use each word in a sentence. To demonstrate my "higher" intelligence, I've used all of them in the sentence below.

Gen Y'ers who, while *sky surfing* see some *eye candy* and suffer a *senior moment* in their *wetware*, missing the *antiglare* coming their way could, after running the *mouse potato* in the *soccer mom* car off the road, say *my bad* and get away with it.

Translation for those of us born

before 1984: *Dead Head mall rats* who, while *in-line skating* see some *total hottie* and suffer *brain freeze* in their *noggin*, missing the *headlights* coming their way could, after running the *computer geek* in the *gas guzzling* car off the road, say *'dude, bummer'* and get away with it.

The Random House editors who

used their higher intelligence to choose these words, which will probably make us all wince when we see them in 2010 along with our 21st birthday pictures, make me wonder when they will add other words that demonstrate more impressive creativity, like *farfrompukin*, or those that might weather time better, like *ass pirate*

or Kid Rock's favorite - *Bullgod*. Def. *Bullgod* - reference to one who enjoys pleasing cattle.

So, when you pick up your new dictionary, turn directly to "fudgepacker" and see what valuable treasures the English language has to offer.

10 suggestions by Gamecock staffers for Webster's next College Dictionary

- The•Cock** /kok/ n. reference to the University of South Carolina's student newspaper, *The Gamecock*.
- Sor•os•ti•tute** /sawrahstih-tuhte/ n. a promiscuous female in a Greek organization.
- Card•board** /kaardbawrd/ adj. The taste of the pizza at Gibbs Court.
- Blow•out** /blo-owt/ n. when your pants turn brown after sitting on the new RH green space.
- Wuss•ie** /wuhse/ n. reference to the University of South Carolina's student radio station, WUSC.
- T•P•Stork•s** /teepeestawrk/ n. the cleaning staff that delivers toilet paper to your door.
- T•P•Gnome•s** /teepeenom/ n. the gnomes who steal your freshly delivered toilet paper from your doorstep.
- Lou•zer** /loozer/ n. the 1-21 Gamecock football team, over the 1998-99 seasons.
- In•fla•ted scoo•ter•s** n. the best way to describe meter-maid mobiles
- Sharks** /shaark/ n. meter maids who drive around in their inflated scooters picking off innocent college students

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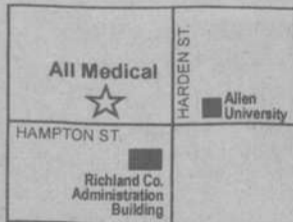
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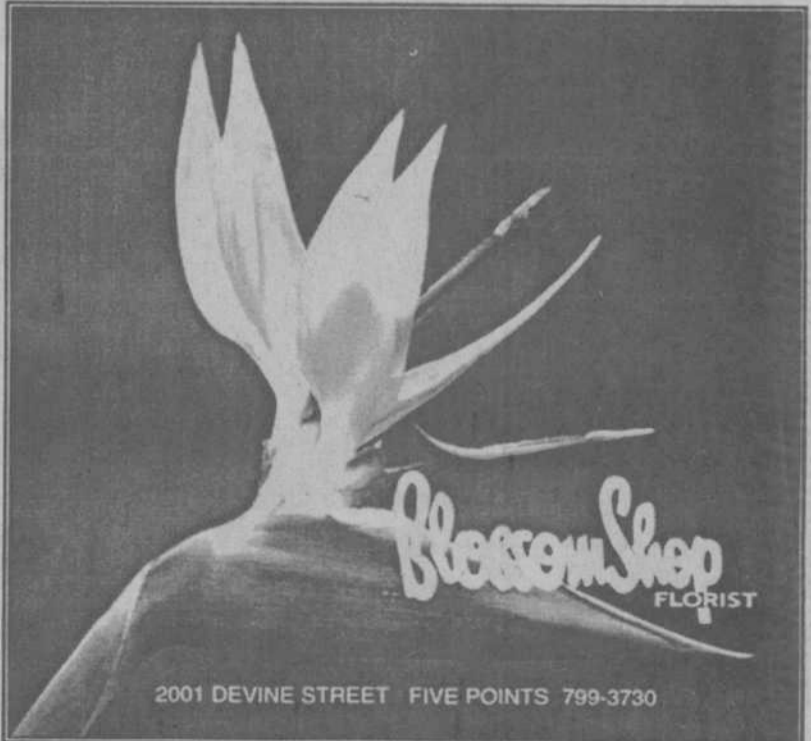
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