

BIG SHAGGY DOG FRIGHTENS FROSH BROWN FROM BED

St. Bernard Resembles Grizzly to Student in Cenic Hours

By Julian Upshaw

He was tired and sleepy as he cautiously made his way up the long flight of stairs of Sherwood Hall to his warm room in room 342, where nice clean sheets awaited him, affording relief to his weary body.

He opened the door quietly. His roommate had possibly, long since journeyed to the land of sweet dream. But as he pushed open the door he heard sounds that were somewhat unusual to come from a roommate. He paused a moment to listen and think. Was it someone trying to scare him? Or was it just his roommate snoring?

And then his thoughts chanced to stray back to the verse he had repeated on his way to his room. Could it be a bear? He listened more closely. Yes, it sounded somewhat like the growling of the real bear he had seen once when his mother carried him to a zoo in the capital city of Georgia.

Had a real bear strayed up to his room? Had it killed his roommate? Did anyone else know that it was in the building? What was the best thing for him to do? By this time Brown was so nervous and excited that he didn't know what to do.

He collected his thoughts to the extent of investigation to see whether it was a bear or not. He quietly slipped to turn on the light, leaving the door behind him wide open, for in case anything happened he must have an easy exit.

But the light was gone! However, he could easily see his bed because of the reflection that came down with the compliments of "The Man in the Moon."

There on his bed lay a bear, not one of those Mercer bears who play such havoc with Indians, snakes, alligators and the like, out on Alumni Field. One of these wouldn't have been so bad, but a real grizzly bear—!

Freshman W. W. Brown trembled with fright. In fact he trembled with such force that the vibrations caused a bottle of ink near the edge of a table to fall off with such a crash that the poor Fresh wondered if the whole building was not falling in.

With this the huge animal raised his head and seeing Brown, sheepishly crawled from the bed and out the door.

"Or it's just an old dog," grunted Brown as he grabbed a chair which he threw at the retreating canine.

And then a burst of laughter was heard from the hall as a gang of upperclassmen rushed into his room, for it was they who had planned that Brown should have as a bedfellow for that night a St. Bernard dog, half as big as a man, which has inhabited the campus of late.

Smith Will Report For Cage Practice Monday

"Crook" Smith, who has been kept from reporting for basketball practice for the past week or so on account of injuries received in the Mercer-Oglethorpe football game, will be able to start practice Monday night, according to reports from the athletic department. It was thought that Smith would be unable to don the Orange and Black indoor uniforms before Christmas, and his absence has been sorely missed.

Smith is counted as one of the most brilliant court performers in the South, and local fans have been not a little worried over the fact that he would be possibly unable to play for quite a while. Smith has been out because of injuries for some time now, having had three ribs broken in the last football games of his career.

Lanier Granade to be Next Year's Manager

W. L. Granade, of Statesboro, has been elected head football manager for the next year at the last meeting of the athletic board of control, it was announced a few days ago. Jimmie Riddle, of Columbus, will act as his assistant next year in managing the terrible Grizzlies. Granade has been of valuable assistance to the athletic department during the past year, it is said, and should prove an able manager for the grizzlies during the 1925 season.

Students Organize Tobacco Chawers Association Here

Students, get out your umbrellas and your raincoats!

For with a new and distinctively unique organization now formed on the campus these articles may come in handy in the future. As an outgrowth of the Farmers' Overall Union, which we formed on the campus last year, there has been produced another club at Mercer which is to be known by the elevating and cultured cognomen of "Tobacco Chawers' Association," according to information received by the Cluster from a special dispatch written by the Farmer Hall Press Association.

According to officials who are very quietly forming this club, it is to be one of the most unusual and uplifting organizations at Mercer, barring none—not even the ministerial association.

Despite the fact that tobacco has been known as a filthy weed, students worshipping at the shrine of Lady Nicotine have banded themselves together in order that an indissoluble and perfect union might be formed on the campus and in order that a spirit of brotherhood can be instilled into the members of the new club who purpose to enlist into its fold.

Universal Custom

The purpose of the organization is to enable students using tobacco to obtain their "cut plug" from the manufacturers at a nominal sum. In furtherance of this purpose, a contract will be drawn up with the various plug manufacturers over the country so that the "Chawers Association" may obtain all tobacco directly from the factories.

A huge laboratory will be erected by the association and a corps of chemists will be employed to manufacture mild brands of chewing tobacco for the Tea Hounds and the beginners, thus making this great art a more popular one among the weaker sex. In fact, all forms of tobacco chewing is to be encouraged upon all occasions, and members of the new organization hope to soon inaugurate this delightful habit among all of the debutantes in the college set. Flappers are expected to fall heartily in line with the new movement, and have already expressed their desire to become members of the association.

A petition has been formed by the charter members of the association asking the University administration for a plot of ground for the purpose of erecting a horseshoe pitching court where the members may receive real experience in the nobl art of hitting the right mark.

Membership Strict

Eligibility for membership is very strict, the charter members say. To become a full-fledged member the applicant must have consumed at least one plug of every known brand of tobacco endorsed by the association. Members of the association must also consume at least one plug every two weeks.

An elaborate initiation has been planned by two of the charter members: Ike Cowart and F. B. Stow, but the secret of the initiation have not been divulged and all efforts of Cluster reporters to obtain this information was in vain. These members stated that they had drawn up a charter and would have the association incorporated under the acts of the next Congress.

The following students have been appointed on various committees in regard to perfecting the organization:

Howard Glenn Starr, "Sheik" Maddox, and Hooten Jordan, Membership; Stanley T. Martin, Ku Klux Bell and Lewis Cobb, Social; "Red" Simmons, Derby Snellgrove and Houston Cecil, Vigilance.

The promoters have asked the advice of Dr. J. Clay Walker and Dr. A. P. Montague in regard to the Association and it is rumored that they are heartily in favor of it and are even thinking of offering credit toward graduation for the members living up to the requirements of the association.

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NORTHERN ALUMNI MAY BE ORGANIZED

J. K. Williams Leaves on Tour of Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee

J. K. Williams, alumni secretary, left yesterday for Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, to perfect the organization of the Mercer war memorial plan. Mr. Williams spent last night in Atlanta where he met with the five hundred alumni there.

Frank D. Hooper, president of the Atlanta association, presided over the meeting last night. The alumni secretary is visiting Nashville, Louisville, Chattanooga and many other cities of the South in an effort to put the Mercer expansion program before the alumni in these cities.

Mr. Williams will return from this tour next Tuesday or Wednesday, it was announced, and will again take the road in behalf of the Mercer drive immediately after the Christmas holidays.

VESPER THOUGHTS Y. M. C. A.

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Tuesday

Thought: "Somebody is judging the Christian religion by the precepts you set."

The program was conducted by the chorister who led a number of songs. After the songs were sung, Joe Tarpley, pianist, gave a piano solo.

Buttons were awarded to those who have attended the vesper services regularly during the present term. About sixty of these pins were given out. Mr. Howard Bivins, president of the "Y," said that he was greatly pleased with the attendance during the term, and stated further that he hoped to make it even better during the winter term.

Wednesday

Thought: Christmas—"Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart."—W. Irving.

"Scotty" Young, with his trusty "fiddle," and "Little-bit" Pierce with his guitar, were the entertainers at the Wednesday night program. It need not be said that everybody enjoyed this program immensely.

Thursday

Thought: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

W. Blewster Knight, a junior and ministerial student, was the speaker Thursday night. Mr. Knight was president of the Volunteer Band until recently.

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The fiercest in looks, in fighting, and in love-making of all the animals known to man are the little one-celled fellows, so small that they can not be seen with the naked eye.


Witness, thru the medium of the

magnifying glass, the funny, though tragic, end of a foolish Paramecium, tiny one-celled animal. A minute drop of acid has been added to the water behind him. He senses the danger, is panic-stricken at once. He can only move forward and backward. He makes the fatal choice of a rearward move, backs directly into the acid, and is destroyed. Nature excuses no mistakes!

The higher, multicellular animals. Just as interesting, yes, just as interesting. Wouldn't it tincture the iodine, as it were, and pique your curiosity to learn that a starfish has ten livers. And a humble, ordinary old earth worm has three hundred and two (count 'em) kidneys, five pairs of hearts, and a well developed gizzard?

And then there is that peculiar animal of the permanent grin, the clam. His teeth (get this) are on the outside of his mouth. A quaint situation that. His digestive system extends down into his foot. Freshmen could have really eaten Thanksgiving turkey if their digestive tract went all the way down to their feet.

The prickly backed, spine covered, cactus like blow fish clinches our argument that Biology has points, gentleness, points.




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