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I live in Teter Quad, one of the dormitories here on campus. there is a girl's floor in the quad which is inhabited by a ghost. I heard this story from a girl on the floor who roomed last year with the girl it happened to.

One night last semester, a number of my friends and myself went over to Elkin II for an informal get-together with some of the girls there. The little gathering eventually turned into a spook telling hour. [redacted], governor of the floor, decided she would tell us about a true story which a former roommate had related to her.

It seems that in the fall semester of 1967, in room D-216, two girls [redacted] were visited a number of times by a ghost. It all started one morning when [redacted] was getting dressed. She was taking curlers out of her hair, when one that had been placed on the desk turned, with nothing touching it, from lying on its side to an upright position. [redacted] called [redacted] and while they were both watching it just fell back on its side. They didn't think much of this. But a couple of days later, [redacted] was sitting looking out the window when she had the feeling someone was leaning on her. She assumed it

was her roommate but all of a sudden, the door opened and this felling went away. [redacted] turned around and there was [redacted] drying her hair. By this time they were both beginning to wonder. The experience that convinced the girls that someone else besides them lived in the room was the following: one morning around 7:30 the phone rang, it was a friend calling to make sure they were up. After hanging up, the two stayed in bed for a few minutes more. Then with no visible assistance, a jar of cold cream on [redacted]'s desk slid across the shelf and fell on the floor. Both girls saw this and decided they had something or someone living with them. They concluded it was a little male ghost and they named him Wilber.

Odd things continued to happen throughout the year. one time both girls went shopping and when they returned there was a large ballon setting on [redacted] bed, There was no way it could have gotten there so the girls decided it was Wilber. The girls got used to his teasing in fact, on one of the vacations, Wilber went home with Ronnie. She knew this because everytime she went to her suitcase the clothes were messed up.

This story is told to all of the new girls that move on the floor by the old ones. Since it is a rather new legend, [redacted] usually told the story herself, but she graduated last year so her last roommate, [redacted] has the priveledge now.

[redacted] is a sophomore and was born in a small town in

Southern Indiana called Elizabeth. She is part filipino. I am also a sophomore but, I come from a predominately German family from Michigan City, on Lake Michigan. We are both Catholics and supposedly don't believe in ghosts.

This legend is believed, even by the girls it is to told to. [redacted] lived in D-216 (the room Wilber lives in) last year with [redacted] and she is convinced that he is still around. Ocassionally the girls in the room will go to get a ring or a string of beads they put a certain place and it will be gone. Also the phone has been out of order six times this year and [redacted] feels it is because Wilber is still mad from when it rang early one morning and he knocked the jar of cold cream off the shelf.

The story is told mainly to give the girls on the floor a feeling of having something a little extra from that of other floors and also as a warning to be good to Wilber.

I know [redacted] and it is very hard not to believe them as they are very sincere when they tell it.