

# Students' hoax provokes search of cave in 1928

*"The mystery of darkness blacker than night; the dripping of slow water on mud; the slimy nearness of cavern walls; and above all the mission which compelled them to become a part of this eery setting awoke chilly fears and startling recollections of ghost tales . . ."*

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The old cliché, "It was a dark and stormy night . . ." was nothing compared to the front-page come-on in the *Evening World* Jan. 13, 1928.

It seems that on Saturday, Jan. 7, a couple of Indiana University students had been exploring what was then called the "IU Cave" west of town. Returning to town, the two, George Bodine and David Cooper, reported to the *Bloomington Star* that they had heard blood-curdling female screams in the cave.

Reported the *Evening World*: "So expressive was the scream, the youths said, that it could have been made



## Looking back

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