

Meet Montreat

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With things going "bump" in the night the last week of October, we canvassed the campus for spine-tingling stimuli, asking this week's victims of Meet Montreat, "What are you scared of?"



-A. Baird

Startled by the question, Carizma Chapman, a sophomore, blurts out "you sure know how to put a sister on the spot!" But as she gets over her shock, and considers her answer, Carizma confesses that one of her greatest fears is that she will go through life not helping people, and not accomplishing anything. She loves the sense of accomplishment she feels when she helps others.



-A. Baird

Dr. Gary Van Brocklin has turned his fear of the dark into an inspirational kaleidoscope through which he views his Christian faith. At the age of seven or eight, Dr. Van Brocklin remembers spending the night with a fearless friend who slept sans illumination. "I was so thankful for his dear mother, who was willing to leave a light on for me," Dr. V.B. says. But this Associate Professor of Bible and Cross-Cultural Studies has learned to use his fear to develop his faith. "Some people say basic fear of the dark is innate, and rational," Van Brocklin says, "but developing a protective sense of Christ has the clear benefit of displacing fear with trust."



-A. Baird

Ryan Wright, a leading scorer on the men's soccer team, claims he has something in common with former Atlanta Braves pitcher Charlie Leibrandt. While some of you may be guessing it's a 14-year-long career in the sporting arena, prepare to stand corrected. While Ryan's no spring chicken at the ripe old age of 22, he hasn't been around that long, contrary to popular belief. Ryan and Leibrandt both share a fear of snakes, actually "it's not the fear of snakes as much as it is the fear of being bitten by one," Ryan drawls. Ryan, a junior business major, entertains great crowds with an old snake-spotting anecdote, "I almost killed myself getting out of the car once because I thought I saw a snake. But it was just a stick or something."



-A. Baird

She has leather upholstery in her automobile and taps the door before reaching for the handle. This Tampa Bay, FL native does not play around. "I have an intense fear of being shocked," says Lindsay King, a senior human services major. "It only happens in the winter, when I reach for the door handle or stand up from my chair," Lindsay explains. She has her own coping mechanisms for dealing with this frictional hazard. In addition to her luxury shock-resistant car seats, she remains nip-free by adding, "When I get up from my chair, I slide my [pant] leg against the metal leg of the desk." This is the secret to minimizing the zap factor.



-A. Baird

Dean Lance, the Dean of Students, says the thing that terrifies him the most is a late-night phone call. He doesn't mean typical prank calls, but rather late-night phone calls with tragic news. A few years ago, Dean Lance's wife handed him the phone in the middle of the night. That phone call brought news of the tragic deaths of two students in an accident on highway 40. Now, any late night call sends chills down Lance's spine. He assumes this will continue to be the case for the rest of his career as Dean. However, he does have hope that a good late-night call could diminish this fear. Dean Lance's daughter is expecting, and he hopes the good-news call telling him he is a grandfather will come at NIGHT in early June.

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