Sammy II Dies Of Brain Damage

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Sammy II died early last Monday morning as a result of brain damage incurred from hanging upside down overnight.

Harry Holmes, head cheerleader, found Sammy barely alive when he came out to feed him and rushed him to a vet, but the owl mascot died before he could reach help.

Apparently, Sammy had sought escape from something late Sunday night and had entangled his tether in the branches of his tree. Sammy I suffered a similar fate when he fell from his perch and broke his neck.

For the past few weeks, the cheerleaders have been negotiating a safe cage for the owl mascots to prevent accidents of this sort. Their plan, as submitted, will go first to Dr. Pfeiffer, Dean of Students, then to Dr. Sims, Campus Business Manager, and then it will be subject to the approval of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Action on the measure is expected by January, 1966.

Funds for the cage are being raised by donation. So far, donations total $240 from the Student Association, the Campanile, CRLS, Brown College, Hansen College, Baker College, and funds raised at the Thanksgiving Dance.

A new owl mascot has been procured by the cheerleaders from a high school student, Marlin Sawyer, who raises and trains birds at his home. Marlin obtained the owl by trade from the Hermann Park Zoo.

The owl, which can fly quite well, will move into the cage upon its completion; until then, however, he will remain off campus. The new mascot appeared at a few football games earlier this year, and at Monday's basketball game.