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## “Spook in the Law Faculty of São Paulo”

Five hundred years ago the Indians believed that the center of São Paulo was a place full of negative energy. They said the waters of the Rio Anhangabaú were haunted. It is no accident that its name means ‘River of Evil Spirits’. Perhaps it is for this reason that the center of the provincial capital is the scene of many ghost stories.

For example, the story is told that the area around the Largo de São Francisco, the site of the Law Faculty of the University of São Paulo, is haunted by the ghost of Professor Júlio Frank (meant is the German jurist Johann Julius Gottfried Ludwig Frank). Frank was a Protestant and therefore no cemetery in the country would bury him in 1841. Since then, it is said, every night his maltreated soul roams the courtyard of the Faculty.

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