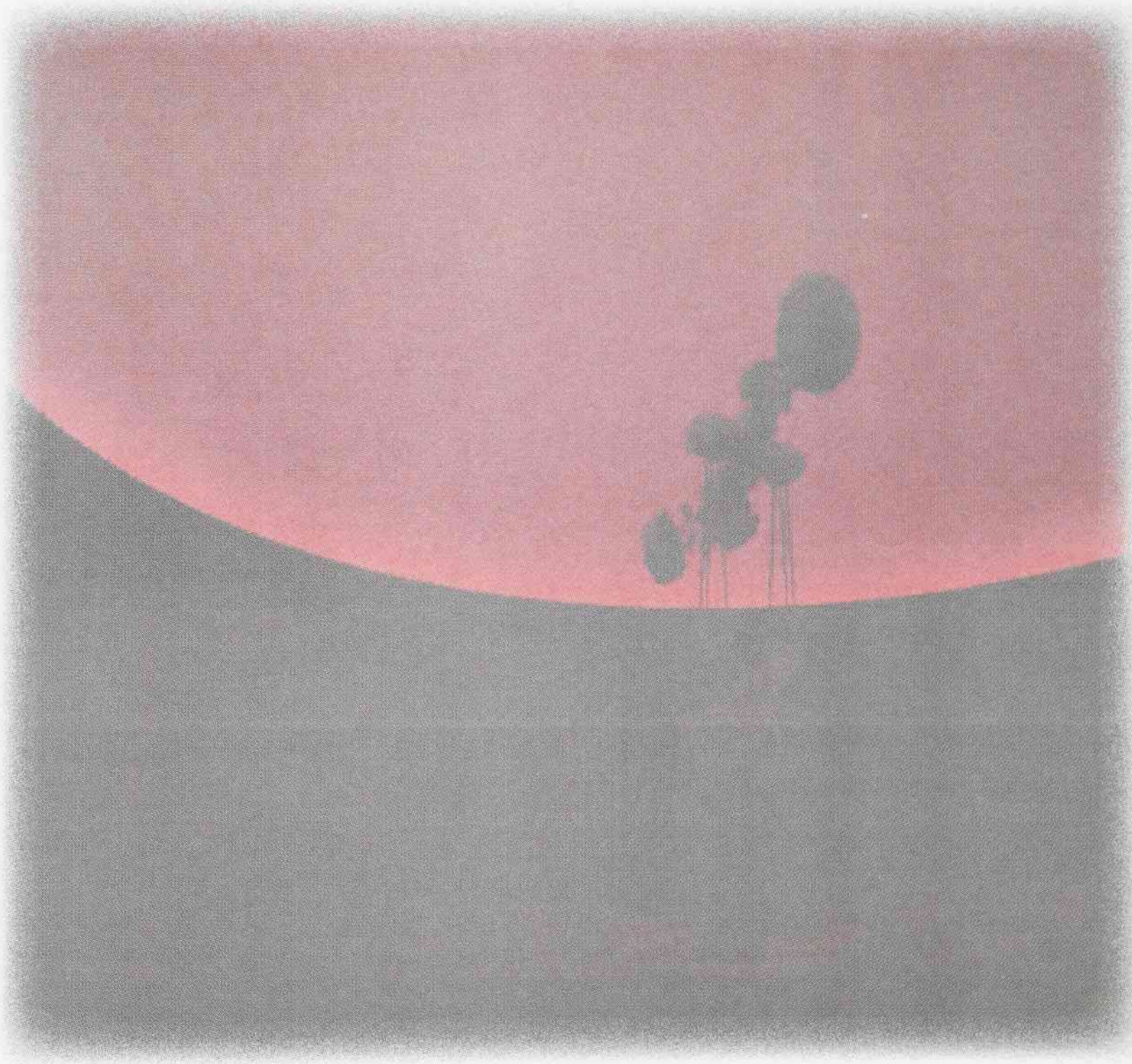


# SKY IS THE LIMIT



Spitz 512 Planetarium Instrument used to illuminate the Fayetteville State University Planetarium. Below spectators look on inside the dome during an evening projection. Photo courtesy: Dr. Breitzer. Photo by Anna Rhodes.

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Has anyone ever told you to reach for the stars? You may have taken the statement figuratively, but visiting a planetarium may give you the impression that the stars are within your reach. Although it's not well known, Fayetteville State University has a planetarium on its campus and it is available to students who want to soar in the cosmos.

Dr. Jonathon Breitzer, Assistant Professor of Chemistry said the Planetarium is "very unique." "It is an experience you will never forget even if you wanted to."

Angel Powell a pre-law advisor said she has visited the planetarium on more than one occasion on her lunch hour. "It was fantastic," Powell said. "It allows you to get away from reality for just a few minutes during a hectic day. You come away refreshed."

The planetarium, provides a view of 2,254 stars through its simulated projection on the on the ceiling of the 30-foot-dome. It is located in the Lyons Science building in Room 100 and seats 58. It is open to faculty and staff on Tuesday s and Thursdays from 12pm-1pm.

Powell is one of nearly 2,000 people who visit the planetarium each year, according to Dr. Breitzer, local schools, various groups, and daycare centers are among the regular visitors throughout the year. Although the planetarium may not be on student's A-list to visit, it has been available to students for more than three decades, built in 1978 by Ronal Johnson.

Every once in awhile we all need to meditate, relax, or just take a quick nap. This is the place to be if you want a different experience.