

Carolina Landmarks



The Old Chapel Hill Cemetery

A symbol of UNC's ties with the past can be observed by visiting the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, where the oldest gravestone is that of student George Clarke who died in 1798.

On this 6.5 acre area located behind Connor, Winston and Alexander dormitories, the graves of four university presidents and many students reflect the history of the college. Graves of early students show an era when it was not possible to take bodies home for interment. These bodies are buried in the two iron-fenced plots established by the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary societies, who were not only artists in the epitaph but often furnished the headstones for their comrades.

A recent tombstone that reflects the pride of being a Tar Heel reads: "I was a Tar Heel born/ and a Tar Heel bred/ and here I lie/ a Tar Heel dead." This tombstone is located just inside the stone fence at the drive across from the east end of the tennis courts.

The Morehead-Patterson Memorial Bell Tower

The Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower is soon known by all University students as it rings several times a day to call students to classes, provides twilight music, and also adds a special touch to the departing crowds after football games.

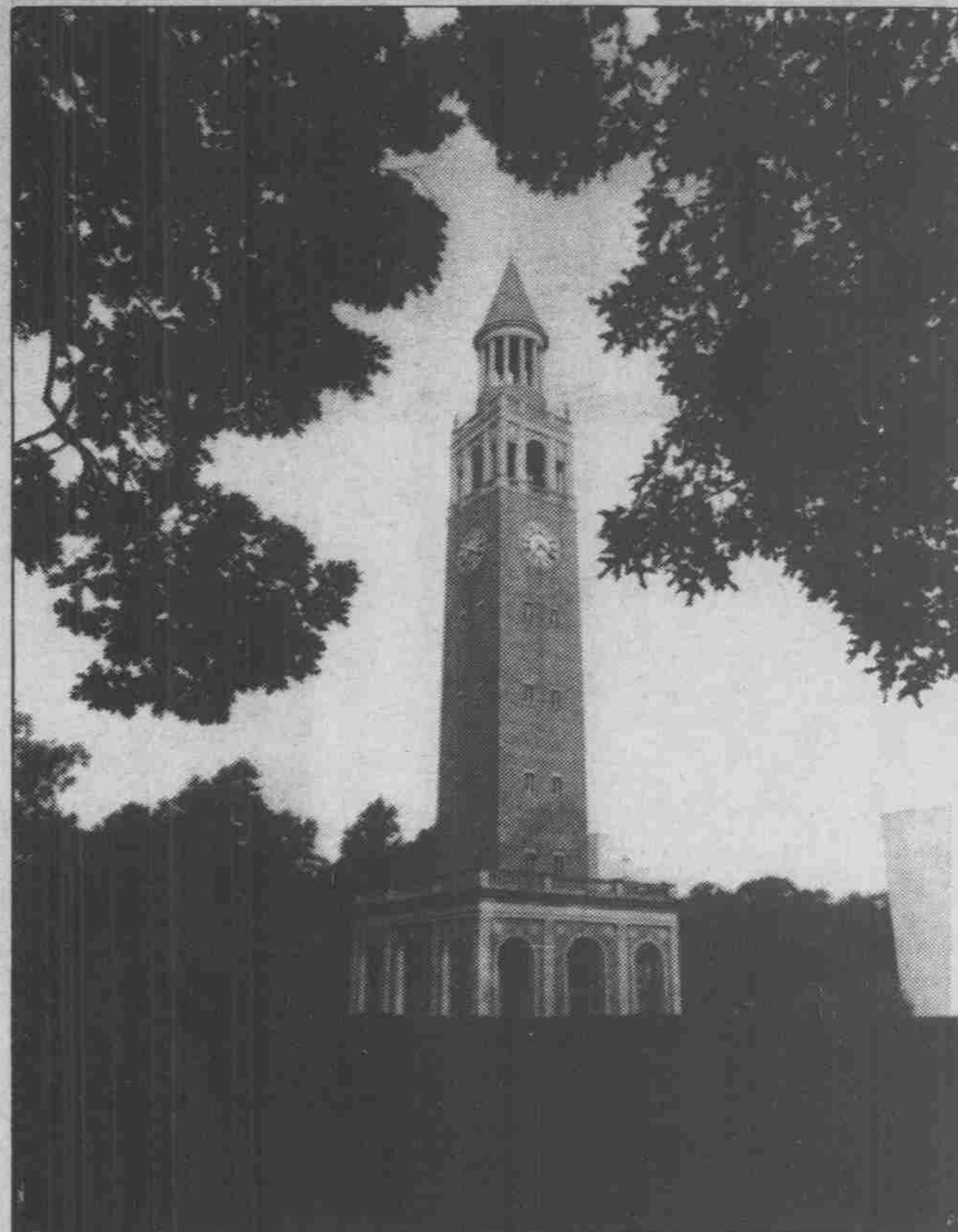
The Bell Tower was a \$100,000 gift given by John Motley Morehead, class of 1891, and Rufus Lenoir Patterson, class of 1893, to honor members of their families who had been associated with the University throughout its entire history. Presently 16 Moreheads and 11 Pattersons are commemorated on the tablets beneath the arcade.

One rumor has it that Morehead was jealous of the fact that the library was to be named after Louis Round Wilson, so the bell tower was placed in such a way that when looking back on Wilson from the flagpole in front of South Building, a dunce cap sits on top of the Wilson dome.

The Bell Tower first rang in November 1931 to lead the University students to "bear high the torch of progress and to do their part for the betterment of humanity."

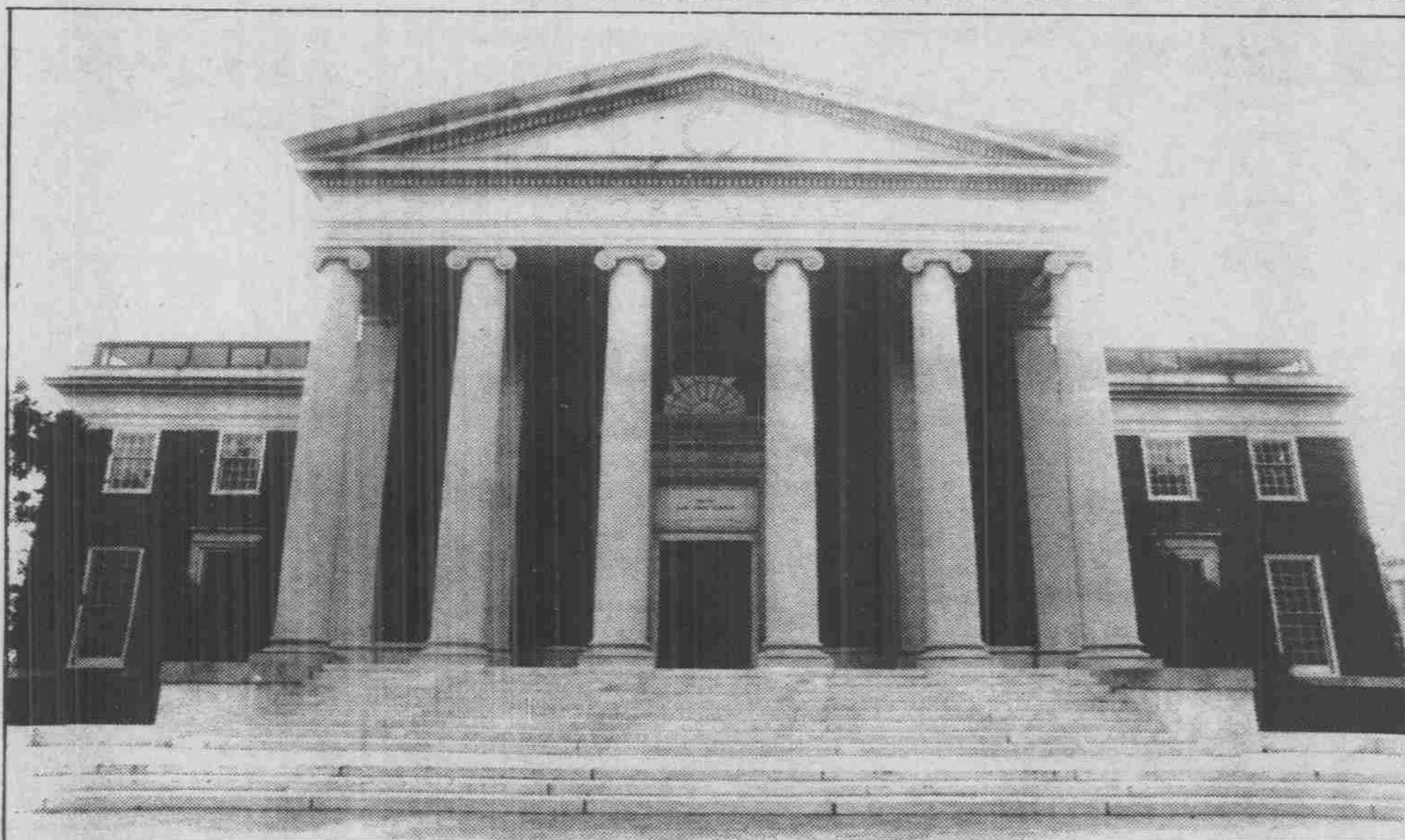
It is located in a formally landscaped plot, south of the Wilson Library.

Although the tower is 172 feet high, its actual rise is about 200 feet as it is set on a knoll. Not only is it visible for several miles, but it



is also occasionally audible as far as Durham.

The tower contains a dozen bells weighing from 300 to 3,500 pounds each. The largest bell, which tolls the hours, is engraved with the name of Governor John Motley Morehead, and the next largest bears the name of Revolutionary General William Lenoir, first chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees.



Morehead Planetarium

An entertaining way to view the stars and other fascinating celestial bodies is to visit the Morehead Planetarium.

Located in the Morehead Building, near the Arboretum and East Franklin Street, the planetarium at UNC-Chapel Hill is the first to be owned by an American University.

Enjoyable planetarium programs, featuring sky-night life are shown to tens of thousands of school children and general audiences each year.

Celestial bodies and their movements are projected on a 68 ft. hemispherical steel dome in the Planetarium. A production model VI Carl Zeiss projector and adjuncts projects the scenario.

The Zeiss projector is the sixth model to be installed in the United States and it is the first major installation on a college campus.

Also in the Morehead Building is a 35 ft., walk-in model Copernican Orrery, which demonstrates how planets revolve around the sun while rotating on their own axes and how the "moons" revolve around the planets. The Copernican Orrery is one of two in the world.

The Morehead hybrid-rose garden and sundial, is one of the largest of its type with a diameter of 35 feet. It is located 35 feet north of the building.