



The Morehead Planetarium

For stargazing, UNC offers the Morehead Planetarium, the first planetarium to be owned by an American university.

Regular planetarium programs are presented for tens of thousands of school children and general audiences each year, with the most popular offering occurring at Christmas.

Between 1960 and 1975, 43 American astronauts were trained here in celestial navigation.

The planetarium was presented to the University in 1969 by the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

To the north of the building rests a hybrid rose garden and sundial 35 feet in diameter, one of the largest of its type.

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Old East Dormitory

The oldest state university building is also located on the UNC campus.

Old East's cornerstone was laid October 12, 1793, and nearly a century later its date was honored as University Day, a celebration in which professors don the traditional caps and long gowns of scholars.

In the late 1700s, both the residential and instructional life of the University was centered in Old East. Students would erect huts in the "forest" beside it and in the unfinished shell of South Building to escape their fellowmen. When the weather was too bad for students to study in their huts, it was considered a valid excuse for unprepared lessons.

Old East was honored by the National Historic Society as a national landmark for possessing "exceptional value in commemorating the history of the United States."

Today, the structure operates as a male dormitory. Recently, University administrators decided to turn Old East into offices but reversed their decision after students and alumni protested the break in tradition.



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