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## Silent Sam

Located between the Old Well and East Franklin Street at the University's north entrance is a well-known civil war monument nicknamed Silent Sam.

Sam was erected in 1913 by the N.C. Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to memorialize the 321 alumni of the University who died in the Civil War, as well as the 1,062 who entered the Confederate Army. Canadian sculptor John Wilson created him for \$7,500 using Harold V. Langlois of Boston as a model.

The legend surrounding Sam says that his gun

is supposed to fire every time a virgin walks by. Sam's gun, however, has been silent for as long as anyone can remember.

On the base of the monument, a young woman touches the shoulder of a young gentleman to call him from letters to arms.

On April 22, Sam was taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, for an \$8,200 restoration to remove the effects of the weather and the tannic acid from trees and car exhaust from Franklin Street. His original bronze color had turned to green.

If Sam can survive his ordeal in the land of Yankees, he should return to his post in October or November.



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## The Old Well

At the heart of the campus stands the white-columned Old Well, the visual symbol of UNC.

For many years the Old Well served as the sole water supply for Old East and Old West dormitories, which gave rise to the campus joke that the only place in Chapel Hill you could get a bath was in jail.

Another well-known campus legend is that if you take a sip of water from the Old Well on

the first day of classes, you will do well throughout the semester.

The Old Well is pictured frequently on University literature, Christmas cards and student souvenirs.

It was given its present form in 1897 at the suggestion of President Alderman, who said he derived the idea largely from the Temple of Love in the Garden of Versailles. The well was built by a local lumberyard for \$200.