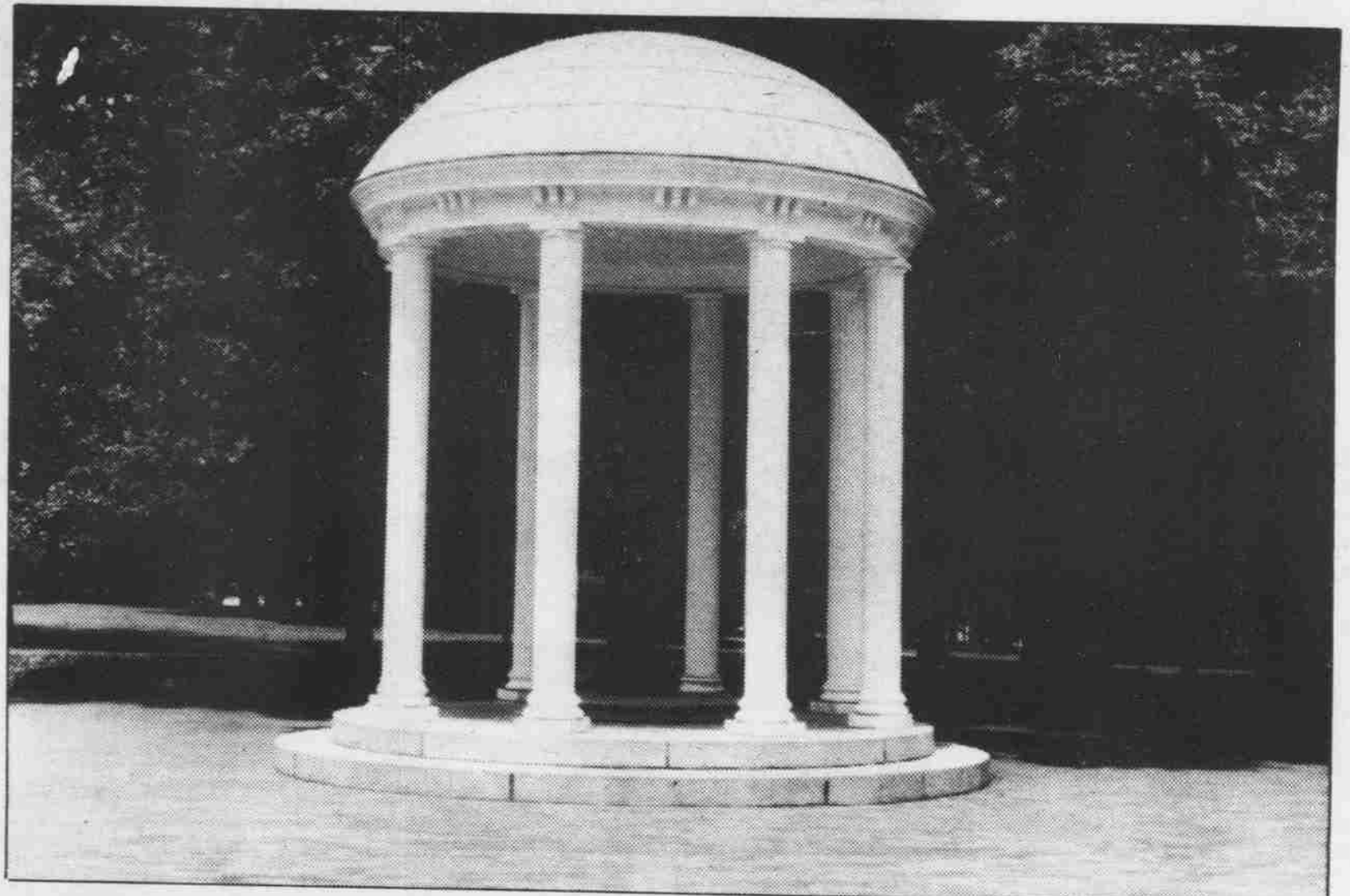


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## Old Well

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

For many years the Old Well served as the sole water supply for Old East and Old West dormitories, which gave rise to a 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 University souvenirs.

It was given its present form in 1897 by the suggestion of President Edwin 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.



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## Coker Arboretum

Located at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Raleigh Street, the Coker Arboretum is a popular place for students who want to escape from the hassles of exams and term papers.

More than 400 varieties of plants and shrubs flourish in this five-acre naturalistic garden. The area was once a swampy pasture for animals such as former UNC President David Swain's white mule, Old Cuddy.

The idea for a naturalistic garden was conceived by UNC President Francis Venable in 1903. The arboretum was named after botanist William Coker.

Of the plants and trees in the arboretum, the most famous are the Marshall thorn — a red haw that is almost never seen in gardens — and a 200-foot wisteria arbor.