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Architectural tour provides living history lesson

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's flagship status clearly means the campus boasts a rich history and tradition, more than two centuries in the making. Just stepping onto campus, you can't help but feel some amount of awe that you're walking where presidents, statesmen, Nobel Prize winners – and Andy Griffith and Michael Jordan – learned, studied and prepared for greatness.

A unique opportunity was held on October 5 for individuals to take a step back in time and get a firsthand look at some of the buildings and their distinctive features that help give the historic center of campus its signature appearance. Wendy Hillis, the University's former historic preservation architect, led an Architectural Tour of Campus as part of the "Priceless Gem Series" of tours offered by the UNC Visitors' Center.

According to Hillis, "Carolina's campus is a veritable architectural history textbook, encompassing works by important American architects as well as two centuries of architectural styles."

The following is a very brief recap of a few of the historic buildings covered during the Architectural Tour. For more detailed information on the campus' historic structures, visit <http://www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/ref/coates/hillis.html> to read the full presentation Hillis gave for the 2012 Gladys Hall Coates University History Lecture Series.

And for more information on the Priceless Gems tours, visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/PricelessGemTours>.

Old East

The cornerstone of the first public university building in the US, Old East, was laid in 1793. The building was completed in 1795. It was a multipurpose building that contained living quarters for students and staff as well as a classroom. Its plain, unornamented façade – basically a box with windows – is typical of the early American Federal style. Old East was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966.



South Building

Construction began in 1798, but budget constraints delayed its finish until 1814, taking 16 years to complete. During the interim, students often "camped" in its unfinished shell. Like Old East, this was intended to be a multipurpose building and was designed in the utilitarian Federal style. The decorative elements on the building today date to 1898 (north side) and 1922 (south side).



Old Well

The symbol of Carolina—the Old Well—has existed in some form since the University's earliest days, when it literally served as the campus' primary water source. It took on its current appearance in 1897 when President Alderman decided that it deserved a more polished appearance and installed a tempietto – a small temple form based on various classical precedents – over the working well. The well remained until the 1920s when it was replaced by a drinking fountain. The current structure dates to the 1950s.



Campus Y

Built in 1907, the Campus Y is a unique version of French Gothic, with exterior crenulation, pointed arch windows, and a church-like interior space in the south wing. This has always been a distinctive structure – it has never matched any other building on campus. This was the first building that served as a campus student union and provided meeting space for student groups.



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Student Congress passes resolution expressing appreciation to Facilities Services

UNC's Student Congress, the elected legislative branch of Student Government that represents the nearly 30,000 students of UNC's student body, recently hand delivered a copy of an official resolution that was passed expressing sincere gratitude to all of Facilities Services for "the superb job they do on a daily basis for students." The following is the full text of the resolution:

IN THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE HOUSEKEEPING, MAINTENANCE, AND FACILITIES SERVICES STAFF AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

16 September 2012 INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE BRADY
16 September 2012 CO-SPONSORED BY CHAIRS BURNEY & CRAYTON & VICE CHAIR McCLELLAND
18 September 2012 PASSED BY FULL CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the standing rules of Student Congress (SCR-109-001(C)) state that the Student Congress may state its opinion about any external agency not under the jurisdiction of the Congress;

WHEREAS, the week of September 9 – September 16, 2012 has been declared "International Housekeeper Appreciation Week,"

WHEREAS, the staff of the Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Facilities Service departments are an integral part of the day-to-day operations of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;

WHEREAS, the work of the aforementioned departments assists in the safety, security, and cleanliness of residence halls, classrooms, libraries, and other university buildings that undergraduate and graduate students use daily;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned departments work around the clock to keep the University running – often behind the scenes in order to prevent any disruption to normal campus activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL THAT:

Section 1: The 94th Student Congress of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as the elected legislative authority of the Student Government of the University, representing all of the nearly 30,000 students of the student body, expresses its sincere gratitude to the Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Facilities Services Staff at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the superb job they do on a daily basis for students.

Section 2: Upon its passage, a printed, signed copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the following individuals:

- 1) Darius Dixon, UNC-CH Director of Housekeeping, for dissemination to Housekeeping Crew Leaders,
- 2) Bruce Runberg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services, for dissemination to Facilities Services Crews;
- 3) Anna Wu, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, Planning and Design
- 4) Winston Crisp, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Done by the Student Congress on this 18th day of September, 2012.

"I am very impressed and honored to receive this document," said Runberg. "It truly shows the superb combined efforts of each member of Facilities Services and how our services and dedication to a job well done are recognized throughout the campus community."

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New East and New West

Constructed in 1861, these were the last two buildings constructed on campus before the Civil War. Like many of the existing buildings at the time of their construction, they were multi-purpose. Unlike previous buildings, these structures expressed their use on the exterior; the central, protruding blocks contained classrooms and the literary society halls, while the smaller, lower wings contained student dormitory rooms. These buildings are Italianate in style.



Carr Building

The campus' first sole-purpose dormitory, Carr Building was completed in 1900 and was the second building constructed after the Civil War. Its Romanesque style, most visible in the layered arches surrounding its entrances, differs significantly from other buildings on campus. It is the first building constructed of a cream-colored glazed brick that would be used on campus for the next 20 years.



Phillips Hall

Phillips Hall, completed in 1919, is much larger than buildings constructed up to this time and its style is Collegiate Gothic at its fullest expression.



And check back in about 200 years when the new Genome Sciences Building will be of age to be included in a historic architecture tour! The state-of-the-art building was officially dedicated with a ribbon-cutting and lots of fanfare on Oct. 12. The 222,000 square-foot building houses more than 400 faculty, staff and researchers from the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Statistics and Operations Research and Computer Science, and features laboratories, classrooms, auditoriums and a roof top greenhouse for research.

Sustainability is a core value and top-level priority at the University, and success depends on each individual taking an active role.

A *Making the Workplace More Sustainable* workshop was recently held that provided instruction to more than a dozen employees from departments across campus on how to become sustainable leaders in the workplace. Instructors Cindy Shea and Kristin Blank-White from UNC's Sustainability Office and Natalia Posthill from the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling provided the eager and enthusiastic group practical steps on how to become more economically, environmentally and socially responsible.



This was the first, four-hour workshop to be conducted, and positive feedback and requests for more information and time resulted in a two-part workshop that will be held on the mornings of February 19 and 21.

These workshops help attendees identify, measure, and promote sustainable change opportunities in their areas. Participants learn about sustainability goals and initiatives at UNC, become "green events" certified and learn how to conduct a Workplace Sustainability Assessment.

Contact Kristin Blank-White at 919-843-5295 or by e-mail at Kristin.Blank-White@fac.unc.edu if you have questions or for more information on the *Making the Workplace More Sustainable* workshops.