

Creepy Capwell Science Centre



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Popular Lore:

The family home of the Capwells, this building has tonnes of lore. The confirmed fact is that the structure burned to the ground years ago before the family sold it to Keystone. The popular legend is that two young children perished in the blaze. Their spirits allegedly haunt the building. The PPA investigation corroborated these legends, with Virginia sensing the presence of the two kids in the basement hallway.

Firsthand Accounts:

Jeremy hated this building beyond any rationality. He called me on the radio one night flipping out when we split up for lockdown. He said the building was “fucking with him” and asked me to come over to lock it with him. I found him standing outside looking tense and very scared. We locked the building together without incident.

“Neil,” a Keystone student who was also an equipment manager for the basketball team, reported a bizarre incident when the team arrived back to campus late one night after an away game. He said while he stood outside the gym looking over at Capwell, the doors on the top floor were opening and closing while the lights flickered. This sounds like something in a movie, but given the nature of other incidents reported from the building I wouldn’t be surprised if it weren’t exaggerated.

Uncle Dave had his own ghost encounter in Capwell. One night during the semester, he was going to lock the building when he came upon two students, a boy and a girl, working in the biology lab facility on the main floor. He told them he’d be back in 15 minutes and that they’d have to be done by then because he had to lock the building. They nodded and Dave went about his business.

He returned 15 minutes later and found the girl wrapping up her experiment and ready to leave. Dave asked her how it was going and made general small talk. Then he asked: “where’d your friend go?” When the girl replied: “I’ve been working alone all night.” Dave was even-keeled and not taken to sensationalism, but this scared him. I could hear it in his voice when he told the story.

A former professor, “Joe,” had his office on the third floor of Capwell and always left before dark. He said he felt extremely uneasy on the floor at night and that someone was always watching him. I don’t remember if he said this, but several people in the science department have reported light footsteps in various locations in the building. It seems the two Capwell kids are still around, if only on some nights.

A former coworker, I don’t remember who, shared that the third floor bathroom gave them the creeps. They found the door locked and a girl’s voice answered when they called to check occupancy, but then the door would be open with the lights out by the time the officer walked the rest of the floor and went back to the bathroom. It’s creepy because the building is small and nobody could move on the floor without being heard by anyone else on that floor.

Personal Experiences:

Nothing crazy, and it's possibly very natural. The locks in this building had an odd way of locking and unlocking themselves. I remember at least two times I locked the door leading up in the attic, went on a patrol round, and came back to find the door unlocked and wide open. This is only notable for two reasons: 1. There's nothing up there a student working on a project would need to access, and 2. There was no one else on campus. Well, the fact that all exterior doors were locked and the building was confirmed empty doesn't help either.

One night during lockdown, I thought I heard footsteps running across the floor above me. I raced for the door and didn't stick around to investigate.