

Top 10 Creepiest College Myths

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Every school has a myth. You know, that one thing that gets passed down from generation to generation explaining some weird occurrence or spreading stereotypes about the school as a whole. With Halloween right around the corner, we've made a list of some creepy campus myths:

10.) Michigan State University's Beaumont Tower:

It's said to be haunted by the ghost of a student killed during WWII who wanders the campus in search of his one true love. That's sweet and everything, but after sixty years, she ain't coming back, dude. MSU students have also been known to use this place as their own secret love nest while he's out there searching for his ladylove. You guys do what you want, but for us, ghosts from WWII are not on our list of most interesting people to meet.

9.) Washington State University's Railroad Sam:

At WSU an unidentified guy, nicknamed Railroad Sam, sits on the 12th floor of Orton Hall as the train passes the building. He just sits and watches the train. Who does that? Trains aren't worth watching, especially if you're dead and visiting from The Great Beyond. Go haunt a castle in Europe or something cool.

8.) University of Toronto's Backstabber:

The story goes that a student once fell asleep in his dorm in 1889 and had a dream in which a ghost told him the story of his murder. The ghost informed him that he was stabbed in the back (literally) and stuffed into an old vent. The student awoke, attributing the story to a bad dream, but later part of the building where the victim was stashed burned down. They found the remains of an old skeleton. Cue *The Twilight Zone* music.

7.) University of South Carolina's Longstreet Theatre:

The Longstreet Theatre is home to South Carolina's theatre and dance program, and apparently houses ghosts. It's said that in the basement of this building, there's a sense of another's presence and that something's not quite right. Perhaps it's because this place used to be a morgue. When will people learn that building something new out of a building that used to house dead people is a bad idea?

6.) Miami University (Ohio)'s Mysterious Peabody Hall:

This dormitory in Ohio is haunted by the woman for whom the hall is named, Mrs. Helen Peabody. Odd occurrences have been reported here like window shades flapping when there's no breeze, and other things of that nature. But, the most disturbing coincidences are the two identical suicides that happened within years of each other. Crazy happenstance or ghostly influence?

5.) FSU's ROTC Parade Grounds:

During the Civil War, these parade grounds were used as battlegrounds for some of the fighting, and it's believed by many that they still are...just with ghosts instead of soldiers. ROTC members report weird occurrences like electricity being turned off during showers and even the letters "TB" written in the fogged

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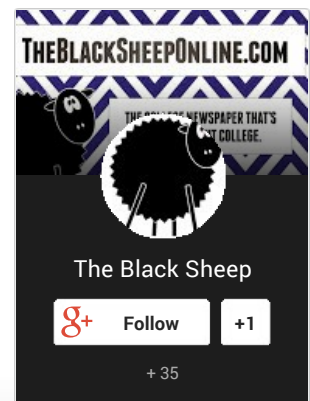


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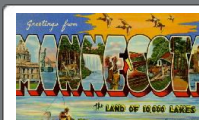
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up mirrors. If we were taking a shower and something wrote letters on the mirror, we'd be trying to figure out what those letters meant so we could stop being haunted. It's in every ghost story ever. Of course, the geniuses at FSU have done no such research, so we can only speculate about the specter's **message**.

4.) Loyola University's Secret Love Affair:

Legend has it that a priest and a nun once had a secret relationship that resulted in a pregnancy. When she asked him to run away with her, he refused, so she jumped out of the 13th-floor window. When he found out, he did the same. The top two floors of this mysterious building have long been empty, but the lights can often be seen from the outside. They must have one hell of an electric bill, but why would these two ghosts leave the light on? You'd think that an illicit affair ending in two suicides would want to remain a little more **concealed**.

3.) SUNY College's Clark Hall:

Legend has it that room 716 is haunted by the ghost of a former football player who still graces the hall donned in his college uniform. We've heard of reliving your glory days, but come on man! It's over, and apparently so are you, so move on and enjoy the **afterlife**.

2.) Boston University's Poltergeist Playwright:

Famous American playwright Eugene O'Neill is said to grace the halls of this hotel-turned-dormitory and play pranks on its residents. He's said to slam elevator doors before people can enter them and flush toilets when no one is using them. Pesky playwrights can't even rest when they're dead. Always trying to make a name for themselves, even in **death**.

1.) University of Florida's Norman Hall:

Norman Hall, which used to be an elementary school in the 1930s, is said to be the home to several child ghosts of its former students. Gulp. Creepy ghost kids wandering the halls of Norman seems to us like a real-life recreation of *The Shining*. When you're walking to class, keep an eye out for kids on tricycles shouting "Redrum" at you. If it happens, change your **major**.

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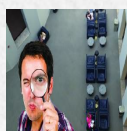


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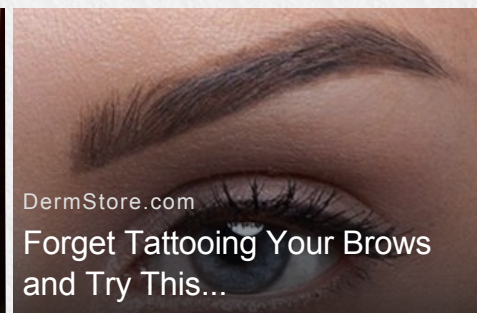
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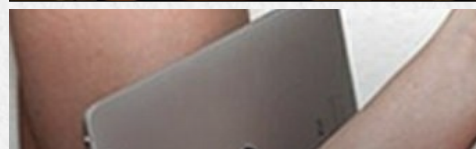
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