Wells College Ghosts

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Staff recalls ghosts walking halls

On an early November evening two years ago, a staff member of Wells College was paying a visit to Glen Park, which is a dormitory and former residence of Henry Wells.

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As he was walking down one of the hallways, to his pleasant surprise a little girl came up behind him. It was strange to see a visitor though at this hour. She looked up at him and grinned. She asked, "Would you like to play a game of hide and go seek?" Before he had a chance to respond, she turned away giggling, and ran right toward a wall. She ran *through* the wall.

This is just one story of the paranormal activity at Wells. It is said to be the second most haunted campus in the country. After speaking with one particular school employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, I quickly learned just how real and personal some of these stories are.

Recently, this employee was walking through the school's student union. He was not alone, but with a colleague. They had not seen anyone else in the building, and they assumed that they were alone. This colleague was whistling the theme to "The Pink Panther" as they walked. Then they both heard coins drop to the ground just a few feet in front of them. No one was there. They both froze, searching with their eyes as to where this sound could have possibly come from. Then "The Pink Panther" theme continued where it had left off, yet neither of them were whistling.

This same staff member has personally witnessed several other ghosts on campus. In another dorm, Dodge, he has heard things that are not supposed to be heard. "When you walk along the first floor, and the dorm is vacant, you can here kids running and laughing right above you on the second floor. I have experienced this myself."

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He also shared with me a story from Barler, which is the music building. He was walking by a piano in an empty practice room. "I was about four feet from it." Then it started playing. Only a handful of notes were played, but there was no one sitting at the piano.

"It sounded as if someone was sitting there actually hitting down on the keys."

As he tried to make a quick exit, he heard the sound of a cello start to play.

There is also a ghost story about Morgan, the art building. Whenever a call is made to security while on the top floor of this building, a security guard immediately shows up.

The only problem is that this security guard is not on staff and hasn't been for years since he passed away. I asked the staff member from the previous stories if he has seen this ghost.

"I haven't seen him, but he has pushed me down the stairs, helping me to leave the building."

With all of these stories, it can be difficult for students to walk through buildings alone. Other students laugh them off as legend.

I am just glad they all seem to be friendly ghosts.

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