

# DRAKE BLUE

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# What Gives?





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## Discover the Dark Side

Explore the origins of Saturn's rings, discover what the color of stars reveals about their nature, and learn how moons are named as you journey through the cosmos at the Drake Municipal Observatory.

The observatory's telescope was built in 1894 and donated to the University by none other than Francis Marion Drake. The City of Des Moines provided land for the observatory on the municipality's highest point (about 957 feet), situated near the center of what is today Waveland Golf Course. Drake University has furnished scientific instruments, displays, and staff for

the observatory since 1920. The building is dedicated to Daniel Walter Morehouse, astronomer, physicist, Drake astronomy professor, and University president from 1922 until his death in 1941. His ashes and those of his wife, Myrtle, are interred inside the observatory.

The Drake Municipal Observatory is open to the public on Friday nights during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

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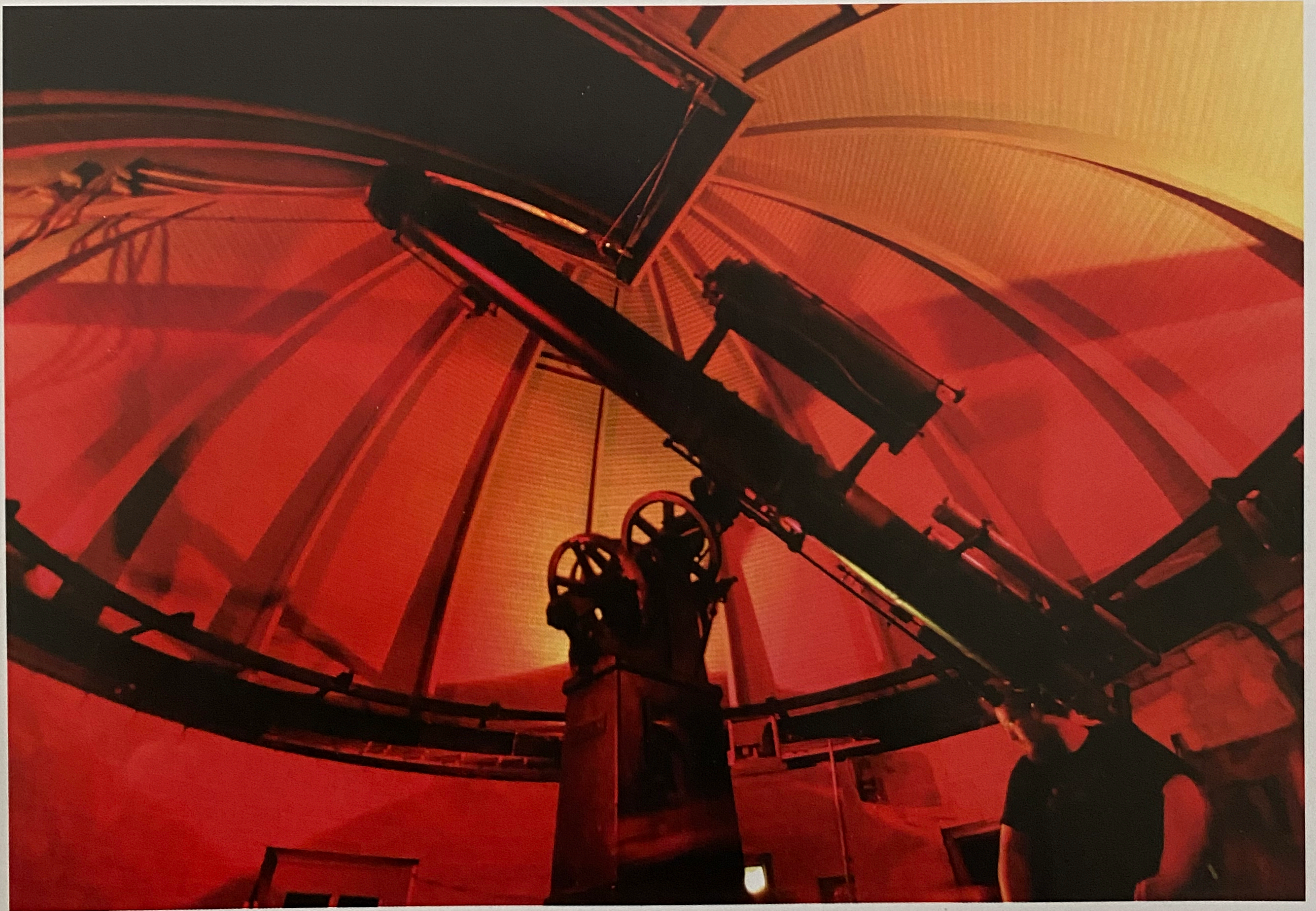


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The Drake Municipal Observatory in Des Moines is dedicated to former Drake President Daniel Morehouse who discovered a comet in 1908. The observatory also serves as the final resting place for Morehouse and his wife, Myrtle, whose ashes are interred inside.