

Stull Observatory open to public on clear Sunday evenings

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Open House nights at Alfred University&s (AU) Stull Observatory will now be held on clear Sunday evenings from 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Astronomy at AU has a rich history, dating back to the year 1863, when William A. Rogers donated a 9-inch refractor. This was packed away during the 1920s and was nearly lost until the late Dr. John Stull, a ceramic engineering Ph.D. and physics professor, learned of its existence.

After several years of putting up and taking down the telescope each night, Dr. Stull and the AU administration established the Observatory as it is today. In fact, all the major telescopes in use there have either been built or rebuilt by Dr. Stull. All the telescopes are capable of imaging charge-coupled devices and film cameras (35 mm or 4 x 5 inch formats).

Reservations for open house are not required but are requested for large groups. For more information or to make reservations, email Dr. David Toot at tootd@alfred.edu or call 607. 871.2208 during business hours.