

What makes Kearney special? Planetarium

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Beneath the heading of what makes Kearney special, we now can add Nebraska's newest planetarium, which opened in January in the Bruner Hall of Science at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The state-of-the-art planetarium is the most modern between Chicago and Phoenix, and it is among enhancements that were included in the \$14 million Bruner Hall update.

UNK renovated almost half of the 87,000-square foot hall of science with modern classrooms, laboratories, research facilities and herbarium, and unveiled the results last spring.

The planetarium wasn't complete at that time, but its recent opening provides a delightful opportunity for a science experience.

UNK built the planetarium using a \$600,000 NASA grant. Viewers will marvel at the quality of Zeiss Skymaster ZKP4 projection system.

If you haven't attended a planetarium show, Bruner offers an excellent opportunity Friday with a free performance of "Star Stories" at 7 p.m. Planetarium Director Jose Mena-Werth promises to re-show the program at 8 p.m. if there's an overflow crowd for the 60-seat facility.