

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry



Growing up, I spent a lot of time at the College of Dentistry in Oklahoma City. My dad is a professor at the College of Dentistry, so when my brother and I were kids, and when my dad would have to teach a class on the weekends, my brother and I would have to go with him and wait there while he taught his class. I never really noticed all the architecture back then, however once I got older and returned to the building, more about the building began to stand out.

For example, an interesting fact about the architectural design of the college of dentistry is that it was designed to mimic the shape of a first molar tooth.



If you look carefully, you can see the various, carefully placed elevation of the top of the building, which matches the shape of a molar.

Although this is indeed an interesting fact about the design of the building, it turned out to be somewhat problematic in the functionality of the building. Because of the strange shape of the

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building, the rooms tend to have a bizarre shape, which is not ideal for maximizing usable space within the college. However, when designing the building, a decision had to be made between creating an interesting design and creating a functional building, and I suppose the architects decided that the balance between these two factors was appropriate, and I will say, it definitely adds a bit more fun to the building's design.