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Historical Highlights

Herrmann Hall, the most distinctive building on campus, was of course once the world famous Hotel Del Monte. Renowned architects Lewis Hobart and Clarence Tantau designed its current Spanish Revival architecture following a 1924 fire, with the new Hotel Del Monte holding a gala re-dedication on May 8, 1926.

In the midst of the Jazz Age and the Roaring Twenties, the new hotel captured the imagination of world leaders and celebrities ... Charlie Chaplin, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Clark Gable, Charles Lindbergh and Walt Disney among many others.

Crosby congratulated his close friend, Samuel F.B. Morse, president of Del Monte Properties Company by saying, "I shall always be grateful to that eminent sportsman Sam Morse, whose vision, dedication and devotion to quality made this one of the showplaces of the world."

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