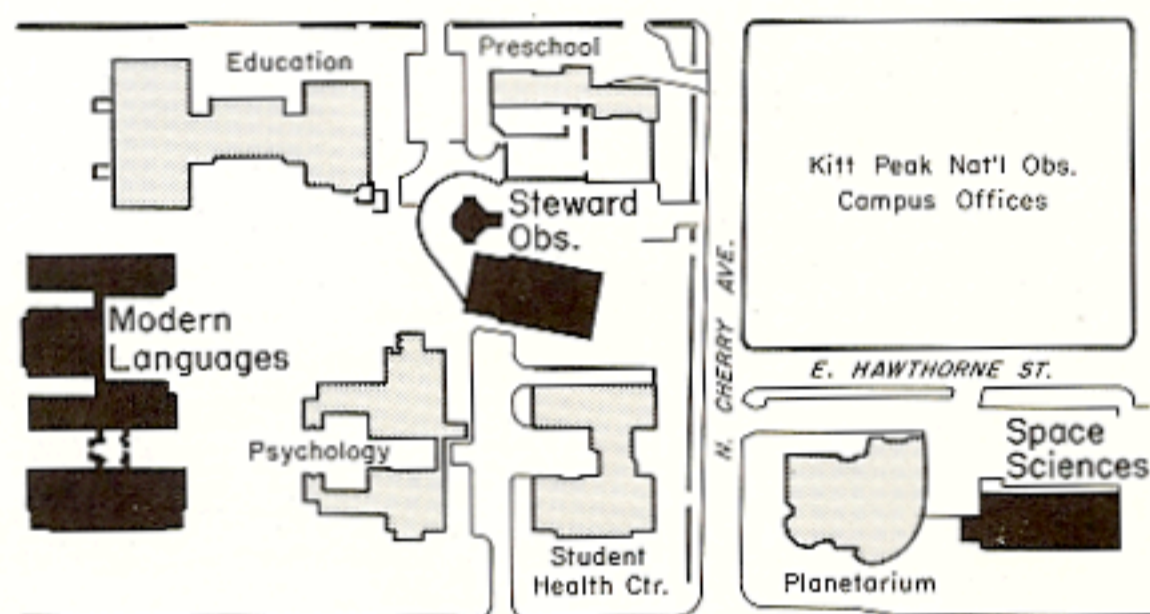


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Elsewhere in Tucson are the offices of the Planetary Science Institute, a nonprofit private research organization, and a space ultraviolet spectroscopy group associated with the University of Southern California.