



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE  
The noble post oak near Person Hall was once a state champion.

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He began his winter walks acknowledging the UNC campus as the best landscape in the Southeast for display of Southern broadleaf evergreens, like magnolias and American hollies, providing winter interest beneath the noble deciduous canopy.

I am honored to follow in Bill Hunt's footsteps, on Jan. 31, to revisit some of the trees and special landscape features that he cherished during his lifetime. (Call the Botanical Garden at 962-0522 for information on this annual walk.)

In the meantime, take a brief campus walk yourself and see if you can find some of these specimens.

From Morehead Planetarium, walk across the forested green of McCorkle

Place to the giant double-trunked American holly, *Ilex opaca*, on the far side. This holly, a contemporary of Davie Poplar, is a male and still provides the pollen for the berry production of all the nearby female hollies.

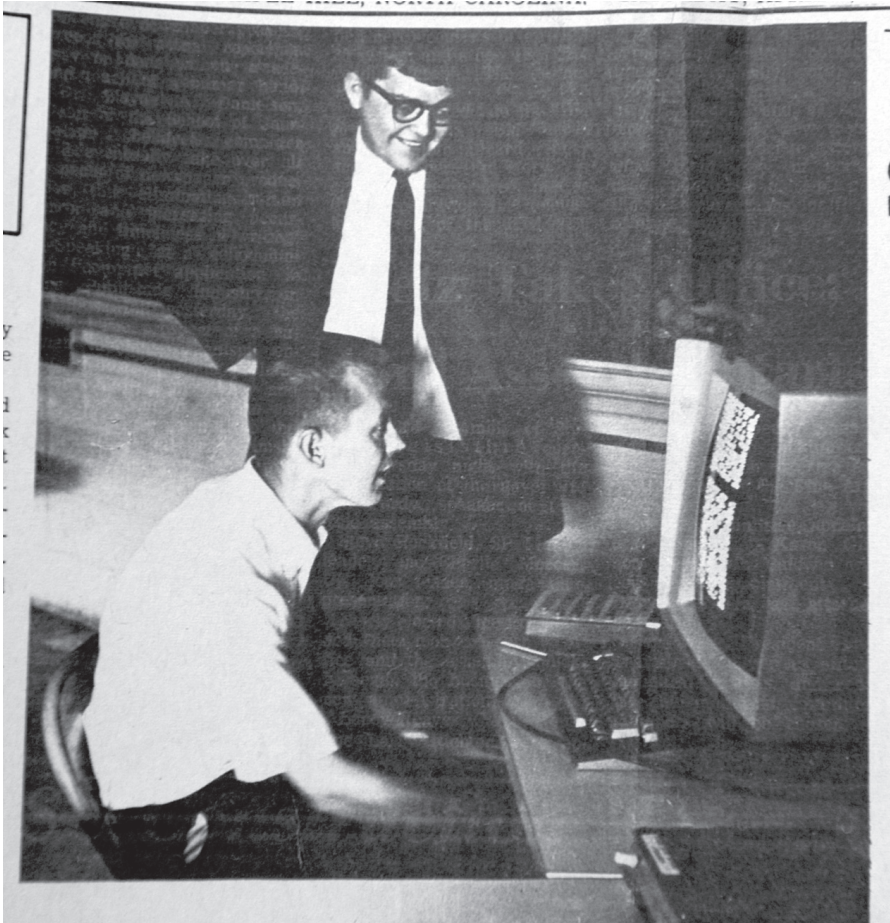
Now continue south along the walkway until you pass Person Hall, and on the right you'll see another noble tree, a really big post oak, *Quercus stellata*, most likely another Davie Poplar contemporary. This giant was once considered the state champion post oak, until a few years ago someone, somewhere, found one a bit larger.

Before crossing Cameron Avenue, look back across the 19th-century informal forest landscape of McCorkle Place. Compare it to the open park-like 20th-century style landscape of Polk Place, the quad between South

Building and Wilson Library. In the early 20th century, the native forest here was cleared for the southward expansion of the campus and the opened ground was planted with double rows of willow oaks, *Quercus phellos*, and white oaks, *Quercus alba*, bordering an open green, a real contrast to McCorkle Place.

Looking across the green toward Wilson Library, you may notice an odd tree standing outside that double row of oaks. Walk down and take a closer look at the deep-grooved bark of that tree; look straight up into its crown, and give it a hug. Really; go ahead. People are watching, but it's a new time and it's okay to hug a 200-year-old persimmon tree, *Diospyros virginiana*! The local workers clearing the forest way back then knew better than to cut a grand old persimmon tree, so that tree was left as a standalone forest remnant in the 20th-century landscape.

There are lots more trees to note and lots more stories to relate. This spring, the university will be releasing a guide, *The Noble Grove: A Walking Tour of Campus Trees*, which describes 100 notable trees scattered about the campus. But don't wait for that guide; make opportunities to walk the campus on your own and take time to contemplate the big trees and imagine the stories they have to tell.



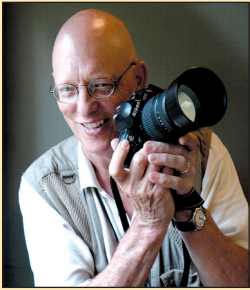
Future Shock, 1966

Writers of a Certain Age will get this one. You know who you are if you still have an anvil-weight black manual Royal or Underwood in your attic or you took "Typing" in high school. Back in the day, the typewriter's staccato din energized every newsroom in the land. Back in the '60s, who but a mad scientist could imagine words silently flitting on a TV screen? Certainly not News Editor Don Campbell of the *Daily*

*Tar Heel*, as he drops his jaw during a April 1966 demonstration of an IBM "2250 Graphical Display Device." The caption explains: "When news copy appears in the screen, you point the light gun at a mistake, press a button and a pedal and the mistake disappears."

So now the future is here. But you can still tell old newsies by they way they beat the bejabbers out of their computer keyboards. Guilty as charged.

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