Coker Arboretum

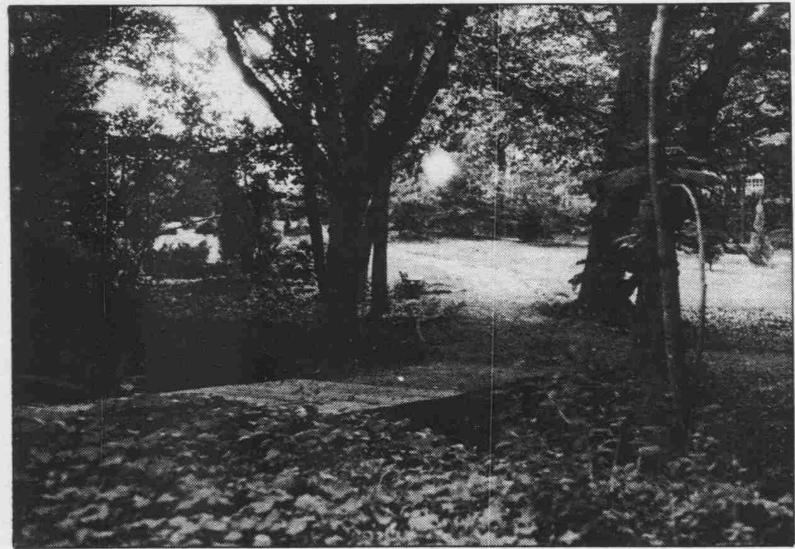
Located at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Raleigh Street, the Coker Arboretum is a popular place for students who want to escape from the hassles of exams and term papers.

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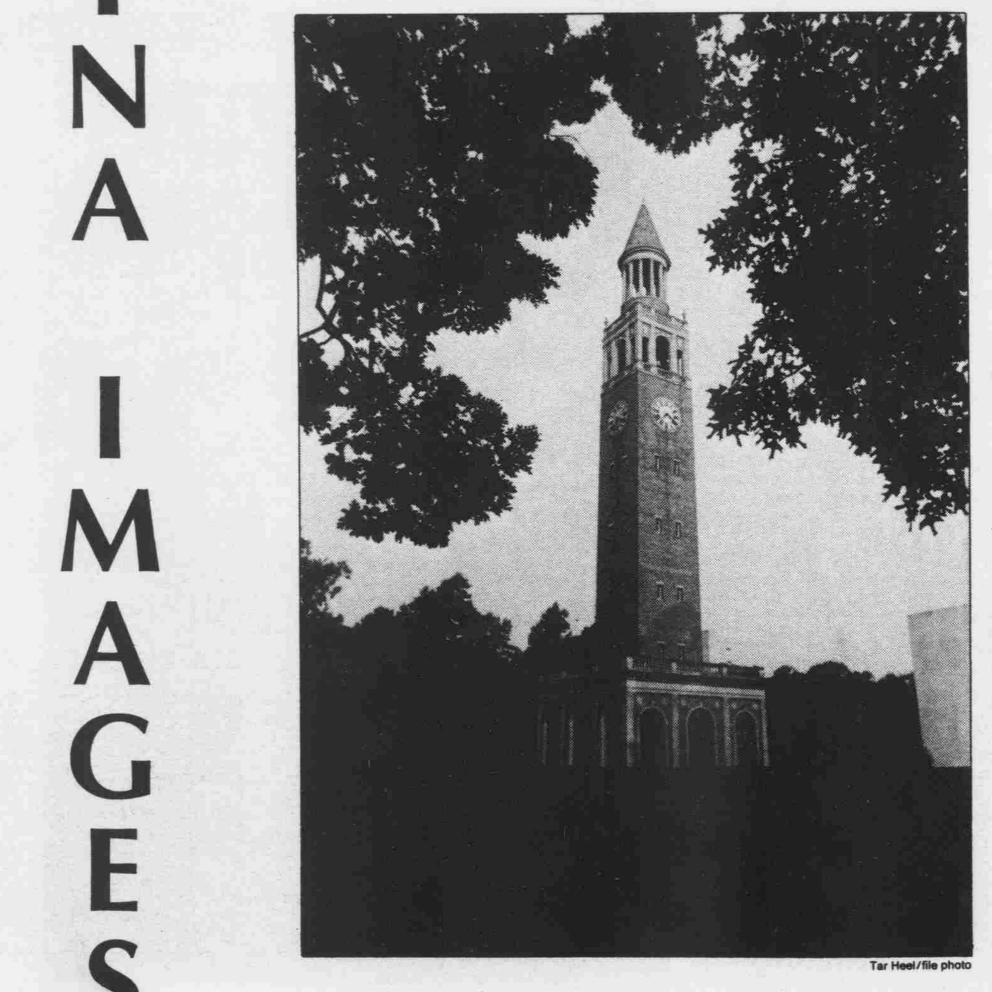
hassles of exams and term papers. More than 400 varieties of plants and shrubs flourish in this five-acre naturalistic garden. The area was once a swampy pasture for animals such as former UNC President David Swain's white mule, Old Cuddy.

The idea for a naturalistic garden was conceived by UNC President Francis Venable in 1903. The arboretum was named after botanist William Coker.

Of the plants and trees in the arboretum, the most famous are the Marshall thorn — a red haw that is almost never seen in gardens — and a 200-foot wisteria arbor.



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Bell Tower

The Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower is soon known by all University students as it rings several times a day to call students to classes, provides twilight music and adds a special touch to the departing crowds after a football game.

The Bell Tower was a \$100,000 gift given by John Motley Morehead, class of 1891, and Rufus Lenoir Patterson, class of 1893, to honor members of their families who had been associated with the University throughout its entire history. Presently 16 Moreheads and 11 Pattersons are commemorated on the tablets beneath the arcade.

One rumor has it that Morehead was jealous of the fact that the library was to be named after Louis Round Wilson, so the Bell Tower was placed in such a way that when looking back on Wilson Library from the flagpole in front of South Building, a duncecap sits on top of the Wilson dome.

The Bell Tower first rang in November 1931, and it is located south of Wilson Library. Not only is it visible for several miles, but it is also occasionally audible as far as Durham.