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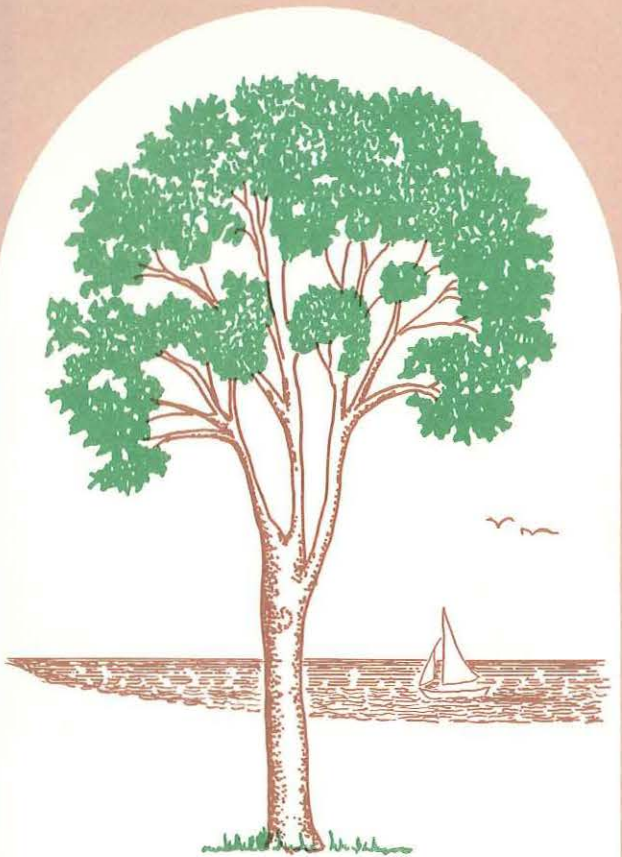


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IN THE BEGINNING ...

Bayboro Campus Library was originally located in two small rooms. When it opened for business in 1968, it had about 200 books, mostly leftovers from the Tampa Campus. At that time, University of South Florida classes were held in old military barracks, often referred to as the cavernous catacombs of kelp, that still house the University's graduate Marine Science Department.

The barracks date back to 1940 when the U.S. Government established a Merchant Marine training base at the Bayboro Site. After the base was de-activated in 1950, Nelson Poynter and other business leaders began dreaming of a major university campus in St. Petersburg. Poynter and others started a campaign by donating funds and persuading the City of St. Petersburg to donate land to the State. Furthermore, Poynter donated \$500,000 to help buy the land needed for expansion and was the principal contributor and fund raiser of \$250,000 to build a library.

On June 15, 1978, a few hours after he had participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the first-phase expansion of the USF-St. Petersburg Campus, Nelson Poynter died of a stroke. Within a month, the State Board of Regents voted unanimously to name the planned library in honor of the late Chairman of the Board of the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Evening Independent*.

Now, nestled on the shimmering margin of Bayboro Harbor, Nelson Poynter Library has evolved into the finest academic and research library in Pinellas County in subjects as diverse as Business, Marine Science, the Humanities, Psychology, History and Nursing. It stands as a dynamic symbol of a community unyielding in its commitment to intellectual vibrancy and academic excellence.



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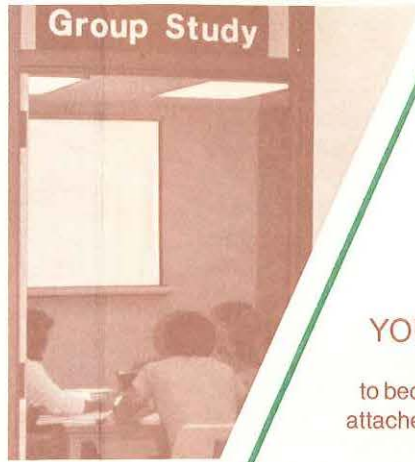
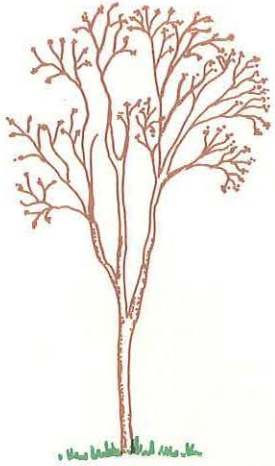
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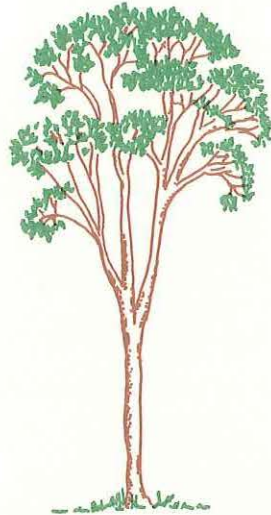
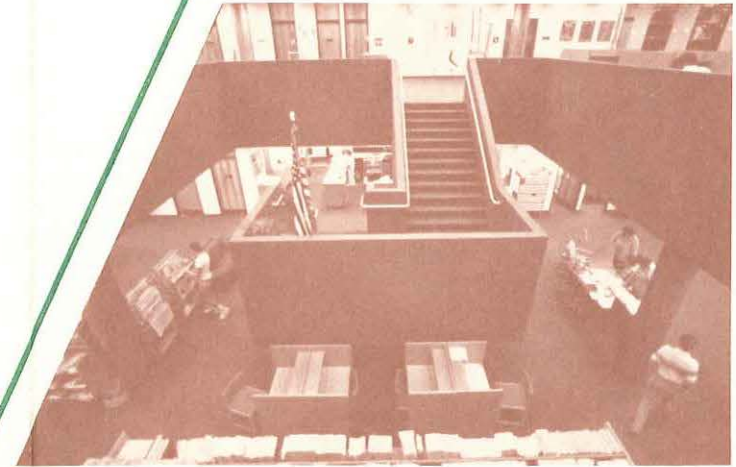
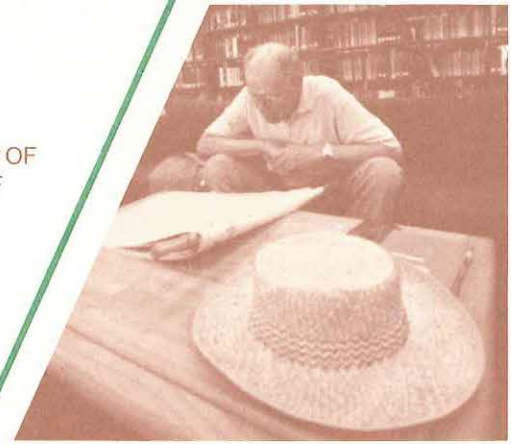


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