

# CU Campus Tree Tour

## Our History

Campus Tree Walk with Arborist Vince Aquino, Lead Arborist in Outdoor Services



***'Woodman, spare that tree!' Oh, that's what you're doing? Cool!***

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When the young CU student saw two workers with ropes and helmets getting ready to climb the giant plains cottonwood tree outside of Old Main, terror struck her, and a feeling of impending doom grew in her stomach. Were they going to cut down this tree, the oldest and tallest on campus, which had given beauty and shade to the CU community on the Norlin Quadrangle for over 100 years? She ran across the quad in a panic and confronted the workers.

"What are you doing?" she demanded.

"We're going to clone the tree," replied Vince Aquino, an arborist with CU-Boulder's Facilities Management. "We have to climb up into the canopy of the tree to take some cuttings."

Aquino smiled as he saw the apprehension in the student's face slowly fade. "Don't worry," he reassured her, "we're not cutting the tree down."

The student exhaled with relief, and her frown gave way to a smile. "I love CU-Boulder!" she exclaimed. She thanked the arborists and skipped off to class, grateful that this magnificent tree would continue to live in the quad, and also appreciative of the fact that her campus cared so much about the trees.