The
Grand Opening
of the newly renovated Collier Library unveiled a variety of new (and expanded) services

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As sunlight plays across your research material and a new computor terminal efficiently maps out a course that can lead you to anything you ever wanted to know about your current topic, you come to a full appreciation of the new Collier Library.

With five levels covering one and one-half acres, Collier Library's renovation and 44,000 foot square addition provided the finishing touches to the facility's commitment to service. A spacious and attractive seating area for five hundred students in addition to the privacy of nine study rooms and typing areas created an atmosphere perfect for study or a leisurely afternoon of reading.

Student as well as faculty reactions across campus were positive.

The expansion allowed the addition of several new services such as a career assessment center. In conjunction with the counseling and placement service, students can take part in a three hour test to measure aptitude and provide insight into the fields that emphasize their strong points. At the same time, students are furnished with a complete list of graduate schools offering programs in those fields.

With additional space available, the free tutoring service was moved from Flowers Hall to Collier Library to provide an atmosphere more conducive to study.

"We feel we should connect students with the information, not just put it on the shelf. Collier is the only university library in the state which provides on-line topical searches for students free of charge," said Dr. Fred Heath, Dean of Libary Services.

In addition to its growing collection of 250,000 volumes, access to six million volumes throughout the state and tens of millions nationwide is provided through the library's data base. These retrieval capabilities make the library one with "services second to none."

In January, plans were implemented for a statewide network. Using this system a needed title can be found through the terminal and borrowed from another institution on the spot.

The beginning of a new year brought with it the beginning of a computer network. Replacing the card catalogue with the services of a terminal, students are provided with complete bibliographic information based on information called up by subject, title, or author.

Multiple search keys for quick-search strategy will save hours of research time in addition to the convenience of having terminals located across campus in the dorms, classrooms and counseling center.

Of particular interest to the community's history buffs, the archives houses historical collections and photographs in a carefully controlled environment.

"Collier's primary goal is providing the best possible service and the new facilities simply allow these services to be provided in a better atmosphere," said Dr. Heath.

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AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY, Collier Library works in conjunction with public and private libraries across the country to provide the best service to students, faculty and area residents.

BRIDGING THE OLD AND THE NEW, a spiral staircase winds its way between the new wing of the library and the reference room.
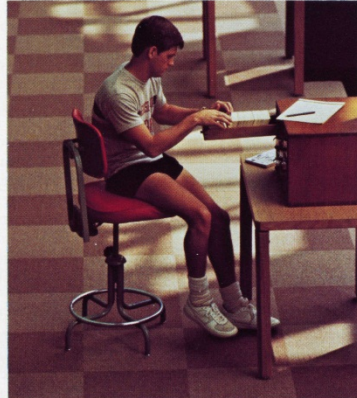
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HANDCARVED wood-work and computer terminals coexist in the new computer center. Frankie Polland types in a program on one of the terminals that was moved from the third floor of Bibb Graves Hall to the more convenient location of Collier Library. Much of the character of the reading room has been preserved. The original oak ceiling was not taken down, but remains unseen above the present one in this careful modification of the old for the new.

A GRACIOUS ATRIUM admits the morning sun as Greg Clemmons searches through the card catalogue. The reference room is now centrally located and serves as the visual hub of the library by joining different floors and spaces with overlooking balconies.

MIS OR CIS? Mary Counts and Don Lowman find that a second opinion is one of the best debugging techniques no matter what the course is called. Management Information Systems was changed to Computer Information Systems in order to use a more common term that better explains the major.

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