

Collier Library is constantly changing with the university and its students and **Keeping Up With the Times.**

An important job the staff at Collier Library performs is keeping up with the changing needs of the university. The Library, in response to requests by students and faculty, is now open on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A computer-linked information retrieval system recently installed in the library gives students access to research materials at major universities throughout the country. Most recently, a new security system to cut an estimated 80 percent of book losses was installed in the materials collections in the Education-Nursing Building and in Collier Library.

The new "Tattle Tape" Systems were installed on campus in May, according to Dr. Fred Heath, university librarian. "The two systems were acquired at a cost of approximately \$22,000," said Heath. The system is

CONDUCTING AN ON-LINE SEARCH for materials, Associate Librarian Norman Elsner and student worker Carolyn Babcooke feed key words of a specific research topic into the Collier Library computer. A tie-in with a large computer bank in Columbus, Ohio automatically transmits the title requests to at least five other universities. (Photo by Deborah Thompson)

estimated to have 3,000 hours of book check time in which in the past someone had been hired to stay at the exit of Collier Library to make sure unauthorized materials were not leaving the building. At minimum wage this will be a savings of over \$12,000 per year.

Book losses have cost the university hundreds of dollars per year. According to 3M Company, which makes the detection systems, the Tattle Tape sensitizes library materials to activate an electronic detector if patrons attempt to leave with a book or periodical which has not been properly checked out. An audible signal activates the exit gate locks.

There are markers hidden in the books. At the checkout desks, a book check unit deactivates the signal when books or periodicals are processed. The book check also reactivates books as they are returned to the library.

Circulation librarian Glenda Griggs stated, "We know students often mix up library material with their own belongings by mistake. Fortunately this system will detect these materials even when they are placed in briefcases or book bags."

"Since the new system does its job quiet-

ly and without fuss, it has had good acceptance among students," said Dr. Heath, "and our libraries become more valuable resource centers because the staff is able to spend more time helping students."

—Jennifer Condra

ELIMINATING THE NEED for a library worker to be posted at the exit, the "Tattle Tape" system provides an electronic detection device to prevent materials from being taken from the library without proper check out. (Photo by Deborah Thompson)

