

## Preserving the past

Collier Library holds a wealth of information that can benefit both students and townspeople.

A part of the library that may be unknown to the general population is the Collier Library Archives.

The Archives contain material donated by the Tennessee Valley Historical Society, the Wesleyan Archives and also materials from private citizens.

"The Archives have moved from place to place. They have resided in Rogers Hall and Wesleyan Hall, various places in the library and now have a permanent home in the basement of Collier Library," said Linda Dotzheimer, who is in charge of the Archives.

The basement is equipped with a climate control system which keeps the temperature at a constant 60

degrees and 40 percent humidity.

Since paper products are very fragile, some records are kept in acid-free boxes on metal shelves.

Dotzheimer said the acid-free boxes and metal shelves help keep the paper from deteriorating as fast.

"Some of the paper used has a high acidity and really can destroy itself," she said.

The Archives are used mostly for research and there have been people from as far away as Japan who were researching Dr. E.B. Norton, a former university president.

Contained in the Archives are photo collections, map collections, old issues of the Flor-Ala campus newspaper and past editions of the Diorama yearbook.

There are the non-current working papers of Alabama Congressman

Ronnie Flippo and even a collection of Academic Senate minutes.

A unique collection includes some "Andy Griffith Show" scripts that were donated by George "Goober" Lindsey, a university alumnus.

Dotzheimer said the library has had to cut down on the amount of material accepted because of space limitations. "We get lots of donations from local people and retiring professors often donate their papers to the Archives," she said.

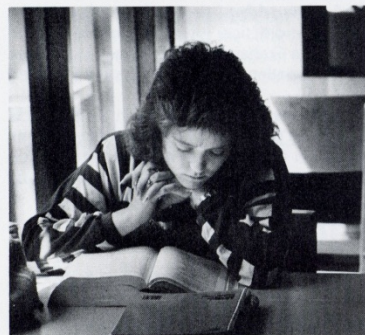
According to Dotzheimer, the hours the Archives are open have lengthened and that has brought more people in than before.

So if you enjoy reliving the past or enjoy browsing through old memorabilia, the Collier Library Archives are there for your benefit.

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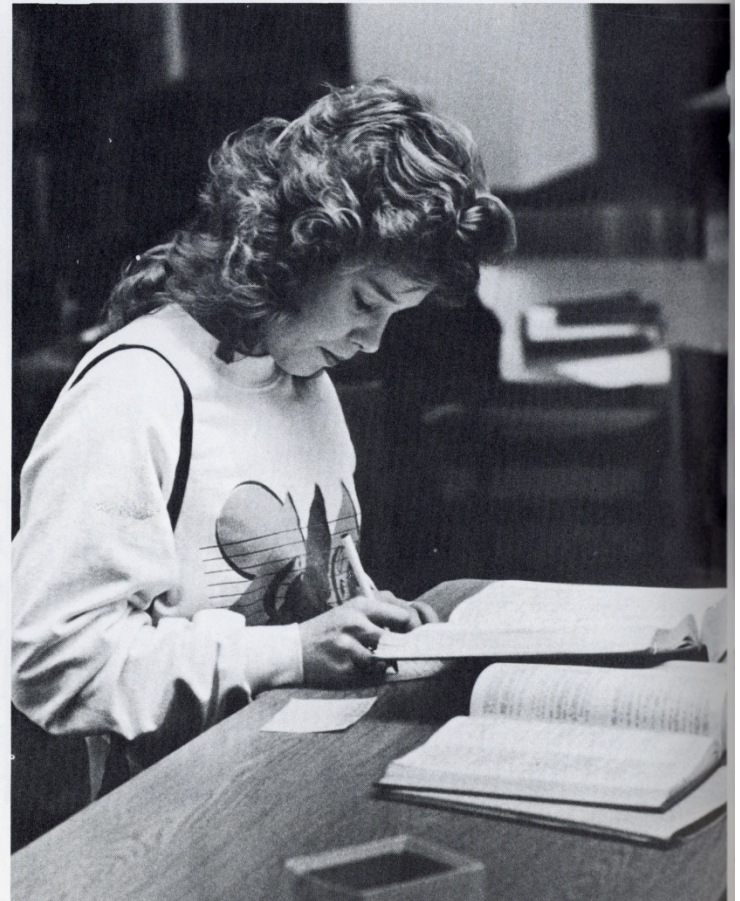


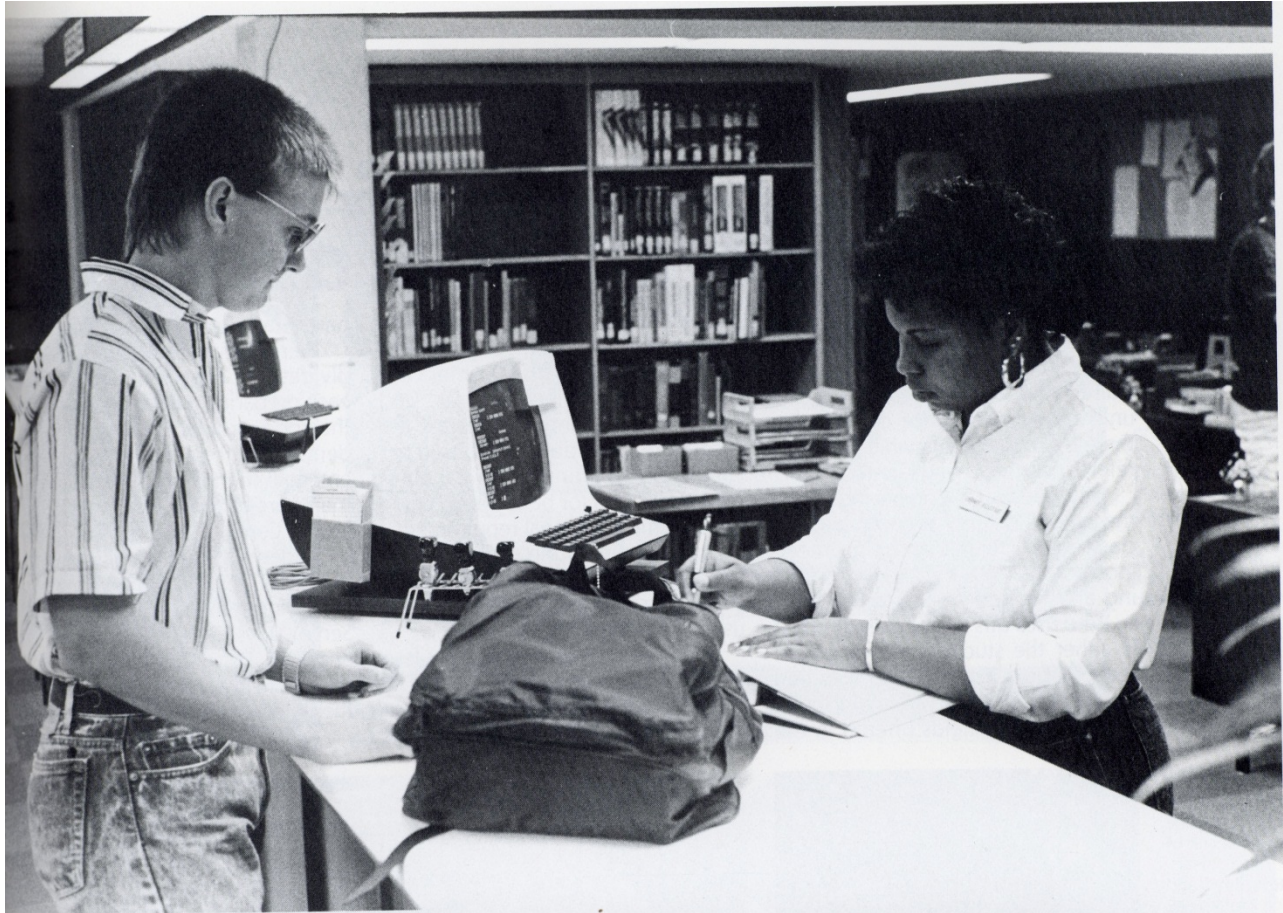
**Marketing major** Lisa Gorman takes time out to read the Huntsville newspaper. (Photo by Charles E. Butler)



**Nursing student** Kim Maples takes advantage of one of the study cubicles on the first floor. (Photo by Charles E. Butler)

**Amy Wilson**, an early childhood education major from Florence, prepares a list of periodicals to research. (Photo by Charles E. Butler)





**Sophomore**  
Becky Jackson helps freshman Todd Thompson check out a book. (Photo by Marcus Leach)



**Reference librarian** Eva Randolph helps marketing major Brad Burton. (Photo by Charles E. Butler)



**Gina Kelso**, Amanda Campbell, and Ginger Smith search through the card catalog while working on their English papers. (Photo by Charles E. Butler)

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