

With the new additions and the various improvements, Collier Library is

# Ready for the 80's.

Collier Library is always busy, especially around exam time, but during the summer and fall semesters of 1983 the banging of hammers and the buzzing of saws made the library unusually lively.

A major expansion was underway to help provide needed space for the growing number of books and periodicals. The new part of the library also gives increased office space to library employees.

Collier offers more improvements to help students. The periodical and reference floors, which were previously contained on separate floors, are combined, giving students more convenience when using periodical articles for research papers, speeches or themes.

"Increased shelf space will give the library room to expand in proportion with the book budget," said Grace Simpson, the Circulation Technical Assistant. She added that the increased office space would enable library employees to work with greater ease.

The library has a new waiting room and lobby, equipped with a pay phone, where students can come in and wait for the library to open. An entrance ramp and an elevator give

handicapped students better access to Collier's facilities.

A breezeway connecting the second floor of the new part of the library with the old gives easy access to the

**NEARING THE TOP** this bricklayer adds another level to his already towering scaffold. Construction of the new addition made the library a "hard hat area" for several months.



card catalog.

With the new arrangement, the top two floors of the library are used strictly for books and reading. Nine new study rooms have been created, enabling students to study in groups without disturbing other people.

The old part of the library (former

reference department) had been turned into a computer lab. The lab, containing terminals and a classroom, is open to faculty as well as students.

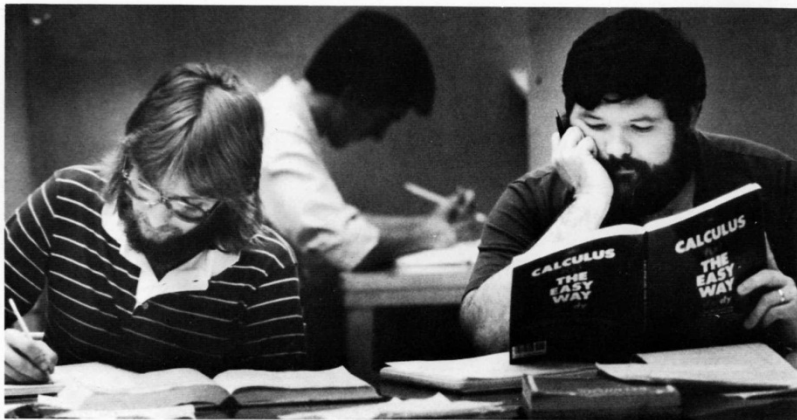
The new part of the library also contains the technical processing room where the circulation book work of the library is recorded. The staff hopes to establish a computerized check-out system, which would be a tremendous improvement over the manual system. If the library does get the automated system, then it would locate information from other automated libraries, like the Huntsville, Decatur, and Florence public libraries.

Another hope of the library staff is to join an effort underway to form a state-wide link of all college libraries with computerized circulation departments. If the effort is successful, UNA will be able to locate information from college libraries around the state and have it sent to UNA for student

use.

The new addition to Collier should accommodate the library's growth for the next 20 years. The library was designed to help students, and the new addition will make that task easier for both students and the library staff.

—Leslie McGoff



**WARNING SIGNS** alerting pedestrians to possible dangers around the construction site may have given pause to some students heading for the stacks. The improvements were well worth the slight inconveniences of sawdust and noise.

**STUDYING TOGETHER** does not always make the subject easier, but it helps. Nine new study rooms enable groups to work together without fear of disturbing other students.