

# Time to say 'thank you' to Collier staff

National Library Week begins Monday, April 13. Throughout next week, displays on bulletin boards in Collier Library, in classrooms and in the Student Union Building will remind the campus community of the value of free library services in America.

Next week will be a good time for everyone to visit Collier Library. The staff will have available for distribution the Notable Books List for 1979 as well as the Outstanding Academic Books List for 1979. Like all library services, these lists are free.

Perhaps an even better reason to visit Collier Library next week is to say "thank you to the librarians and staff who render such vital services all year long to the campus community. Those who drop by will find themselves in good but crowded company. Library use (attendance) this past fall semester was up over the previous (1978) fall semester by 7,635 and circulation increased by over 4,000 volumes.

The publication, College and Research Libraries News, recently defined very well the role of the university library on the college scene: "The University library performs a unique and indispensable function in the educational process. It bears the central responsibility for developing the college and university library collections; for extending bibliographic control over these collections; for instructing students formally and informally; and for advising faculty and scholars in the use of these collections."

That UNA's Collier Library more than fulfills these functions is

revealed in the latest statistical data (1978-79) on library holdings, services, and use, released this week by Miss Ruth Dacus, head librarian of Collier.

Collier Library has a collection of more than 153,860 volumes, including approximately 22,133 bound periodicals. It receives 1100 periodical titles, including 22 newspapers.

Collier Library has holdings of 9,215 separate Government Documents in collection; 177,310 microfiche; 3,396 microfilm reels; 782 microcards.

In the 1978-79 school year, Collier Library added 7,298 new volumes, had a total circulation of 50,054 library materials and a total attendance of 145,416.

Collier provided 123 class periods of library orientation and bibliographic instruction, filled 136 requests for interlibrary loans for UNA faculty and graduate students, and filled 19 requests for interlibrary loans received from other libraries.

The reference staff has now compiled bibliographies and library guides on such subjects as biology, business, nutrition, photography, conservation, psychology, education, American and English literature, U.S. history, European history, criminology, art history, Renaissance art, companies and industries, and marketing, and has revised its library assignment used in freshman orientation.

It is, indeed, time to say "thank you" to Collier librarians. Let's say it next week.

