

Collier awarded top priority status for MEDLINE

Collier Library has been awarded Priority 1 status with the National Library of Medicine Online Network. As a result beginning May 1, 1982, users of Collier Library who are working on or studying in any aspect of the health sciences will have direct access to professional and scientific literature by means of a computerized system known as MEDLINE. MEDLINE is a medical literature analysis and retrieval system based at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in Bethesda, Maryland. This computer system makes it possible for an individual user to search the stored references of over 4,600,000 journal articles and books published in the health sciences field since 1965 and then produce a list of reference, which is a computer printout from the library terminal materials that meet the user's specific criteria.

This procedure takes place through the librarian's use of a terminal (keyboard device that looks like a typewriter) which is connected via commercial networks of telephone lines to

NLM's computers. To retrieve references, the librarian carries on a "dialog" with the computer, refining the search to fit the individual needs by typing in any one or a combination of the over 14,000 designated Medical Subject Headings used by NLM in indexing their materials, or by using words that may be used in the title or abstract of the article. Searches can be further refined by years, document types, languages, etc. Such a process would not otherwise be possible except by the most laborious and time-consuming manual search.

The librarian coordinating the MEDLINE program at UNA's Collier Library is Mr. Craig T. Stillings. Mr. Stillings is one of the Public Service Librarians of Collier Library and is head of the Periodicals Department. He came to UNA in 1977 from Texas Tech where he served as Serials Librarian for the Health Sciences Center. Mr. Stillings is a Certified Medical Librarian and has had specialized training in various data retrieval services. In order to better serve users of the online

medical network, he will attend a special training seminar being conducted by NLM April 26-30 in Bethesda, Maryland.

There will be a modest fee to recover the communications cost incurred for time connected to the NLM computer and for staff time.

Materials not owned by Collier Library may be obtained through a network of cooperating libraries.

For further information on this or any other computer or library services, contact Mr. Stillings or any one of the other UNA librarians at Collier Library.

1982 Diorama still available in basement of Keller Hall

The 1982 Diorama can be picked up in the basement of Keller Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this week. If you have waited to avoid the crowds, the basement will be open until noon tomorrow.

The yearbooks are available at no further charge to undergraduate students who have attended UNA full time during the fall and spring semesters. Those who have been enrolled full time for one semester must pay \$7.50 at the Business Office in Bibb Graves.

The receipt must be given to a Diorama worker to receive a book. No money will be collected in Diorama offices.

UNA faculty and staff must pay full price, \$15.00 for a yearbook. Each department may have a copy for the office if they present an inter-office requisition to the Purchasing Office. Any person who fails to pick up his/her Diorama this week may do so in the Diorama Office on the third floor of Keller Hall, beginning Monday of next week.

