UNACAT now online in library

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UNACAT, UNA's computerized library catalog, is now online.

The computer terminals can be found on each floor of Collier Library, as well as in Kilby Library and the Learning Resource Center.

One will be placed in the Music Library and the catalog will soon be accessible through the computers in each dean and department head's office.

The online system is easier to access than the standard card catalog because it can be updated rapidly. Within a month, circulation information will be available, eliminating useless searches for a book that has been checked out.

"We're convinced that the regular student is used to using

computers; if not, they're ready to use computers, and that they'll look at it as a challenge,' Myra Harscheid said.

The system is "user friendly" and provides help windows. Library staff members are also available to assist those who may feel intimidated at first.

"When you first get started, it's going to take time... After you've used it one time, I think that the next time it will come

automatically," Sarah Bradley said.

UNA is the third university in the state to use this particular system. The University of South Alabama and Auburn also use the system, while the University of Alabama plans to utilize it soon.

Other universities will soon turn to this or a similar computerized system to replace standard card catalogs.

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