

Ruth Dacus' sculpture unveiled

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The unveiling of the sculpture in memory of Ruth Dacus was at 11 a.m. September 9, in Collier Library. Ruth Dacus served at UNA from 1947 until she retired on August 31, 1980. She served as head librarian during 1951-1980. When the bronze bust was unveiled Casper Holroyd, a nephew from Raleigh, North Carolina, announced the establishment of the Ruth Dacus Memorial Acquisitions Fund. The funds are for library acquisitions.

The sculptor of the memorial is Jim Barnhill of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Garry Warren, dean of information technologies at UNA, said, "Because of the lasting impression that Ms. Dacus made on the University of North Alabama libraries through her dedication to providing a superior library, it is only appropriate that the library's first endowed fund be in honor of her.

"She took personal delight in building the library's holding into a strong collection of research materials reflecting the university's curricula. Her success in building a strong local core collection has allowed the library to become a modern-day participating of the nation's information highway."

Ruth Dacus died October 13, 1995 in Birmingham, Alabama.



CASPER HOLROYD, a nephew of Ruth Dacus, is present at the unveiling of her bust in Collier Library. (Photo by Shannon Wells)