

# Big Selection To Choose From At KM City Library

By ROSE TURNER

Beverly Moschler has always used the library. With her husband and four children, she has been fre-

quent patron ever since she moved to Kings Mountain five years ago. "books are so expensive you can't buy them" she says. "But at the li-

brary, they are free! And there is such a big selection and so many to choose from! I don't see how people can not use the library."

However, it was not until Beverly began working at the library over a month ago that she began to realize what was involved in making the library work. "I had no idea, she said. "People think you just stand at the front desk and check books in and out and talk to people all day, but there is a lot more to it than that."

Beverly is our new Library Technical Assistant. She spends some time at the circulation desk, but most of her time is spent upstairs working on bookkeeping and processing.

A graduate of Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia, Beverly has her BS degree in mathematics and a teaching certificate in math and accounting. In addition to teaching, she has had experience in accounting and computer programming. Her background and knowledge are useful as we transfer out accounting from ledger to Lotus 1-2-3, and as we work toward automated circulation through Sirsi and Cleve-Net.

The automation project is progressing well, and by spring, we hope to have the entire collection entered in the data base, so that we can circulate all books and audio visual materials through the computer. At the present time, we are entering all new books in the data base before they are placed on the shelves, but except for certain

small collections, such as the Lauback materials, we do not yet have enough of the total holdings in the computer to begin automated circulation.

The AV collections, however, are completely on line and are circulated only through Sirsi and Cleve-Net. This includes video tapes, audio tapes, records, kits, and compact discs. In order to circulate audio visual materials, we enter the patron's identification number, and scan the OCR number on each item with the light wand. The computer then charges the item to the patron, calculates the date it is due back in the library, and tabulates overdue fines if any. When the item is returned and discharged by scanning the OCR number with the light wand, it is automatically removed from the patron's account. In this way, much routing and time consuming record keeping is handled by the computer, and the margin for error is not as great as it is in manual systems.

Entering new items in the data base as a routine part of the processing procedure is no problem. It is the retroactive conversion which will take up the most time. After careful weeding, each book in the existing collection must be reprocessed and assigned an OCR number as it is entered in the data base. The reference collection and the Lauback materials have already been entered, and we are currently working on the adult fiction and junior. We appreciate the many hours of volunteer help which have en-

abled us to get most of the adult fiction in the system.

Much remains to be done, but Beverly is eager to get on with the project "It will be so much easier when it is finished," she said. She is looking forward to the day when

the computer will generate our circulation and usage statistics, and she will not have to tabulate it manually. "It's amazing what the computer can do," she said, "and I want To see how much I can get it to do for us."

## STUDENT PROFILE

**Name:** Jay Hendricks

**Age:** 17

**Residence:** Woodbridge, Kings Mtn.

**Family: (parents, brothers & sisters)**  
John W. Hendricks III & Sara R. Hendricks



**Favorite Subject(s)** History

**Extra Curricular Activities: (clubs, honor societies, sports, etc.)** SPO President, Key Club, FCA, Monogram Club, Tennis, Pep Club

**Hobbies:** Surfing, Deep-Sea Fishing

**What You Want To Major In At College:** Business (Marketing)

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