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Tell us a little about the work you've done at Emory throughout your career.

I've worked with the Division of Animal Resources (previously the Office of the University Veterinarian) from the time I was an Emory College student, starting in 1977. I was a Pre-Veterinary major and an animal care technician in the Woodruff Memorial Research Building, taking care of guinea pigs, rats, mice, and rabbits. In 1981, I started on the permanent staff the day after my Emory graduation as a Clerical Specialist III and was one of two people working in the office. Everything that required documentation or accounting was done manually on columnar pads with up to 13 columns (for those that have never used them, these are large manual spreadsheets bound in a pad). Over the years, I have seen the introduction of the first word processors and electronic typewriters and then computers. We moved our records into a database which has been upgraded three times and have seen our administrative staff grow from a team of 2 to a team of 19. My role has evolved many times over the years from meeting the division's clerical needs, to cost accountant and database manager, office manager and now as a resource leader. The years have provided me time to view and participate in the growth of Emory's biomedical research, participate in activities across the University in many roles: as student, student leader, alumna, staff member and now manager/leader, parent, employee representative, and even mom to an Emory alumna.

What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?

- The many people with whom I've interacted and gotten to know.
- Graduation Days--the excitement and joy in seeing a new group of graduates reach their milestones!
- Student Job Fairs and seeing the students and the energy return to campus each fall.
- Large gatherings at many Staff Fests and being a part of this amazing University. I worked at both the 1st and 2nd Staff Fests as a student volunteer!
- Being President of the Employee Council and participating on the University Senate.
- Being President of the Clifton Child Care Center Parent Council and meeting leaders from Emory, Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta, as well as the CDC.
- Being on stage with President Carter and delivering a speech for the Coca Cola Challenge.
- Wonderful Wednesdays as a student and being part of the final 'toast' bidding farewell to this tradition as a staff member.
- The visits of his holiness, the Dalai Lama.
- Reading poetry in Lullwater Preserve.
- Walking into an animal facility and 'breathing in' that familiar mix of smells: animals, food and bedding.
- Mentoring students and staff, seeing them grow into successful careers.
- Walking on campus and enjoying the atmosphere of Emory.

What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?

- Immense growth of the University, in buildings and in people, in research, in breadth of educational opportunities.
- Tremendous growth of Emory's financial stability, especially with several memorable gifts.
- The creation of Carlos Museum from a tiny basement into a focal point on the Quad.
- A shift from in person interactions to electronic interactions.
- Closure of programs such as the Dept of Education and the School of Dentistry.
- Development of new programs such as the Carter Center and the School of Public Health.

Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?

Front desk, one-on-one interactions with our faculty and researchers.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

I hope to see Emory continue its growth and renown around the world and continue to focus on ethical standards and being a 'good citizen' to help move the world into a place where we can exist in harmony with each other. I hope to see Emory continue approaching the largest questions and needs of our day and age with diverse and creative approaches. I am proud to be a member of the Emory Community, an employee, and an Alumna.



Lynne in the early 80's (above) and today (below)

