



### **Claudia Croy Holland Burton**

Claudia Burton was one of TCC first President Dr. Turner's initial hires. Claudia had arrived in Tallahassee in 1963 to complete her education and become a teacher; an education she had started at the University of Florida as one of the first dozen female students. Turner hired Claudia away from Leon High School in 1967 and she would remain with the College until 1991. She once told her colleagues that when she came to TCC she thought she had died and gone to heaven.

Over the years Claudia taught composition and literature. In her early years she was involved in legislative activities on behalf of the College. Claudia helped usher in the Gordon rule at TCC and worked to see that as a result English teachers got more support. She was also instrumental in the development of the Two Plus Two program which would later evolve into the Articulation Agreement. Claudia was involved on campus with the Faculty Senate, serving as Chairperson and she was active in legislative arm of the Florida Association of Community Colleges. But more than anything, Claudia loved teaching. As Claudia noted recently, "We do what we love, and I loved to teach".

Claudia has never lost her love of TCC and remains active with the College today.