

UCSD completes \$3.5 million campaign for library collections

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UCSD COMPLETES CAMPAIGN FOR TOTAL \$3.5 FOR LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Successful completion of a campaign to raise \$2.625 million to match a \$875,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities was announced today by Dorothy Gregor, University Librarian at the University of California, San Diego.

Terms of the challenge grant, awarded in 1987, required that the UCSD library raise three times the amount of the award in a three-year period for a total \$3,500,000. It was the largest humanities grant ever awarded to UCSD, according to Stanley A. Chodorow, associate vice chancellor for academic planning.

"Completion of the NEH challenge grant is a major commitment by UCSD to support of the humanities," Chodorow said. "It also is a step in building the endowment needed to create a great university library.

"Income from the NEH endowment will sustain the acquisition and processing of library collections in the humanities in general, and in special collections for Pacific Studies, Latin American Studies and contemporary humanities," he added.

"Over time it is the endowment for collections which we have started building with the help of the NEH challenge that will make the difference in the quality of the UCSD library and our ability to support the teaching and research needs of the campus," Gregor noted. She said the grant will enable the UCSD Library to acquire and process an additional 4,800 volumes annually, an increase of nearly 20 percent over the current rate of humanities acquisitions.

More than 1,600 persons contributed to the campaign during the three-year matching period. Gifts ranged in size from \$2 to \$1.6 million, the latter donated by La Jolla philanthropist Florence S. Riford. The Friends of the UCSD Library raised more than \$300,000 from its membership and the UCSD faculty and staff responded generously to a special appeal during the final months of the campaign, Gregor said.

Among major contributors to the challenge campaign were Kenneth E. and Dorothy V. Hill, John and Laura Galbraith, the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food, The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Marie Mandelker, Edward and Marian Kujolic, Farley and Erma O'Brien, James and Mary Berglund, Margaret Freund and Robert Driver.

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