

Mel Voigt edits "Books for College Libraries"

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The American Library Association this week released "Books for College Libraries," a 1,000 page book co-edited by Melvin J. Voigt, University of California, San Diego Librarian, and Joseph H. Treyz, head of the New Campuses Program for the University.

The book, partially funded by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, was published to fill the need for a standard list of books to serve as a book selection aid for college libraries. It is the first such compilation since Charles B. Shaw's "List of Books for College Libraries," published in 1931.

Publication of the list grew out of the University's New Campuses Program, which provided basic book collections for the three new University campuses, San Diego, Santa Cruz, and Irvine.

The new book lists 53,400 titles. The list was compiled using bibliographies and standard lists, book reviews and lists of most-used titles. titles selected were reviewed by subject specialists in colleges and universities throughout the country.

Melvin Voigt, who suggested the project and provided general direction, believes that a library collection including these books can serve as a foundation on which a major research library can be built. At the same time, he believes the collection can stand alone to meet the needs of undergraduate students.

Literature and language make up about one-third of the collection, social sciences and history another third, and the remaining third divided almost equally among the fine arts, philosophy, religion, psychology, science and reference and general works.

Titles in the book were arranged according to the Library of Congress classification. Each title entry includes full author, title, edition, imprint, main pagination and the Library of Congress card number.

The plan for the New Campuses Program was developed at UCSD, where all the work was carried out. In 1961 a selective group and part-time specialists began work to compile a list of books which they felt should be included in a college library. The fully cataloged libraries were delivered to the three campuses in time for classes in September, 1965.

Because of the simultaneous selection, ordering and cataloging of books for the three libraries, it was possible to provide better collections at a lower cost than if each campus had done so separately. The University estimates a savings of at least \$400,000.

Also as a result of the New Campuses Program, the three campuses were able to serve the needs of undergraduate students in the first year of operations, as well as begin building resources for the graduate programs marked out for their campuses.