

Gordon Fretwell receives Council on Library Resources fellowship

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Gordon E. Fretwell, head of the Public Services Department for the Central Library at the University of California, San Diego, has been named as one of 18 working librarians throughout the United States to receive a fellowship from the Council on Library Resources.

Fretwell, who has been on the UCSD library staff since July, 1965, will spend about four months this summer and fall in an investigation of the types of support provided for graduate students in the humanities and social sciences by college and university libraries in the United States.

"It appears there are a vast number of graduate students in our colleges and universities who are not receiving the same top quality of educational opportunities as those in the sciences," Fretwell said.

"I hope to find out if there is any kind of rational, logical support supplied by the libraries for students who have to conduct their research in the library rather than in scientifically oriented laboratories," he said. "Such support as free copying services, special offices or study carrels, special assistance from the library staff - anything above the fact that the library is there and the students have use of it."

He said much of his work will be done at UCSD with trips to several additional institutions. He said he will have been in contact with a good number of university libraries before his study is finished.

Fretwell served on the staff of the Law Library at the University of Michigan for three years before joining the staff at UCSD. He received a B.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1959 and a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1964.

The Council on Library Resources fellowship program, now in its second year, reflects a recognition of the growing breadth and complexity of librarianship. Its purpose is to enable "mid-career" librarians to familiarize themselves with the changes occurring in the substantive, administrative, and technical aspects of their profession.

The awards cover travel, per diem, supplies and equipment incident to a fellow's project while he is on leave of absence from his institution. Dr. Louis B. Wright, Vice-Chairman of the Council's Board of Directors and Director Emeritus of the Folger Shakespeare Library, is chairman of the Fellowship Committee.