

From Inside the DLSEF

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The deadline for applications under Title III of the Higher Education Act was November 15, so my description of the two projects here is intended only to set you thinking about possibilities for next year if you are working in a "developing institution." The term is a hard one to define. The few library projects identified under this title have involved a strong library in helping a weaker one. However, two institutions that are trying to develop their programs and are in a position to join forces to help each other did apply successfully for a grant.

Simmons College and Emmanuel College, both in Boston and for women, were awarded a Title II grant to carry out such an arrangement. In addition to the liberal arts and general program which the colleges offer, Simmons has several professional schools, including one of library science, and Emmanuel emphasizes teacher preparation. Their library addresses are respectively 300 and 400, The Fenway; and the colleges were founded in 1902 and 1919, respectively.

The two colleges entered into a formal agreement to develop cooperation in library services and resources. Interlibrary loan and reference services are available at both for their students and faculties. Lists of periodical holdings have been exchanged "with a view to developing coordination of acquisitions and binding policy advantageous to both." Under Title III the colleges were awarded a grant for the services of an interinstitutional library consultant during the academic year 1967-68. The responsibility of the consultant was "to survey and evaluate the general collections of each library, to establish areas of strength and weakness in each collection, to develop a plan for the purchase of books to bring each collection to a minimum parity, and to strengthen complementary areas of specialization in each library." In addition the consultant was to "initiate implementation of the plan through the expenditure of funds being requested" in the application for the development of an orderly procedure whereby acquisitions by either library were to be examined before orders were placed in an effort "to reduce duplication of expensive and not frequently used but desira-

ble books and other materials." The \$10,000 requested for purchases in each library was not included in the award, but under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act each library received about \$7,500 for purchasing books and other materials between July 1, 1968, and June 30, 1969. The colleges were fortunate in being able to secure the consultant services of a Simmons graduate, Katharine Harris, the well-known reference librarian of the Detroit Public Library who retired in 1967. Through this cooperative venture the almost 130,000 volumes at Simmons can be combined with the 70,000-volume collection at Emmanuel to serve a student enrollment over 2,000 at Simmons and around 1,500 at Emmanuel.

Another successful Title III application in 1967-68 involving the College of the Virgin Islands and the University of Connecticut at Storrs included funds for visiting scholars and consultants to travel from Connecticut to the Virgin Islands. Among the consultants requested was the director of libraries at Storrs, John McDonald, who visited the Virgin Islands this summer to advise the college library on the "application of current cataloging and reference techniques" and the "utilization of space" in a new building which will eventually accommodate 100,000 volumes.

The Title III program is administered by Dr. Charles Hayes, Division of College Support, Bureau of Higher Education. His office is in Room 3066, in the same building as the Division of Library Services, at 7th & D Streets, Southwest, zip code 20202. The Higher Education Act's 3-year extension authorized \$35 million for 1969, \$70 million for 1970, and \$91 million for 1971 under Title III. Even though authorization does not guarantee that those sums will be appropriated, planning to apply for a grant in 1969 might be a worthwhile project. ■■

SPEAKERS NEEDED

The College Library Section of ACRL has offered to the accredited library schools of the country to arrange to have college librarians speak to assemblies of students, if the schools should so wish. Any college librarians willing and able to accept invitations to speak to library school convocations under ACRL auspices are requested to notify Evan Farber, chairman of the College Library Section, at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. ■■