

Book Moving Day At USCS



A gigantic book-moving program started on the UC Santa Cruz campus Friday morning when the first of six moving vans pulled in packed to the brim. The books are the first installment of 70,000 volumes which will weigh in at 140,000 pounds. It will take the library staff all summer to unpack and sort the books into a usable system at the central services building.

The books were trucked up from the San Diego campus, where they have been stored since 1962. The university bought the basic undergraduate library books for all three new campuses—San Diego, Santa Cruz and Irvine—then, and stored them at San Diego's completed library.

Another 10,000 books have been stored in the Cowell ranch granary and will also be brought to central services for sorting, stack-

ing, filing and inventory to match the card catalog system.

Assistant librarian Wendell Simons (standing at left) is directing the move, aided by Carl Wensrich, head of the reader services division, and eight student employees.

The permanent university library will not be completed until August, 1966, and the books will be moved again then. But on that move, the books can be shifted in sequence and in organized order, a relatively simple matter.

On the move from San Diego, the books are arriving in random order, making sorting a long-range job.

"This is a pretty exciting occasion for us," Simons said. "For more than two years the staff has been laying the groundwork for the UCSC library operation, but until today the books, the basic ingredient of a library, have been missing. Now we feel like a real library."