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Library Automation Project
CSC Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1987

Present: L. Bugg; K. Dazsi; J. Kasiowniak (beginning); R. McCreedy

1. DALNET implementation--

Front end needs: options include library buy front end; library pay for part of CSC front end expansion to secure ports; and CSC charge library an annual per port fee for use of its ports for DALNET. Louise will draft these options for review.

Disk drive needs: Louise is considering ordering one or two more 3380 B04 drives for the short range, and working with IBM on the longer range disk needs.

Botsford: Louise delivered Botsford's next modem and power supply to Jerry K. for installation. He will make sure their equipment is clearly marked as Botsford's. Louise will PROFS Debbie Adam's phone number to Jerry so he can call her regarding installation of their standalone modem. CSC policy and prices regarding modem installation for DALNET libraries still has not been sent. Louise must contact John Camp regarding having Scott Merryfield consult on IBM Token Ring set up and configuration. Ports required ASAP: 1.

Beaumont: has placed order for their IBM Token Ring equipment. Louise gave them info. to order a separate phone line and modems initially. Multi-dropping on Botsford's phone line can be done later. Botsford is offering to share its nest modem power supply with Beaumont. Ports required in a couple of months: 1.

Oakland: Rick will have their LUIS terminals established as acquired by Monday, Sept. 21st. Jerry saw no problem with OU running coax cable in conduit between two buildings, as long as it was under 5,000 feet.

WCCC: their Telex equipment and Codex have arrived, and they are ordering a phone line. The modems for the CSC, i.e. head, end of the phone line were already delivered to Jerry. Ports required ASAP: 1.

A conditional verbal approval can be given to WCCC to order the AT&T protocol convertors and Wyse 60 terminals. The terminals need a "fair amount" of configuring to set up the keyboard for NOTIS, which Wyse can help them do. Kelly will check on Keith's availability to help WCCC with the initial Wyse set up. A printer can be used for screen prints, however, printing from the cpu was not successfully done during the test. Rick is 80% confident that such printing will work. He will prepare a written, conditional sign-off for WCCC.

DPL: they are ordering two Telex terminals for data loading and testing, along with short haul modems and a phone line. Jerry will check regarding space in library's short haul modem nest for DPL's modem. Ports required in a few months: 1.

DPL needs the CSC's telecommunications consulting proposal soon, or other sources will have to be identified.

Louise will attend Bibliolink radio demo at DPL Friday, Sept. 18. A test on these radios will be arranged on NOTIS later.

Front End PROBLEM: a delay in delivery of the CSC's new front end means ports are currently at a premium. The WSU Library can free up ports for other DALNET libraries by multi-dropping Telexes, eg. multi-drop between CSC and Law, SEL, and Federal Mogul buildings. Louise will work on this.

Downtime Report: Oakland Univ. requested an official NOTIS downtime report, eg. monthly. Louise asked what data could be made available. Kelly will send copies of current system downtime report. It does not include scheduled downtime or network downtime. There is currently no network downtime report.

Louise asked if a message or beep or specific screen could be put out to terminals signaling the system is back up. Staff working at library circ desks are too busy with manual circ procedures to keep trying to use the terminal over and over when the system has gone done.

2. Budget issues--

Software: M. Coleman was to send the Purchase Req. for CICS Monitor to Peter. Two IBM system software packages (NCCF and NLDN) are being canceled and replaced by a new product called IBM Netview. Kelly will get the price for the IBM 4381 second license. Louise will contact C. Kay regarding second license price for SIM3270 VTAM for the 4381.

Disk and Front end: see DALNET section of notes.

CSC project renewals: Kelly is renewing all Library NOTIS internal project numbers. Louise requested copies of these project reports, to monitor DALNET libraries use of NOTIS. Kelly will send copies monthly.

3. NOTIS implementation update--

4.4.2 installation: the Library will install Version 4.4.2 in the CICSNOTR region Friday, Sept. 18th. Rick reported the ACF2 safelist request was completed. The Library will notify Rich Welch by 4:00 p.m. Friday if a backout to the 4.3 version must be done. The goal is to move 4.4.2 to CICSNOTP by October 1st, after testing is completed in CICSNOTR.

Circ implementation: circ will be "live" at all WSU Libraries, except Pharmacy, by Sept. 18th. Rick will "set" the circ terminals to the CICSNOTP region, preventing accidental logon in any test or training regions. He has the list of terminal ID's to be "set."

Circ printers: they can only do screen prints for now. Enabling NOTIS Circ Receipts disables screen printing. Louise will check with NOTIS regarding a software fix that is needed.

Database loading: Ana is loading the rest of Oakland's monographic database soon. There will be continuous loading this fall.

4. Systems/operational issues--

Backups/emergency plan: the library's weekly backups are on the CSC's 3-week backup schedule, i.e. current week stored in CSC tape library; previous week in CSC vault, and third week in an offsite vault. This needs to be written and refined.

Software library management: the Library will review its naming and plan to reorganize as advised by the CSC when the new drive(s) are installed. Better disk utilization and library archiving are two goals.

Password changing: Rick Schott assured Louise that the required MVS password change to be in place in early October will not affect NOTIS ID's on the 4381. Currently, passwords cannot be changed on the 4381 because they will get out of sync with the "master file" of passwords on the 3081. Library PROFS ID's will have to have new passwords, because they are on the 3081.

TSO for library programmers: Rick Schott will enable TSO access for library programmers on the 4381 only.

NOITS Journals: Ana will be asking Rick to make these changes for NOTIS journals -- set up A and B disks for each journal in each region; increase size of journals in CICSNOTP from 1 to 5 cylinders each; change from cold to warm start. The Library will empty the journals every week night and monitor the number of

records in each. Louise asked for data from the CSC regarding when the journals switch from A to B and back again, to see how long they take to fill up. If an emergency requires CICS to do a cold start, the journals may need to be emptied first. Rick will need the JCL to empty them in such a situation.

Batch Schedule: Louise is working out a daily batch schedule with all the regular library "batch" jobs. The CSC will then have to add their batch jobs to the list. Kelly pointed out that the batch jobs now run before the nightly backups. This should be reversed. Kelly will alert CSC management to the likely need for weekend production control staffing for library batch jobs.

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