

Wayne State University

Memorandum

To: Walter S. Jones, Provost

From: Peter Spyers-Duran, Director of Libraries

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Subject: *Peter*
Library Automation Action

Date February 14, 1985

I am pleased to report to you that the Library Automation Planning Committee has completed its mission. They have made a series of recommendations with options. Based on their reports, I am seeking permission to proceed along the following lines:

A. Organization

Authorization is requested to proceed with the WSU Libraries' automation as a participant with other institutions forming a network. The network called DALNET is to be a non profit corporation.

B. Site

Authorization is requested to use approximately 4,000 square feet of space on the 7th floor of the Science Library for DALNET. The suitability of this area has been surveyed by a consulting engineering firm and confirmed as the ideal site with future expansion if needed.

C. Software

The Interinstitutional Planning Team has recommended GEAC software for DALNET. After considerable debate over the advantages/disadvantages of a turnkey system, I am satisfied that the GEAC software has a long term edge over a semi-turnkey system such as NOTIS.

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D. Hardware

GEAC hardware is required to run its software. The GEAC 8000 is a dependable and proven computer, similar to the better known DEC VAX 780s. Authorization to initiate procurement of the GEAC system is requested.

E. Cost

The proposed Library Automation project is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art system. It will require an estimated \$9.3 million over a five year period shared by the DALNET libraries. WSU's share of this cost is estimated at 35%. The exact costs and WSU's share of the cost cannot be determined until we know who the participants will be. Various estimates of cost based on variables are attached.

Authorization is requested to initiate and develop a financial package under the leadership of Senior Vice President Ria Frijters. Sources of funding will be (1) institutions own resources; (2) federal and state grants; and (3) private foundations.

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