Library Automation Project

CSC Coordinating Team Meeting

January 15, 1986

Present: L. Bugg; F. Burejsza; T. Falzon; D. Fox; J. Kasiowniak; R. McCreedy; J. Williams

1. Dody's training --

    Dody will begin Assembler training soon.

2. NOTIS patron database --

    No problems are expected regarding access to, and documentation for, the necessary University name address files to create the NOTIS patron database. Dody has gotten some file layout info already.

3. NOTIS installation --

    Subject and call number indexes still need to be re-generated. Dody will begin work on the call number index.

    NOTIS will be available in test mode to Library staff 8:30 - 3:00 and 6:30 - 11:00 M-F and 9:00 - 5:00 Saturday.

    Three "layers" exist in our NOTIS installation: (1) Northwestern's original source code; (2) the WSUL "live" systems; and (3) a test mode for programming. NOTIS is now being backed up weekly on the current CSC schedule.

    Rick is working on enabling table customization for WSUL and installation ACF2. With ACF2 providing the "top" layer of security, we need to plan for how the NOTIS layer of security (at the field level) will operate.

    Louise has asked Dody to initiate testing of the cataloging module batch products, including cataloging worksheets, catalog temporary slips, catalog cards, and book labels. Library staff will have to enter data into the WSUL NOTIS system and request these products in order to test them.

4. System software prices --

   Still not complete. Tony will get Louise a list of the software.

5. Terminal installation --

   Rick learned that the serial port on the 476L cannot be used together with the MCA port that enables terminal chaining. This means either multi-dropping 476L's or using barcode scanners with wedges rather than serial port attachment. Further checking needs to be done on this!

   An initial order for Codex modems is being processed. Cabling has been received in the Library.

   The amber Telex 078 is now at the Library being evaluated.

6. Distributed printing --

   Tom McGinn, of NOTIS, informed us on January 10 that the NOTIS software currently cannot accommodate distributed printing of batch products for any module. Louise will verify this with Jane Burke at ALA.

   Rick and Dody will begin to identify options to enable distributed printing, ranging from writing a local sorting program to be run on NOTIS batch jobs before printing to modifying the NOTIS software. If we have to modify the software, we will follow the process outlined in the WSUL/NOTIS contract to have NOTIS incorporate the enhancement in its supported version.

   A cost estimate needs to be done on the equipment, phone lines, modems, and operator time required for distributed printing in each Library building.

7. NOTIS Implementation Meeting --

   Tom McGinn, of NOTIS, spent January 10 at the Libraries for a NOTIS Implementation Meeting. A questionnaire was reviewed in detail. Louise is drafting the answ+ers to the questionnaire for further discussion and final decision making at the Library.

8. DALNET --

   Jim will ask Sharon for the depreciation rates used by the CSC so he can create the needed schedule.

9. Service level agreement --

    Comments on the draft agreement from Pat Eames were
    discussed and her suggested changes incorporated into
    the document. Jim and Louise will draft the WSUL
    payment plan section.

10. NOTIS project authorization --

    Still needed is a non-charging account number and CMS
    ID's.

NOTE: The next meeting will be held in two weeks on January
       29th.

Notes by,

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