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--- the forwarded message follows ---

<p><b>From:</b> Tammy Turgeon &lt;turgeont@LIBCOOP.NET&gt;  <b>Sender:</b> MiLE URSA System Communication List and Exchange &lt;MUSCLE@LISTS.WAYNE.EDU&gt;  <b>Subject:</b> MiLE Status  <b>Date:</b> Wed, 14 Jun 2006 16:48:56 -0400  <b>To:</b> MUSCLE@LISTS.WAYNE.EDU</p>	    
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At the MiLE Board meeting convened on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, board members decided to discontinue testing the URSA 4.x software.

Previous to November 2005 the MiLE service was extremely popular and well received by all of our users. After a system failure due to a hacking incident, Sirsi Dynix advised MiLE to move directly to the new software implementation using URSA 4.x software. Despite everyone's best efforts and extensive testing over the last six months the URSA 4.x software does not appear to be stable at this time.

Members of TLN, SLC and DALNET are to be thanked and appreciation should be extended to all of the members of the consortia who pulled together for this project. Due to the large amount of staff time and considerable effort put forth, the MiLE Board believes that continued testing is not in the interest of the consortia since it has become onerous.

MiLE institutions have been working with SirsiDynix staff to resolve issues. However, it seems that the software is not ready for implementation. MiLE members feel that they have been beta testing this product. Although SirsiDynix staff has developed new builds as MiLE testers have informed them of problems, a significant improvement is still not evident. MiLE institutions note a 60-65% success rate for MiLE transactions as opposed to the 90-95% success rate that is needed to launch this product in a public forum. Despite extensive testing and discussion over the last three months, additional staff time is not warranted unless SirsiDynix can commit to a more diligent attention to offering this product for our use.

If at a time in the future, URSA becomes more stable, we would like to consider reestablishing the MiLE ILL service using URSA.

In the meantime, because the MiLE service was so successful, the MiLE Board is actively investigating other avenues and software that can reestablish this valued service to our mutual patrons.

If you have any remaining lost books from MiLE and wish to receive reimbursement, please send all invoices to TLN, c/o Eileen Palmer, 13331 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195-3054 before July 15, 2006.

This has been one of the most successful projects that I have ever been involved with and it is sad to see it hit a brick wall. Thank you to all who helped make it a reality, and to those users that truly enjoyed the service.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Turgeon  
Chair, MiLE Board

DALNET Representatives present at the meeting: George Marck, DALNET;  
Jerry Bosler, Macomb Community College



SLC Representatives present at the meeting: Tammy Turgeon, SLC; Joann Hoffmeyer, Lenox Township Library

TLN Representatives present at the meeting: Eileen Palmer, TLN; Mary Rice, Waterford Public Library

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