

LIBRARY AUTOMATION PLANNING GROUP

PROGRESS REPORT

March 1985

1. LAPG -

The LAPG met three times during March. Their meetings have been combined with the DALNET meetings.

Tasks being worked on include:

- (a) local site costs
- (b) a more detailed implementation schedule;
- (c) review of GEAC's response to the RFP to prioritize selected specifications for negotiations;
- (d) review of GEAC system capacities and performance requirements for negotiations.

Wayne State librarians began work on decisions needed for GEAC negotiations including:

- (a) method to be used to barcode the collections;
  - (b) feasibility of a temporary site for the GEAC 8000 to be used for data
- and (c) GEAC system capacities and performance requirements for WSUL.

2. DALNET -

The three signatories for the DALNET Articles of Incorporation will probably be Peter Spyers-Duran, of WSUL, Jane Hale Morgan, of DPL, and Barbara Coe Johnson, of Harper Hospital.

Details needed to get the Bylaws drafted were reviewed and written.

WSU's Legal Counsel, M. Kiley, contacted G. Alt regarding legal services and fees to DALNET. Letters of intent were given to each DALNET library to provide WSU with written commitments to pay DALNET's legal fees.

Oakland University Library has requested that DALNET proceed to evaluate the feasibility of its joining at this time. The feasibility study will be completed by April 30.

## 3. System Procurement Progress -

A Pre-Negotiation meeting with GEAC was held all day March 20. Topics for discussion were reviewed by WSUL, DALNET, and Dick Boss, our library automation consultant, prior to the meeting.

Attendees for WSU were: P. Spyers-Duran, L. Bugg, M. Kiley, and Dick Boss. DALNET representatives, F. Buckley, N. Skowronski, and D. Adams, were also present. Four GEAC representatives came.

Lists of tasks each party agreed to do before negotiations were created. Negotiations are scheduled for May 6, and if necessary, May 7. An information meeting with Bob Desmarais of GEAC to review GEAC's responses to the detailed functional specifications will be held April 17.

A written summary of the meeting was provided by Dick Boss.

## 4. Central Site preparation -

Yet another site was reviewed as a candidate for the computer facility -- the Science Library CSC RJE. The site is a feasible location according to G. Harrison of Sims/Varner. The problem is the need to find and prepare a new site for the RJE and to relocate it prior to beginning construction for the Libraries. A final decision on a site is expected in April.

## 5. Tapes Committee -

A comparative chart detailing the tape services and costs of the various vendors surveyed is being prepared. These vendors are being asked for prices to "clean up" each library's machine readable records and then merge them into one large database prior to loading on the GEAC system.

## 6. WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project -

Conversion at Wayne State Libraries of 5374 titles in ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup> brought the total number of titles converted to date 59,677.

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