

## Library Management Team

Notes from the January 2, 2001 Meeting

*Attending:* Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Tom Hickerson, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman.

1. **Announcements:** Ross distributed a preliminary draft list of the publishers with the greatest number of duplicate titles from the reserve lists of NERL institutions compiled as part of the Mellon-funded BYTES Project. Oxford University Press topped the list while the Cornell University press ranked fifth. NERL hopes to work out an arrangement with key publishers to digitize and make available in digital form the monographic materials that are in greatest demand.

Tom reported that Tim Lynch is returning to his full-time position as director of the Information Technology Section at Mann Library. Tim had been working half-time for D-LIT. Tim will, however, continue to serve on the D-LIT Management Committee.

2. **Voyager Upgrade:** Tom reported on the Voyager upgrade over the holiday week. The process, under the able management of Surinder Ghangas, went smoothly. A number of library staff worked over the holiday period to prepare for and then to test the upgrade. CIT assisted by managing disk storage space so that the OPAC could remain up during the back-up and upgrade process. Ross commented on the good support we received from Endeavor on Friday night when the upgrade took place. There are a couple of display problems in the clients but the patch, which Tom hopes will be ready shortly, should fix these. LMT briefly discussed whether the holiday week is the optimal time to schedule LMS upgrades. Concern was expressed about the morale of staff who had to work when the Library was closed during the holiday week. On the other hand, as Tom and Ross pointed out, there are also major morale advantages to doing the upgrade while all staff are on vacation.
3. **Sun Center of Excellence for Digital Libraries Grant:** Tom reported on the equipment we received from Sun as part of the Sun Center of Excellence for Digital Libraries grant. The grant will provide server capacity to support our digital library initiatives over the next three years. It increases by nearly 10 times our previous server capacity, excluding the library management system. The servers will be used for centrally-supported digital library research and services. In addition to servers, the grant includes some Sun Ray thin clients. These are "plug-and-work" appliances which do not contain application software but rather use the software residing on the server. As such they require no client administration or upgrades although they must reside within a certain distance from the server. We will be investigating how best to use these devices. LMT was invited to contact Tom regarding the potential for Sun Ray applications in various units.
4. **Cybertower/Copyright Clearance Service:** Sarah explained that the creation of CyberTower, "Cornell's newest building," has raised awareness on campus about the need for a comprehensive copyright clearance service. With the creation of e-Cornell and the expected increase in distributed learning, the campus will need such a service that goes beyond what the Campus Store now provides. The service should offer people

guidance about copyright options and assistance in obtaining copyright clearance, a necessary component in the developing model of scholarly communications. LMT discussed whether and how the Library should go about initiating such a service and touched on the issues of staffing, organizational location, a sound economic model, legal support, and relationships with other enterprises. Ralph Janis, the director of Cornell Adult University, which manages CyberTower, will be meeting with Sarah and others later this week to discuss CyberTower's needs vis a vis copyright clearance and the Library. Following that meeting, Sarah will ask someone to serve as a point person with regard to copyright clearance. Information about CyberTower can be found at <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/news/weblink/cybertower.html>. Go to <http://www.cybertower.cornell.edu/> for a quick demo/tour.

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