

December 16, 1980

Michael Weston
University Attorney
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Evanston Campus Mail

Dear Mike:

Attached is a draft of a contract between Northwestern University and the University of Florida, covering the use of our software for a 30 day trial period. Jim Aagaard has drawn up this draft. He talked to Ben Mittman of Vogelback about the appropriate safeguards that need to be covered in such a document.

I would appreciate it if someone on your staff would take a look at it to see if it needs to be refined or changed. I will be out of town most of this week. If there are any questions I would suggest Jim Aagaard be contacted.

If the trial run of our software proves successful it is likely we will have a firm contract with Florida sometime in the near future that will bring some income to the University Library.

Yours truly,

John P. McGowan
University Librarian

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 19, 1981

Mr. John McGowan
Director of Libraries
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear John:

I am very pleased to inform you that we have received the final approvals from the Governor's Cabinet for the purchase of the NOTIS software. We are excited about the future changes it will bring.

While we consider NOTIS to be a very strong system for supporting our needs, I would also like to re-emphasize our interest and need for an integrated circulation system. We must do something to replace our current batch system. I might also add that a number of libraries have followed our selection process. In discussing NOTIS, most of them have stated that the lack of an integrated circulation module tied to the central database is a major concern. While they consider NOTIS to be extremely strong and flexible for support of acquisitions, serials checkin, and an online database, they also need support of the circulation functions.

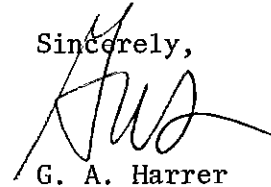
Obviously, various options are available to us for developing or purchasing a circulation system, but we would prefer that it be designed under James Aagaard and his staff as an integral part of the NOTIS system. Considering his thorough knowledge of the system, it would be faster and likely result in more efficient software than if done locally by us.

The University of Florida Libraries would be willing to pay \$15,000 for an integrated circulation module if the Northwestern University Libraries can produce it within the next two years. Actually, the basic functions of charging, discharging, fine calculations and accounting, generation of overdue notices, and tape output of fine information is needed as soon as possible -- at least within a year. Other options such as variable loaning rules per branch location, hourly loans and fines, saves, and recalls could be added as a second phase during the second year. Since many of our books contain CODABAR barcodes, we hope that format will be supported.

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Naturally, we would need to review the design specifications before making a firm commitment to purchase the system. Because of earlier discussions, we know you are aware of most of our requirements and have included them in your planning. Please keep us advised as to your decisions regarding the development of the circulation module. We must have a circulation system, and we prefer it be developed by you as an integrated module.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. A. Harrer".

G. A. Harrer

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