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INITIATIVES

- Intellectual property and the economics of networked information.
 - Held a discussion session on contract issues related to networked information at the Spring Task Force
 Meeting. Reviewed draft sections of the upcoming READI guide to issues, positions, and business logics
 pertaining to licensing networked information resources and services, prepared by Robert Ubell
 Associates.
 - Continued the network discussion on appropriate ways and means for advertising on the Internet. Held sessions on the draft paper which is the culmination of the September 30th invitational meeting and subsequent Internet discussion forum at the Spring Task Force Meeting and at National Net '94. Formulated a proposal for a workshop to build support for a code of Internet advertising practices.
 - Held an open discussion at the Spring Task Force Meeting on the work to be conducted on a study to (a) produce a "white paper" on the "life cycle" of the scholarly and scientific communication and publication system, and (b) identify cost centers that will experience the greatest impacts due to the increased significance of networks and networked information in the scholarly and scientific communication and publication system, and to formulate strategies for measuring those impacts over time. This study is funded by the Council on Library Resources.
 - Hosted sessions featuring representatives of some of the 13 institutions participating in the "University Presses in the Networked Information Environment" AAUP / CNI joint initiative at the Spring Task Force Meeting, National Net '94, and the CAUSE/CNI Spring Regional Meeting. Drafted a proposal to the Mellon Foundation regarding some elements of this joint initiative.
- Network and networked information navigation and navigators.
 - Planned and presented a pre-conference on "navigating and navigators" at the 1994 annual meeting of the American Library Association under the auspices of the Association of College and Research Libraries.
 - Began the process of recruiting an editor of a white paper on trends and issues regarding networked directories and resource information services.
- Networked information architectures and standards.
 - Held a discussion at the Spring Task Force Meeting on the growing number of vendors and platforms that support Z39.50 and on the work of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) on developing a distributed architecture for concise resource identification, description, and location.
- Access to networked public information.
 - Held a discussion at the Spring Task Force Meeting on a number of issues, including the Government Information Locator Service (GILS) proposal, citizen access to public information, and developments in access to executive agency information on the Internet.
- Institutional networked information readiness, policies, and strategies.
 - In conjunction with Brian Kahin's Information Infrastructure Project, convened a special meeting of

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experts to consider higher education cooperative strategies for framing institutional, legal, and financial issues arising from the design and use of digital libraries.

- Provided some of the staff support for the Task Force on National Strategies for Managing Scientific and Technological Information of the AAU / ARL Research Libraries Project.
- Three interns began updating the draft modules of information that are intended for use when formulating and addressing institutional issues.
- Susan Jurow, Director of ARL's Office of Management Studies and Gerry Bernbom, Indiana University, developed the design for a workshop on building collaborative (within institutions) networked information projects to be held on October 6-7, 1994.
- An intern began the process of revising the Coalition's popular *Information Policies* compilation.
- Teaching and learning, and the humanities, arts, and social sciences.
 - Together with the Getty Art History Information Program and ACLS, planned a meeting for humanities and arts leaders to be held July 14th as the culmination of the first phase of the Humanities and Arts on the Information Highways initiative.
 - Reviewed responses to the Call for participation in the "Developing New Learning Communities: Integrating Networking and Networked Information into Undergraduate Teaching and Learning" conference and selected ten teams to participate in the program. Planned the conference program and meeting arrangements for the conference which will be held July 31 August 1.

CAPABILITIES

- Upgraded the Coalition's Internet server connection to T1, announced the availability of an NCSA Mosaic Coalition homepage on cni.org, and made plans for a major upgrade of direct access storage and dial-in modems.
- Worked with a wide range of parties to design and plan a number of major meeting and events, including:
 - Spring 1994 Task Force Meeting, attended by 395 individuals;
 - National Net '94 Conference;
 - Joint CAUSE / CNI Regional Meeting in Philadelphia (June 2 and 3) and in Fullerton, CA (October 4 and 5);
 - Several programs at the American Library Association 1994 Annual Meeting in Miami: a half-day program on the Coalition, sponsored by the ACRL Research Committee and others, a navigating preconference, and an exhibit of CNI network services and programs;
- Prepared articles and columns for ARL, CAUSE, and EDUCOM publications.

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