Library Management Team
Notes from the September 11, 2002 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, Karen Calhoun, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Anne Kenney, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman, Kathy Chiang, John Fereira, Marcy Rosenkrantz

1) U-Portal
    As a follow-up to the discussion at the August 28 LMT meeting Karen, John Fereira, Marcy Rosenkrantz and Kathy Chiang informed LMT about portals, and u-Portal in particular. Karen gave an introduction to portals. John went over the terminology, technology and developments at Cornell. Marcy suggested ways for the Library to get involved with portal technology, including defining Library staff as a "community" and developing a CUL staff portal as a possible replacement for the Library Staff Web page. Kathy discussed push technology and methods for getting information to users.   Tom stated that u-Portal offers the Library an opportunity to get involved with learning management systems, something we are not doing now and suggested that the Personalized Electronic Services Working Group, now that it has implemented MyContents, could be asked to look into this. Following a discussion by LMT, Sarah said that the Library should become engaged with portal technology and u-Portal. We will look into two approaches: a) develop a Library Staff portal using u-Portal technology as a possible replacement for the Staff Web, and b) work with other Cornell units on courseware development to ensure that Library information is effectively integrated and delivered through courseware as needed. She asked Tom and Ed to draft charges for appropriate groups to do so.

2) Status of the Elsevier contract negotiations
    Ross reported on the status of the negotiations between NERL and Elsevier and Cornell's options. LMT will hold a special meeting to continue discussing this issue.

Edward Weissman