

IMLS Grant Conference Call—December 14, 2005

1. Rachel Frick reported that Andrew Rouner has made significant progress on installing DXLS. He is confident that he will be able to load files this week or next.
2. Rachel Frick reported that there are only a few files yet to be returned by Digital Divide with corrections. The same applies to our other vendor regarding enhanced files from the Philadelphia *Ledger*.
3. WebWise demonstration—we will ask for the ability to demonstrate and project two simultaneous demos—one focused on content and one focused on the indexing work Tufts has done. Perseus has a working system to identify and index people, places, and dates. It needs to test files to be sure that they parse. Andrew and Greg will discuss this.

Alison Jones and Rachel Frick will definitely go to WebWise. One other person from UR may also go.

Rachel will work on giveaway handouts for the WebWise demos. We may reproduce Confederate currency on one side of a sheet and project information on the other side.

4. We reviewed the outcomes assessment logic model. Data collection intervals for outcomes #2 and #3 have been postponed of necessity to February.
5. We will initially do a soft opening of our Web site and later do a Grand Opening and publicize its availability.
6. Greg Crane reported that Alison has written a paper providing a functional description of how to extract, personal names, place names, and dates from a newspaper's text. This has been a complicated problem. Alison's paper will allow comparisons of the Perseus approach to the problem to others' approaches. Alison will send us a pointer to the paper so that we can link to it from the newspaper project Web site.