

WEST - an index to The National Times

SINCE JANUARY 1980 the Western Australian Institute of Technology Library has been indexing the *National Times* and providing an AUSINET database (WEST) for retrieval of references from this newspaper.

A recent review of AUSINET databases by ACI Computer Services resulted in WEST being subject to private file charges of some \$4,000 per annum for computer storage and updates, in addition to the \$8,000 per annum already committed by WAIT for indexing and data entry.

Although WAIT Library has agreed to fund the database for this year it will be necessary to obtain sufficient use of the database to recover at least the additional private file charges from the royalty of \$30 per hour which now applies to use of WEST. The total cost of using the database is \$60 per hour as ACI levies a fee of \$30 per hour for mounting the database.

If the indexing project is to remain viable, support in the form of using WEST will be required from a number of organisations.

Book Fair

THE FELLOWSHIP of Australian Writers and Legacy are jointly sponsoring a Book Fair again this year.

It will be from Monday 25 October to Thursday 28 October and will coincide with the Women and Arts Festival and New South Wales Children's Week.

The Fair opens at 6pm on Monday, and on Tuesday and Wednesday there will be writers' workshops. At the Legacy Gallery, 169 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, there will be a promotion to encourage sales of books by Australian authors; the gallery will be open from 10am-4.30pm and there will be a children's day on Thursday.

For more information, contact Gwen King (02) 498 2974.

Indexing book reviews

Book reviews have always made up 10 per cent (200 items per year) of the input from the *National Times* and these reviews have been found to be a particularly useful feature of the database.

With the demise of 'The Index to Australian Book Reviews' it seems appropriate to cover the gap in indexing Australian book reviews by including this material in WEST. Many organisations however will require access to book reviews independent of using a database. For this reason it is intended to produce a microfiche edition of the book reviews from WEST which will include reviews from both the *National Times* and a number of Australian journals.

Sales of the microfiche reviews index will assist in defraying the cost of indexing and the microfiche will be produced quarterly with full cumulations each issue. The low cost of the microfiche (<\$50 per year) should allow wide distribution of the product.

It is expected that book reviews from journal sources will be added to WEST within a few months with the microfiche edition being available early in 1983. The WEST database will eventually become an index to Australian book reviews (January 1982+) as well as an index to the *National Times* (January 1980+). A list of journals to be indexed for reviews will be available shortly and may be obtained from Bryan Kelman, WAIT Library.

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