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WSUL Automation Project  
Progress Report  
March/April 1987

NOTIS Contract

Negotiations continued with NOTIS for the development of a customized loader program for the WSU serials union list tapes. In late April, NOTIS proposed that Wayne be one of three test sites for the development of a generic serials loader by August 1987. NOTIS remains committed to delivery of a customized loader after the generic is developed.

NOTIS Database Loading

The first customized loader program was received and tested in March. Twelve of thirteen tapes of machine-readable bibliographic records were test loaded; the thirteenth tape was sent to NOTIS for help diagnosing why its records would not load. Item records with linked barcodes were being created for records on the twelve tapes.

Records for the second customized loader were expected from NOTIS in early May.

By the end of April, a total of 13 tapes with approximately 147,282 MICROCON records had been received from OCLC. Plans were finalized for Blackwell North America to provide authority control services for these records.

Peripheral Installation

LUIS terminals in the Medical Library were installed and tested in April.

Special 3174 compatibility kits were received and installed in the Interlynx protocol converters. All 17 of the laser barcode scanners were returned to the vendor as defective. They were repaired and are being tested before installation at the Circulation desks.

Circulation terminals were set up and installed at the Purdy circulation desk.

Additional Disk Drive

The "previously-owned" single density disk drive, IBM 3380 B04, was delivered and installed at the Computing Center in March, bringing the WSUL/DALNET NOTIS system storage capacity up to 7.5 gigabytes.

NOTIS Implementation

Circulation Training was conducted by Tom McGinn of NOTIS on March 11 and 12 for the six members of the WSUL Circ Training Team. This group subsequently began developing and documenting procedures for

implementing circulation. The first function they are working on is patron registration.

The Library's circulation policy manual was revised by public service unit heads, to incorporate the NOTIS circulation policies. Testing of the Purdy Library "cirpol" tables, encoding circulation policies into NOTIS, was 95% completed and the Science and Engineering "cirpol" testing was underway.

The Law Library reported completion of Pass Two of their linked barcoding project in March.

Training of Medical Library public service staff in the use of LUIS, the NOTIS online catalog, was begun in late April. A LUIS User Survey was designed and made available near LUIS terminals in all libraries. It is a voluntary survey to get user reactions to LUIS.

Preparations were made with the Computing Services Center to make LUIS available as a menu item on the WSUnet screen, enabling the over 1,000 terminals on the campus network and the supported terminals dialing-up via the state-wide MERIT network to access LUIS. Training for reference librarians was conducted during the last week of April, so they can assist remote LUIS users who call the reference desk for help.

Testing of the online portions of the 4.3 version of NOTIS was completed and this version was scheduled to go into "production," replacing the previous 4.0.1. version, on May 1. A license agreement was signed and returned to NOTIS for release 4.4, which will contain keyword/Boolean search software. The 4.4 release tape had not yet been received by the end of April.

#### Staff

Interviewing for the open lead systems analyst position was completed and an offer made to the top candidate by the end of April.

Rebecca Lockhart, the CSC systems programmer assigned to the NOTIS project, resigned effective May 1.

#### Site Visits

During March and April, site visits to the WSU/DALNET NOTIS installation were hosted for:

- (1.) two librarians from the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, who are developing an online catalog and wanted to see LUIS, on March 24;

- (2.) four librarians from the University of Michigan, who are performing a major role in planning the implementation of NOTIS there, on March 26;
- (3.) an automation team from Macomb Community College, responsible for evaluating automation options for MCC, on April 8;
- (4.) an automation team from Oakland Community College, responsible for investigating their automation alternatives, on April 10.

#### DALNET Status

Detailed NOTIS implementation schedules were completed for Beaumont and Botsford Hospitals and Wayne County Community College. Work began on peripheral configurations for all three, which must be approved by the WSU Computing Center.

Oakland University staff attended a half-day LUIS orientation session on April 9, and an advanced cataloging training session on March 27. They reviewed records put through their customized loader for post-BNA OCLC tapes. A few fixes remained to be done to this loader at the end of April.

Wayne County Community College received linked barcode labels generated from its Blackwell North America OCLC tape processing. BNA completed work on WCCC's tapes in April.

The DALNET Board had an organizational meeting on April 13, at which time the Bylaws were reviewed. The DALNET Development Committee began meeting in March and drafted for the Board a statement of the role of the committee and a prioritized want list for external funding.

#### WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

The MICROCON summary statistics for the past two months are:

	Records Input	No. Students	Records per Hour
March	63,256	30	59.60
April	48,059	30	63.24

The total number of MICROCON records received from OCLC in machine-readable form by the end of April was 147,282.

Louise Bugg  
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