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WSUL Automation Project  
Progress Report  
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NOTIS Contract

Wayne State has agreed to be a test site for the development of a generic NOTIS serials loader program for records on OCLC serials union list tapes.

NOTIS Database Loading

The first customized loader program for records on OCLC archive tapes was fixed to enable it to load records from the thirteenth tape of the 1975-1985 OCLC records. Unfortunately, a problem arose in creating item records with linked barcodes for these tapes. The problem was sent to NOTIS for diagnosis in May.

Records for the second customized loader for OCLC archive tapes were reviewed and looked good. The second loader was delivered by the end of May.

WSUL's sample serials union list tape was sent by NOTIS to Blackwell North America for processing. At NOTIS's request, Wayne began to revise its detailed loader specifications to accommodate the plan for the generic OCLC serials loader.

Blackwell North America began their authority control services for tapes of MICROCON records in early May.

Pheripheral Installation/Ordering

Laser barcode scanners were tested and installed at the Purdy circulation desk. Circulation terminals were installed at the Purdy Periodicals/Reserves Room desk.

A request for Telex workstations to be used for NOTIS Acquisitions and Serials Control was forwarded to the Library Director.

NOTIS Implementation

The Library's revised circulation policy manual was reviewed by Library Administration, and changes were requested. These changes began to be incorporated into the NOTIS "cirpol" tables.

Training of Medical Library public service staff in the use of LUIS was completed in May. Two new Medical Library site administrators for NOTIS equipment were trained May 29.

LUIS became available as a menu item on the WSUNET screen on May 4, enabling the over 1,000 directly connected campus terminals and supported terminals dialing-in via the statewide MERIT network to access LUIS. Accessing LUIS requires no special ID's or passwords, and is free. Handouts explaining how to access LUIS via WSUnet were being finalized at the end of May.

UCCEL corporation sent a WSU contract amendment in May to license the ACF2 security software on the Library's IBM 4381. Planning proceeded to formalize the ACF2 security structure to be used by the WSU NOTIS installation.

Tapes with NOTIS release 4.4 were finally received on May 21, including enhancements to all modules and Boolean/keyword searching for LUIS. Release 4.4 must be in place to implement Boolean/keyword. A plan for installing this release over the summer is being developed.

### Staff

George Marck accepted the position of lead systems analyst and began work at the Library on May 4th. Dody Fox moved from the Computing Services Center to the Library in May, joining the other applications programmers here.

Charlene Wecker accepted an appointment for the assignment of "DALNET Coordinator." More than half of her time is now being spent helping the four contracted DALNET libraries implement NOTIS.

### Site Visits

During May, site visits to the WSU/DALNET NOTIS installation were hosted for:

- (1) staff from the Children's Hospital Library, who are evaluating their automation options, on May 11th;
- (2) administrators from the Detroit Public Library on May 14th.

### DALNET Status

Oakland University accepted the loader program for their post-BNA OCLC tapes in May. The loader for their BNA tapes was being tested. Codex modems and multiplexors were installed and tested in May on the Oakland dedicated telephone line. Their Telex terminals were not yet operational by the end of May. During May, Oakland staff attended LUIS training and circulation orientation sessions. A briefing was held for Oakland's new computing center consultant.

Botsford Hospital staff attended beginning NOTIS cataloging training on May 29th. Their proposed Token Ring network hardware configuration was forwarded to the Computing Center for approval.

Beaumont Hospital continued to evaluate its peripheral options during May. Specifications for loading the DCCC OCLC archive tapes were completed by the end of May. Beaumont's records are one of thirteen hospitals' holdings on the DCCC tapes.

Wayne County Community College worked on their peripheral configuration options during May. A meeting of WCCC and WSU Computing Staff was held May 18th to present WCCC's campus telecommunications plan. At the end of May, specifications for WCCC's BNA tape loader were being written.

A DALNET Board meeting was held May 4th, to discuss DALNET Bylaws revision and other business. Two DALNET Committees are being established; one for Database Standards and one for LUIS screen development.

#### WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During May, 32 student assistants input 63,360 records onto MICROCON diskettes, working at the rate of 60.58 records per hour.

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