WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT

Progress Report

October 1985

NOTIS Contract Negotiations

A contract negotiating session was held with Jane Burke of
NOTIS on October 1. During the meeting, the previously
drafted contract was reviewed, including the Libraries'
wish list of desired enhancements. Three major enhancements
to be delivered are:

- completion of the index redesign project, which will
  incorporate see and see also references into the
  online catalog,

- provision of a complete financial component for the
  circulation subsystem, and

- delivery of the Harvard University components of the
  Acquisitions subsystem, with fund and invoice
  payment records.

The contract draft was revised after the negotiating
session, sent to NOTIS for their comments, revised again to
incorporate their comments, then signed and returned to
NOTIS for their signatures. A completed contract is
expected by mid-November.

NOTIS Implementation Plan

An overall implementation plan for the Library's NOTIS
system was developed jointly with the Computing Services
Center staff. The NOTIS software will be installed
initially on a CICS partition on the CSC's IBM 3081 main-
frame computer. This installation will take place during
the second week of December. The software will be tested
using a sample database provided by NOTIS.

The Library's dedicated IBM 4381 computer will be prepared
for the NOTIS software by March 1986, at which time the
NOTIS system will be moved to it from the IBM 3081.

The target dates for having the NOTIS system modules
implemented are:

- Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) by Summer 1986,

- Circulation Control, Phase I, by Fall 1986,

- Acquisitions System by Summer 1987,

  Serials Control System by Fall 1987.

Computing Services Center

The CSC NOTIS Coordinating Team began meeting weekly during October. Representatives from the Computing Center are: Art Gloster, Tony Falzon (CSC NOTIS Project Manager), Gerry Kasiowniak, and Frank Burejsza. Jim Williams and Louise Bugg are the Library's representatives.

A systems programmer position has been posted for the Library's NOTIS system. Until that person has been hired and trained, Rick McReedy, a new systems programmer at the CSC will work on the NOTIS project.

The CSC helped the Library develop the job description and posting for an additional applications programmer/analyst position needed for the NOTIS project.

The CSC NOTIS Team visited the NOTIS installation at the University of Illinois, Chicago, on October 17, to learn more about installing and operating the software in an MVS environment.

An information meeting was held with representatives of Codex, the company to supply modems and multiplexors for the NOTIS telecommunications network on campus.

OCLC Archive Tape Project

Blackwell North America completed the first part of the OCLC Archive Tape preparation project, delivering 1 magnetic tape with 21,900 serials records extracted from our OCLC tapes and 13 tapes with 301,924 monographic records after the duplicates were deleted. The project is still on schedule, with delivery of our edited bibliographic database and corresponding LC authority databases expected by March 1986.

NOTIS Project Management

An administrative structure has been designed for the implementation of the NOTIS system at Wayne State. In addition to the CSC NOTIS Coordinating Team, these groups have begun work in the Library:

. Administrative Team -- reporting to Peter Spyers-Duran, the Library Director, are L. Bugg, N. Allen, J. Houghton, and J. Williams, with the help of L. Klain.

. Online Catalog Implementation Team -- with representatives from each Library Unit, chaired by Charlene Wecker.

. Circulation Implementation Team -- with representatives from each Library Unit, chaired by Jan Fleischmann.

A Library Materials Barcoding Task Force has also been established to plan for the barcoding project.

Installation of Peripherals

Preparation for the selection, ordering, and installation of terminals, printers, barcode scanners, and telecommunications equipment in the Libraries was begun. Floor plans of each library building are being marked with the desired locations of peripheral equipment needed for the Online Catalog and Circulation components of the NOTIS system. Initial contacts with equipment vendors were made.

DALNET Status

The DALNET Study Group participated in the contract negotiations with NOTIS, with Fran Buckley of the Detroit Public Library as its representative. The draft contract was reviewed in detail with the Study Group before it was signed and returned to NOTIS.

The draft service contract between Wayne State University Libraries and DALNET libraries was written and distributed for review. Included with the service contract were draft bylaws for DALNET and a draft maintenance contract for NOTIS peripheral equipment.
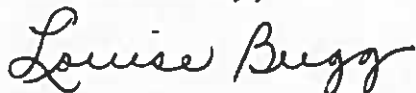
Research continued into the options for appropriate charging formulas for the DALNET libraries to invest in, have access to, and use the NOTIS system housed at Wayne State.

The DALNET Tapes Committee began work on researching options for DALNET libraries to have their OCLC records on tape prepared for loading into the NOTIS system.

Retrospective Conversion Project

The WSUL retrospective conversion project staff converted 1880 titles in October into machine readable form, bringing the total number of pre-1975 titles converted to date to 82,497.

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