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## WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT

### Progress Report

November 1985

#### NOTIS Contract Negotiations

Northwestern University returned the WSU NOTIS contract in November with further changes requested. Their revisions were reviewed with WSU legal counsel, and an amended contract was sent back to NOTIS for their signatures. A completed contract is now expected in early December.

#### NOTIS Installation Plans

Installation of the NOTIS software, using a test database supplied by Northwestern, is scheduled for December 16. Preparations at the Computing Center are on target for the installation, with the establishment of a CICS 1.6 region on the IBM 3081 cpu nearly complete. During the installation, the plan is to do some customization of the "vanilla" OCLC tape loader programs to enable the loading of Wayne State's sample OCLC bibliographic records.

On November 1, two NOTIS representatives Jerry Specht and Peggy Steele, held a Pre-installation visit at the WSU Library. Library, CSC, and DALNET representatives attended the all-day session, which presented an overview of the NOTIS system and an outline of pre-installation tasks to be done. The WSUL overall implementation plan was reviewed, along with the hardware and software configurations being set up.

Also during November, two complete sets of NOTIS documentation and an advance tape of the NOTIS software were received.

#### Computing Services Center

With the help of the CSC staff, the posting for a Library applications programmer/analyst was completed. Applications are now being screened and applicants will be interviewed in early December. It is important that this new position be filled before the December 16 NOTIS installation, if at all possible.

Codex submitted price quotes for the modems, multiplexors, and network control equipment recommended for Wayne State and selected DALNET libraries.

The overall NOTIS implementation plan developed jointly with the CSC was finalized during November.

The Libraries and the CSC began working on a written service level agreement describing each of their responsibilities for the installation and operation of the NOTIS system. The agreement includes basic system performance requirements.

Art Gloster, Tony Falzon, Jim Williams and Louise Bugg visited Oakland University on November 7 to discuss Oakland's participation in the NOTIS system with representatives from their Library and Computing Center.

#### OCLC Tape Project

Blackwell North America (BNA) delivered a sample tape of 4,313 records selected from Wayne's de-duped OCLC archival tapes. This tape, together with the tapes delivered in October, is now being copied and tested. Investigation into having BNA, instead of NOTIS, assign linked barcodes to Wayne's de-duped OCLC records was begun.

The OCLC "snapshot" tapes of Wayne's serials bibliographic records with summary holdings data arrived in November. The five reels of tape, containing 28,238 serials records, are also being copied and tested. They will be used by NOTIS to develop loader programs according to Wayne's specifications.

#### Installation of Peripherals

Negotiations with Telex for terminal equipment got underway during November. A discount schedule for volume purchases was presented by Telex. An initial order for data entry terminals and printers will be put through in December.

Floor plans with locations of Phase I peripherals (for the Online Catalog and Circulation) were submitted by all Library Units. As soon as these plans are finalized, work orders for the needed wiring can be done.

Research continued into options for circulation terminals, printers, and barcode scanners.

### DALNET status

The draft service level contract between Wayne State University Libraries and DALNET libraries was discussed and revised.

The Computing Center staff, together with WSU Library staff, identified the costs to WSUL and the CSC to extend the use of the NOTIS system to other DALNET libraries. During December, a charging schedule will be developed for DALNET library participants.

The DALNET Tapes Committee presented preliminary data on options and estimated costs for DALNET libraries to have their OCLC tapes prepared for loading into the NOTIS system.

### University Archives/Reuther Library

Preliminary investigation into using the NOTIS system to assist with the automation of the University Archives/Reuther Library began in November.

### NOTIS demonstrations

IBMpc workstations equipped with Hayes modems and Smartcom II software have been used to successfully dial into LUIS at both Northwestern University and Indiana State University. Hands-on demonstrations are being planned for library staff.

On November 27, a dial-in demonstration of the Northwestern online catalog, LUIS, was held for member of WSU library committees.

### Retrospective Conversion Project

During November, the WSUL retrospective conversion project staff converted 2,737 titles into machine readable form, bringing the total number of pre-1975 titles converted to date to 85,234.

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