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WSUL/DALNET Automation Project  
Progress Report  
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NOTIS Database Loading

Several milestones were reached during July and August for database loading. On July 15, WSUL's 301,000 BNA-processed bibliographic records, representing monographs cataloged between October 1975 and June 1985, were loaded into the production region.

By August 15, over 70,000 more WSUL bibliographic records representing monographs cataloged between July 1985 and December 1986, were added. On that date, the production database, including all WSUL titles cataloged directly into NOTIS since cataloging began in December 1986, replaced the demonstration database being accessed by the public.

On August 29, about 180,000 BNA-processed bib records, representing most of Oakland University's monographic holdings, were loaded into the production region. A smaller "load" of OU's post-BNA monographic records will be done in September.

Linked item records were created for all of these loads, using item barcodes that were stored in the bib records.

Wayne State continued testing the NOTIS generic OCLC serials union list tape loader, as one of three NOTIS test sites. Two sets of sample WSUL serials records were reviewed during July and August. A current OCLC union list tape was received in mid-August and sent for processing by BNA.

WSU's production file of patron records was loaded in early August, including 5,644 employee records and 15,324 student records. These records were loaded with zeros "holding the place" for the patron barcode, enabling patron category codes and ID expiry dates to be included.

A test tape of Oakland University's patron records, both employees and students, was received in late August.

Peripheral Installation/Ordering

At Wayne State, circulation workstations were installed at seven circulation desks in five libraries. The 29 IBM 3192 terminals were received and 4 were installed. Electrical wiring/cablings layouts were done for installation of IBM 3192's on each floor of the Purdy/Kresge, Science/Engineering, and Law Libraries.

The Detroit Public Library initiated an order for 2 Telex 476L's for their cataloging department.

Oakland University got their LUIS terminals ready for patron use in their main library by the end of August.

Botsford Hospital's IBM Token Ring equipment was delivered in August and their phone line was installed.

Beaumont Hospital's IBM Token Ring configuration was approved and the order was initiated.

Wayne County Community College ordered 2 Telex terminals and modems for use by their cataloging staff. An AT&T protocol converter and Wyse 60 terminal were delivered to the WSU Computing Center for testing prior to approval for ordering.

### NOTIS Implementation

Wayne State University Libraries implemented patron registration for the NOTIS Circulation module in August, after training sessions were conducted for over about 40 public service staff in all Library Units. Policies, procedures, publicity materials, and a training program were developed by Faith Van Toll with assistance from circulation desk supervisors and library unit heads.

Preparations for implementing NOTIS circulation at WSUL for regular circulating collections by the first day of the Fall semester were basically completed by the end of August. Training was scheduled to begin the first week of September.

After the WSUL database was loaded in July and August, the Database Maintenance Unit in Technical Services began work on the various "clean up" projects that were identified, ranging from initial article indexing to duplicate record deletion to adding copies and volumes.

The WSU Cataloging staff implemented serials cataloging on NOTIS in August when the OCLC serials union list tape was created. A monthly LUIS training session for WSUL public service staff was initiated in August. LUIS training now includes a section on dial access to LUIS.

The WSU Acquisitions and Serials Control staff members received beginning and advanced acquisitions training from Tom McGinn, our NOTIS user services librarian, on July 23-24, and August 20-21. Preparations began for implementing monographic ordering on NOTIS in October, including keying vendor and standing order records into the production region. Drafts of NOTIS acquisitions procedures have been developed, along with new workflows.

NOTIS MVS Release 4.4.1 was installed in a test region with WSUL records in time for the Acquisitions training in July. It was upgraded to Release 4.4.2 in August. Testing of this release for cataloging and acquisitions was begun.

Oakland University began using the NOTIS cataloging module in production on July 20. The bib indexes and new/dropped subject and name headings lists were implemented for multiple processing units. Their staff began official acceptance testing of the NOTIS online catalog module. LUIS screens were changed to include reference to Oakland's holdings.

Botsford Hospital tested and accepted the cataloging module during July and August. They are scheduled to begin cataloging in production during September.

Beaumont Hospital reviewed their test loaded bib records and accepted their OCLC archive tape loader program.

Detroit Public Library began work on their monographic OCLC archive tape loader specifications, including development of their NOTIS location codes.

The DALNET Screens Committee met in August and reviewed the Release 4.4.2 LUIS screens. Listings of participating library codes were developed for the three new, locally designed LUIS help screens.

#### Site Visit

The new Director of Western Michigan University Libraries, Charlene Renner, visited the WSU DALNET NOTIS site with their automation coordinator, Helen Healy, on July 28.

#### NOTIS Users Meeting

The annual NOTIS Users Group meeting was held at Northwestern University the week of July 27th. Attendees this year included: Louise Bugg, Ana Fidler, Dody Fox, and Charlene Wecker (WSU); Indra David (Oakland); James Flaherty (Wayne County Community College); Kathleen Donohue-Vredevoogd (Botsford Hospital); and Florence Tucker (Detroit Public Library). Prior to the two day users meeting, an Online Public Access Catalog Workshop was attended by Nancy Allen, Charlene Wecker (WSU), and Indra David, James Flaherty, and Florence Tucker.

At the the Users Group meeting, the Wayne State/DALNET installation received one of the annual NOTIS Users Awards for its work in developing multi-institutional use of NOTIS.

WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During July and August, 35 student assistants input 54,220 record searches onto MICROCON diskettes. The total number of monographic titles "microconned" in machine-readable form by August 31 was 316,928.

Blackwell North America delivered tapes of the first 150,000 MICROCON records processed through their authority control service. Approximately 37,000 matching LC name and 22,000 LC subject authority records not previously selected for WSU were also delivered.

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