

WSUL Automation Project
Progress Report
March 1986

NOTIS Contract

During March, some NOTIS batch programs were delivered as promised, including those for fixing the call number indexing problem and for loading authority records. Still undelivered are the batch programs for the patron file interface and catalog card printing. The list of all current MVS NOTIS programs had not yet been received.

NOTIS Installation

The call number index to the test NOTIS database will be operational next month, now that the fix to the program was received. This fix requires re-loading the test database and re-generating all indexes.

By the end of March, the NOTIS software was being installed on the Library's dedicated IBM 4381 and the necessary links between the 4381 and the 3081 were being established. ACF2 security software had not yet been installed.

The CSC began making the NOTIS System available all hours agreed upon for the WSU Libraries, seven days a week.

Database Loading Status

The specifications for the loader programs needed to load the University's name/address data into the NOTIS patron files were close to completion by the end of March.

The specifications for the customization of the NOTIS "vanilla" bibliographic records loader programs were revised to incorporate new data for linked barcodes. The revised specs were sent to NOTIS in March.

In March, Blackwell North America delivered the name and subject authority records for loading into the NOTIS authority database. After the 16 reels of tape are copied and tested, they will be loaded using the NOTIS authority loader programs. Matching Library of Congress authority records were found for 51% of the name and subject headings in Wayne's initial bibliographic database.

Peripheral Evaluation and Installation

A demonstration of barcode scanning equipment was held March 11, to review the products of three vendors.

Telex began delivery of the terminals ordered. The initial order of Telex printers and controllers were all received. All equipment received will be tested before installation. Codex modems will be delivered in May. Phone lines for the Science and Engineering, Law, and Medical Libraries were ordered.

NOTIS Implementation

Blackwell North America responded in early March that they could deliver linked barcode labels to use for the 302,000 titles on our machine readable tapes by May 20, 1986. A purchase order and detailed label specifications were rushed to BNA immediately to keep the project on schedule.

The Circulation Team met in March and decided they would coordinate the barcoding project to begin in early June.

The Online Catalog Team began to work on LUIS screens, recommending changes to several introductory screens. R. McCreedy and D. Fox implemented those changes for the Team.

Work began on creating a matrix for NOTIS security requirements, with levels of staff matched to the NOTIS functions they should be allowed to perform.

NOTIS User Education and Publicity

The Library Instruction Committee took on responsibility for incorporating NOTIS information into all the Libraries' instruction programs.

Staff demonstrations were held in March for 101 library staff members. The demos included searching the online catalog LUIS, and checking out an item. A few additional demos will be held in April for those staff members unable to attend in March.

NOTIS Development

While we wait for a response from NOTIS regarding its commitment to distributed printing, R. McCreedy has identified a distributed printing software package to test. The package would enable libraries to initiate and terminate batch printing jobs on site. The ability to organize the NOTIS printing jobs into distributable packages would still need to be developed.

NOTIS requested input on the financial data elements being developed for the Circulation fines and fees component. Input from WSUL, DPL, and Oakland University was gathered for NOTIS.

DALNET Status

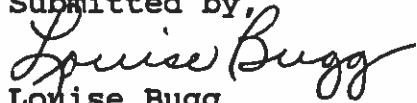
DALNET Library Directors/Administrators met twice in March, on March 6 and 25, to revise the draft DALNET System Agreement, Changing Schedules, and Bylaws. Considerable progress was made on these documents and work will continue in April.

In March the DALNET Database Committee issued RFP's for OCLC tape preparation for the Detroit Associated Libraries, Oakland University, and the University of Detroit to four potential vendors. Responses were due in early April.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During March, Library staff converted 2,060 records to machine readable form, bringing the total converted to date to 90,459.

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