

WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT  
PROGRESS REPORT  
November 1986

NOTIS Contract

The review of NOTIS software delivered and tested was completed in November. Testing was completed for the new/dropped subject headings list batch product.

NOTIS Database Loading

NOTIS delivered the final fix needed in the authority loader programs in November, enabling the load of about 255,000 authority records.

Delivery of any of the customized loader programs from NOTIS continued to be delayed as their new programmer began work.

Peripheral Installation

The four online catalog terminals at the Science and Engineering Library were installed and operational by November 20.

Barcode scanners were installed on all Telex 476L terminals in the NOTIS Training Room and Technical Services, in preparation for online cataloging.

Three online catalog terminals, one screen printer, and a controller were delivered to the Law Library for installation in December.

A circulation workstation was set up in the NOTIS Training Room for testing.

NOTIS Implementation

During November, the Online Catalog Implementation Team trained 60 Purdy/Kresge Library staff members and 12 Science and Engineering Library staff members. Signs for the Demo Online Catalog were printed and installed in the Purdy/Kresge and Science Libraries. Site administrator training was held for online catalog peripherals in these two libraries.

All this preparation enabled the Demo Online Catalog to go "live" to the public, with a 302,000 record monographic database, on November 10th in the Purdy/Kresge Library and on November 20th in the Science and Engineering Library.

Site administrator training was held in November for Telex peripherals installed in the Purdy/Kresge Library and Technical Services.

The WSUL Cataloging Department went "into production" with the NOTIS authority component of the cataloging module on November 19th. By that date, catalogers had completed their last day of training in the new authority workflow. Now, all name and series authority work is done online, directly into the NOTIS system, relying mainly on the OCLC name authority database for source records.

Preparations were also underway to begin cataloging all new titles using the NOTIS system in early December. Basic workflows were finalized and advanced cataloging training developed. The production region of WSUL's NOTIS installation was readied for receipt of "real" bibliographic records. The security system was being put in place.

#### MERIT Meeting

Peter Spyers-Duran attended a meeting on November 24 of Library and Computer Center Directors of MERIT institutions. Jane Morgan and Fran Buckley of DPL also attended. The meeting was called by Eric Aupperle, MERIT Director, to initiate joint planning for the MERIT network to link NOTIS installations in the state.

#### Staffing

One candidate for the Purdy/Kresge Access Librarian position was interviewed during November.

A new library Lead Systems Analyst position for NOTIS was approved and posted.

#### DALNET Status

On November 19th, Louise Bugg visited Macomb Community College Library, at the invitation of Kul Gauri, their Technical Services Librarian. MCC is investigating its options for an integrated library system.

On November 20th, Peter Spyers-Duran, Jim Williams, and Louise Bugg visited Oakland University Library for a NOTIS pre-implementation meeting.

During November, Jim Williams visited Beaumont Hospital Library, in Troy, to discuss the re-drafted DALNET System Agreement. Copies of the re-drafted Systems Agreement had been sent to DAL/DPL, WCCC, UD, Botsford Hospital and Beaumont Hospital.

Blackwell North America responded to the request for quote for OCLC tape processing services sent to them on behalf of Wayne County Community College.

Retrospective Conversion Project

The OCLC MICROCON project met its scheduled start-up by November. Ms. Birong Ho began work November 26 as the MICROCON project manager. MICROCON procedures were finalized and the 21 program diskettes were set up, enabling seven supervisory staff and fifteen newly hired students to be trained. From October 30 through November 30, 8,315 titles were input on MICROCON data diskettes.

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