

WSUL Automation Project
Progress Report
June 1987

NOTIS Database Loading

The fix needed to create item records with linked barcodes for the first customized loader program did not arrive by the end of June. The load of our "real" database for 1975-1985 OCLC records remained on hold.

A test of the second customized loader received the end of May revealed unexpected problems. A copy of the tape causing the problems was sent to NOTIS in June. This loader is for records from July 1985 to Dec. 1986, and for MICROCON tapes.

In mid-June, Wayne received a tape of its sample serials records, which had been processed through the serials loader NOTIS is developing. The records were carefully checked and feedback was sent to NOTIS. An OCLC Serials Union Listing tape was ordered for delivery in mid-August.

The loader for Oakland's BNA-processed OCLC tapes was completed and accepted in June. A first pass at the loader program for the thirteen hospitals in the DC3 processing center was also done in June.

Peripheral Installation/Ordering

Three laser barcode scanners were still found to be defective and were returned to the vendor for repair a second time.

Circulation terminals were delivered to the Purdy Media Library Desk, the Science and Engineering, Law, and Medical Libraries.

Telex workstations for NOTIS Acquisitions and Serials Control were ordered by the end of June.

Planning began for the distribution and placement of the 29 IBM 3192 terminals that are on order. They are intended mainly to enhance LUIS access throughout the Library.

NOTIS Implementation

For the Cataloging module, plans were developed for Oakland University to go "live" with cataloging, sharing the authority file with Wayne State. Procedures were designed together with Oakland staff, who are scheduled to begin cataloging on July 20.

During June, ACF2 security rules were put in place for multiple processing units in NOTIS. ID's and passwords were being put into the NOTIS security tables for Oakland University, Botsford Hospital, and DC3 staff, as well as for Wayne's acquisitions and public service staff.

To prepare for testing the Acquisitions module with the Release 4.4 enhancements, call NOFA for NOTIS Online Fund Accounting, a proposed fund structure was discussed with Library Unit Heads. LOCA's for all WSU locations were added to the NOTIS tables, to enable orders to be created.

A serials implementation team, with representatives from each WSU Library Unit, was created to begin planning the project to load manual check-in records into NOTIS.

A plan to implement NOTIS Release 4.4 was put in place in June. The 4.3 NOTIS tables for all DALNET libraries were converted to 4.4 format and the necessary programs were re-assembled. Release 4.4 should be up in the Test Region by early July, just in time for NOTIS Acquisitions Training to be held July 23 and 24.

All the revised WSU circulation policies were coded into the NOTIS "cirpol" tables by the end of June, ready for final testing. A fix enabling a better tape load of patron records without barcoded id's was received and tested. Patron registration procedures and publicity were almost final by the end of the month.

Visits were made to most WSU College of Lifelong Learning Centers in June to determine what these off-campus sites need to help their students access LUIS. A report with recommendations for hardware, training, and documentation is being written.

Site Visit

On June 8th, a site visit to the WSU/DALNET NOTIS installation was hosted for the Library's Head of Technical Services and the Head of the Computing Center from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

DALNET Status

The Detroit Associated Libraries including the Detroit Public Library and the McGregor Library of Highland Park, signed a system agreement with Wayne State for NOTIS access on June 24. They are the sixth DALNET institution.

Oakland University's initial terminals were installed and operational by mid-June, including Telexes and IBM 3191's. Their staff began official acceptance testing of the cataloging module. Their first circulation policy tables were completed, including service unit, calendar, and patron tables.

Botsford Hospital staff attended advanced NOTIS cataloging training in June. Their processing unit and locations were made operational in the test region. The WSU Computing Center tested their IBM Token Ring configuration for system printing capability.

Beaumont Hospital staff visited a WSU Campus Token Ring site in June and submitted their proposed Token Ring configuration for approval. A half-day Cataloging Module orientation session was held for Beaumont staff in June.

Wayne County Community College submitted their proposed peripheral configuration for approval by the end of June. It includes the use of Wyse 60 ASCII terminals with AT&T protocol converters on each campus.

A DALNET Board meeting was held June 24th. A report from the DALNET Development Committee was reviewed, enabling that group to proceed with fund raising plans.

WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During June, 31 student assistants input 51,406 record searches into MICROCON diskettes, working at the rate of 61.45 per hour. The total monographic titles microconned in machine-readable form by June 30 was 222,516.

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