

WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT

Progress Report

January 1986

NOTIS Contract

Jane Burke, director of NOTIS, met with Louise Bugg at ALA Midwinter in Chicago on January 18 to discuss contract management. Wayne State has agreed to conduct acceptance testing of the Online Catalog and Acquisitions modules by July 15, 1986. Jane reported that the Circulation Financial component is still on schedule for Summer 1986, but that the Index re-design enhancements were behind schedule.

NOTIS Installation

The subject and call number indexes to the test NOTIS database still need to be created.

Testing began on NOTIS batch products for the Cataloging and Acquisitions modules. Cataloging worksheets were successfully run. During this process, some programs for batch products could not be located. NOTIS plans to send them in February. NOTIS is committed to deliver all the batch programs in the MVS version by March 1.

Work began on setting up the environment for NOTIS table customization and installation of the ACF2 security system.

The planned migration of NOTIS from the IBM 3081 to the 4381 is on schedule. The list of system software needed for the 4381 was approved.

Database Loading Status

All tapes of the database, both monographic and serials records, have been copied and tested and are now stored at the CSC.

A copy of the sample tape with 4313 test bibliographic records was sent to NOTIS along with the first installment of WSUL's loader specifications. The specifications will be completed in February.

Work began on the project of writing programs to load Wayne State's machine readable name address data into the NOTIS patron record file.

Peripheral Evaluation and Installation

Evaluation of barcode scanning equipment and non-ALA character set terminals continued. Codex modems were ordered along with two telephone lines between the CSC and the WSUL Technical Services Department. These lines will connect the Telex 476L data entry terminals.

NOTIS Implementation

Tom McGinn, the NOTIS project coordinator, visited WSUL, on January 10 and reviewed basic policy and planning issues that must be addressed in order to implement the NOTIS System.

Nancy Allen, Louise Bugg, and Jan Fleischmann attended an all-day workshop on the NOTIS circulation module at the University of Illinois, Chicago, on January 17. NOTIS staff presented information on encoding local circulation policies into NOTIS tables, loading data, batch products, the use of SAS, and circulation policies and procedures.

Implementation Teams were established, with representatives from each Library Unit, for the Online Catalog and for Circulation. The Teams met for a briefing on the status of the project.

Preliminary design work for a WSU Library Card is being done by Al Bochenek of Graphics.

DALNET Status

The draft DALNET By-laws and System Agreement, with a suggested charging schedule, were revised after input from the University's attorney and from the DALNET Study Group.

Investigation is being made into the policies and procedures needed for Wayne State to handle group purchases on behalf of the DALNET members.

NOTIS User Education and Publicity

Demonstrations of the NOTIS system for the WSU Library Staff are being planned by members of the Implementation Teams to be held the first week of March.

Front page articles in the Libraries and Computing Services Center's Newsletters headlined the NOTIS system being installed for the Libraries.

A Press Release announcing the selection of NOTIS was drafted for selected national and statewide Library journals.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During January, the WSUL retrospective conversion project staff converted 1,390 titles into machine readable form, completing the "first pass" through the Science and Engineering Library's shelf list. The total number of pre-1975 titles converted to date is 88,328. Some Central Technical Services staff were re-assigned to spend full time on current cataloging during January.

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