

WSUL Automation Project  
Progress Report  
February 1987

NOTIS Contract

On February 6, a written proposal for a WSU serials tape loader program was received from NOTIS. It was reviewed and a response was written asking for clarification of several concerns that it raised.

NOTIS Database Loading

Donna Hayden, the NOTIS data conversion programmer, completed the fixes to the first loader and supplied a final tape of 4,208 test records on February 20th. The records were reviewed and looked correct. The loader program will be supplied in early March.

By the end of February, 4 more tapes of MICROCON records were received from OCLC.

Testing began on the patron database in February. A "workaround" to a major patron record loading problem was recommended by NOTIS and attempted near the end of the month.

Peripheral Installation

LUIS terminals in the Law Library were tested and made available to the public on February 24.

Installation of terminals for NOTIS application programmers in Room 231 Purdy was begun.

Testing of the circulation laser barcode scanners and Interlynx protocol converters revealed problems with this equipment. Problem solving began during February.

Additional Disk Drive

A vendor was selected to supply a single density disk drive for the NOTIS system. The three bidders were notified of the decision and a purchase requisition was put through. The drive will be delivered within two weeks of the vendor's receipt of the order.

### NOTIS Implementation

NOTIS Circulation policy tables for the Purdy circulation desk were tested during February. De-bugging of the coding began, based on the results of the testing.

LUIS was made available to library users in the Law Library on February 24. Site administrators in the Law Library were trained in the "care and feeding" of their LUIS equipment. Five LUIS training sessions were held during February, mainly for the Law Library staff. Twenty-four people were trained, including some staff from the Purdy/Kresge and Science and Engineering Libraries.

Barcoding of library materials proceeded in all Library Units in preparation for online circulation.

### Staff

Ana Cioppi Fidler joined the staff as a Lead Systems Analyst in early February. Her main responsibility will be developing loader programs for DALNET libraries. She began work on Oakland University's first customized loader immediately.

A position was posted for another lead systems analyst in February. Interviews will be held in March.

### DALNET Status

Three more libraries signed DALNET System Agreements in February, joining Wayne State and Oakland University as official DALNET members. William Beaumont Hospital, of Royal Oak, signed on February 12; Botsford Hospital, of Farmington Hills, signed on February 13; and Wayne County Community College signed on February 16.

Six Oakland University staff attended their first all day training session February 17. It covered introductory cataloging on NOTIS. Oakland's telephone line to the WSU Computing Center was installed during February.

Blackwell North America completed work on the first part of the Detroit Public Library's OCLC tape processing.

Retrospective Conversion Project

In February, 30 MICROCON Project student assistants input information for 53,996 bibliographic records onto diskettes, at an average rate of 53 records per hour. The total number of MICROCON records received in machine-readable form by the end of February was 80,484.

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