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SUBJECT: Report of the activities of the DALNET Acquisitions and
Serials Control Standards Committee

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The DALNET Acquisitions and Serials Control Standards Committee re-formed this year with an expanded membership. Current members are Barbara Heath (chair; Wayne State), Charlene Wecker (Wayne State), Helen Ma (Detroit Public), Alexis Iveson (Oakland), Karen Zinterhofer (Botsford), Jean Gilbert (Beaumont), and Margaret Thomann (Oakland County Law Library). Diane Paldan (Wayne State) is the serials liaison. Anne Sargent was a member until she left University of Detroit Mercy in the spring.

The Committee has accomplished the following since April 1993:

1. We reviewed our original charge, rewrote it to reflect additional and more current charges, and submitted the revised charge for DALNET Board approval.
2. We met with Beth Warner from the University of Michigan to get an overview of CheckMark, the new serials control subsystem that NOTIS has released. We studied the possible use of this system by DALNET libraries. We issued a report on June 18, 1993, analyzing both the good features and problems connected with CheckMark and recommending that most DALNET libraries not implement the system at this time. Botsford Hospital has agreed to test CheckMark sometime in the fall of 1994 and report back to the Committee.
3. We studied the NOTIS Acquisitions QuikReports and made extensive recommendations for improving them. These recommendations have been submitted to NOTIS as part of recommendations coming from a larger DALNET group.
4. We discussed the order/purge program and informed the Systems Office that some DALNET members would like to have it run. Oakland University and Oakland County Law Library are particularly interested in doing this.
5. We planned an Acquisitions and Serials Control Users' Meeting, which was held on May 12 at Oakland University. We had speakers on topics such as bindery workflow for serials, U.S. government documents serials workflows, and approval plans. 37 people attended, and I believe that the meeting was felt to be a success by most attenders. People from Oakland University should be especially thanked for all their work.

We will take a break during the summer and re-convene this fall to begin discussing Botsford Hospitals' testing of CheckMark (commonly known as LSER). Barbara Heath has been following discussions of this issue on the Internet and has printed out a lengthy and excellent report issued by the University of Kentucky. This report is available to anyone who wishes to see it.