WSUL/DALNET Automation Project
Progress Report
October/November, 1987

## NOTIS Database Loading

Over 31,000 Wayne State University serials records with
summary holdings were loaded into the "production" database
by November 20th. These records were from an August 1987
OCLC union listing tape that had been processed by Blackwell
North America for loading into NOTIS. The serials loader
program provided by NOTIS was locally customized and tested
by Ana Fidler.

LSSI completed processing of the 1983 to date Detroit
Cooperative Cataloging Center's OCLC archive tapes. Pending
approval of the DCCC loader by Children's Hospital and
reactivation of the RSTR flags, the DCCC database is ready
to load.

Wayne County Community College staff spent several days
checking test records loaded with their customized loader
into the training region.

Work proceeded on customizing one of Wayne State's mono-
graphic loader programs to be used for its MICROCON tapes.

## Hardware/Software/Peripherals

Requests for proposals for a fourth IBM 3380 disk drive were
sent to four vendors. Delivery is anticipated in mid-
January.

Renewals of all Central Site software and hardware
licenses/maintenance were put through for the 1987/88 fiscal
year.

Four Telex 476L terminals were installed in the WSUL
Acquisitions Department for implementation of the NOTIS
acquisitions module. One was also installed in the Law
Library Technical Services Area.

NOTIS equipment needed to perform the WSUL Kellogg grant
retrospective conversion project was ordered. Plans were
firmed up and equipment was requested to relocate the WSUL
Central Technical Services NOTIS operation from the second
floor of the Purdy Library to the seventh floor of the
Science and Engineering Library in January 1988.

Beaumont and Children's Hospital's IBM Token Ring equipment was ordered.

Botsford Hospital's IBM Token Ring equipment was received and is being installed.

Wayne County Community College's Telex 476L terminals were installed and operational in November. Their AT&T and Wyse equipment was ordered.

Detroit Public Library's Telex 476L terminals were ordered. The WSU Computing Services Center is preparing a proposal to help design DPL's peripheral configuration for the Main Library and all the branches.

## NOTIS Implementation

At Wayne State, implementation of the NOTIS circulation module continued. Randy Menakes, our NOTIS systems engineer, spent October 15th and 16th at WSU helping Dody Fox get the circulation batch products, backups and history file operational. As a result, NOTIS circ batch jobs are running daily, Monday through Friday, generating operations reports, overdue and fines due notices, and search lists for missing books. Procedures were also developed to use NOTIS circ for Interlibrary lending. A weekly meeting of circulation desk supervisors and Library Unit Heads was initiated to coordinate circ systems wide, and additional training sessions were held, as needed.

Anaclare Evans, the Head of the WSUL Database Management Unit, began conducting training sessions twice a week to instruct public service staff on the use of staff mode searching for, and interpretation of, bibliographic and authority records.

After testing was completed in the DALNET test training region, NOTIS MVS Release 4.4.2 was installed in the production region on November 8th. The locally modified 4.4.2 LUIS screens were also installed.

A revised acquisitions fund code report program was received from NOTIS for testing in October. With some local customization, it was tested and put into the production region by the end of November. Printed purchase order forms were received and tested on an impact system printer. The Acquisitions module was scheduled for implementation at WSUL in early December.

As soon as the WSUL serials database was loaded, planning intensified for converting manual check-in records into NOTIS to prepare for automating serials control. Procedures will be tested in December. Staff for the conversion project were identified.

Oakland University accepted the LUIS online catalog module. They submitted their NOTIS circulation tables and a tape of sample patron records to be test loaded. By the end of November, they began testing the circulation module with their customized tables and a sample patron database.

Botsford Hospital has completed cataloging training and is ready to go into production with the cataloging module as soon as their equipment is operational.

Beaumont Hospital is scheduled for advanced cataloging training in January, after which they will be ready to go into production with the cataloging module.

Wayne County Community College will begin their cataloging orientation and training in early December.

Detroit Public Library is planning locally for NOTIS implementation, with their newly appointed Project Manager, Helen Ma. Data needed to design their telecommunications network is being gathered.

Children's Hospital became a DALNET member and began immediately developing their detailed implementation schedule.


## Site Visitors

On Thursday, November 5th, circulation staff from Central Michigan University visited the WSUL/DALNET NOTIS site to see automated circulation in action.

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WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During October and November, 15 student assistants input
these record searches onto Microcon diskettes:

|          | Records | Hourly Rate |
|----------|---------|-------------|
| October  | 14, 976 | 58.3        |
| November | 6,457   | 55.0        |

Work is being intensified on checking the multiple and no
hits resulting from OCLC's record matching/selection
process.

The total monographic titles "microconned" in machine
readable form by November 30th was 367,048.

Louise Bugg
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