

# NOTIS

NOTISEs

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A year has passed since the last NOTIS Newsletter reached NOTIS users. That, we know, is much too long a time. We plan to convey news to you on a more regular basis in the future. To symbolize our commitment to inform you of NOTIS developments in a timely manner, we have changed the name of the Newsletter to NOTISEs. Also, we begin afresh with Number 1, March 1985. Number 2 will appear on April 1. Of course we would like to include any news you might want to share with other NOTIS users. We also want NOTISEs to answer any questions of general interest you send us. Let us know how you like NOTISEs. The more it becomes a cooperative effort and forum for discussion between User Group meetings, the happier the NOTIS Office will be.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOTIS !!!

NOTIS celebrated its 15th birthday on January 19, 1985. On January 19, 1970, NOTIS was brought up at the new University Library on the Evanston campus. Happy Birthday!

## NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR NOTIS

Northwestern University has just installed a new telephone system which has resulted in the assignment of new phone numbers to the NOTIS Office.

The new general office number is (312)-491-7004.

The Support Services Group can be reached at the general number, at (312)-491-8128, or at (312)-491-8131.

Phone numbers for the Systems Engineers include (312)-491-7004, (312)-491-8129, and (312)-491-8130.

When you want to speak to Jane Burke, please call (312)-491-7004.

## NOTIS AT ALA MIDWINTER

NOTIS demonstrated at ALA Midwinter in Washington, D.C. in January. For the first time conference attendees could see NOTIS in color on new Telex terminals. The booth was constantly busy. NOTIS users, librarians who had seen NOTIS before, and people new to NOTIS saw how the system links circulation item records to NOTIS copy holdings records. Besides staff from the NOTIS Office, NUL's Betsy Baker (Reference), Ben Burrows (Acquisitions), Bill Garrison (Catalog), and Brian Nielsen (Reference) helped show the system to booth visitors.



## LATEST NOTIS RELEASE

On December 7, 1984, the NOTIS Office released to NOTIS users a tape containing many changes to the NOTIS 3 modules. In the December release were the following changes:

1. The most recent version of the 007 (physical description) field for the Books, Serials, Manuscripts, Maps, Music, and Films formats.
2. All changes in the MARC formats from Update No. 5 through Update No. 8 of the MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data.
3. A revised version of the OCLC/Telex Transfer Program which accomodates the latest version of the MARC Authorities format.

4. The capability for using two new local call number fields--092 and 099. These fields were previously not available for use as part of the standard NOTIS package.
5. Minor changes in the Authorities tag chart.

Also sent were two copies of the NUL tag charts for the Books, Serials, Manuscripts, Maps, Music, Films, and Authorities formats.

#### NOTIS CUSTOMER PROGRAMMING GROUP BEGINS WORK

A new group within the NOTIS Office is forming as this issue goes into the mail. The Customer Programming Group is to be responsible for the development of system features or enhancements that are needed or suggested by NOTIS users. The group will also develop features that are needed to make NOTIS more "marketable." The group will work in conjunction with ISDO to develop the more market-oriented features, while ISDO will concentrate on development which is more architectural in nature. For example, Customer Programming will be adding keyword and Boolean searching to LUIS while ISDO will be working on Index Redesign and holdings redesign.

John Barron, the new Manager of Customer Programming for NOTIS, began work in the NOTIS Office on January 2. John was previously Manager of Development and Support for Trans-Union Credit Information Corporation. Before that John worked for Sears, which is one of the largest IBM Assembler language shops in the country. He likes bluegrass music and jogging.

John's first objective was to hire five programmers to work with him. So far he has hired three. All are experienced in Assembler.

Jim Ambrus began work on February 15. He is a senior programmer. Jim came to NOTIS from Trans-Union, where he worked for more than three years. His initial training as a programmer was at Carson, Pirie, Scott. He paints and plays hockey.

Walter (Wally) Jezierski began work on February 18. Wally is another senior programmer. He was a programmer/analyst at Switchcraft, Inc. for five years before coming to Northwestern University Library. Before Switchcraft Wally was a programmer at Schwinn Bicycle. His hobbies are photography, video, and backpacking.

Michael Childs will start March 6 as a senior programmer. He has been at Trans-Union Credit, and before that he worked as a programmer with a firm called Creative Automation.

We have attached to this issue of NOTISEs a current organization chart of the NOTIS Office.

#### NEWS FROM SUPPORT SERVICES

Roberta Kirby has been appointed acting Manager of the NOTIS Support Services Group. She will serve in this role while Peggy Steele is on maternity leave.

Roberta has worked as a NOTIS Support Services Librarian since September 1984. Before coming to the NOTIS Office, she was instrumental in implementing NOTIS and in developing a training program for technical services personnel at the University of South Alabama. She brings a wealth of NOTIS knowledge and experience to the Support Services Group.

Robert P. (Ben) Burrows has been appointed Support Services Librarian, the third member of the Support Services Group. He began work in the NOTIS Office on February 18.

Ben has worked with NOTIS on a daily basis for the past five years in Northwestern University Library's Acquisitions Department. Most recently he has served as Assistant Head of that department. He, too, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position.

Ben, Roberta, and Peggy will share the responsibilities of writing NOTIS user documentation, training library personnel at NOTIS installations in effective use of the system, and providing ongoing support for NOTIS customers.

Roberta travelled to Colorado State University the first week of February to train staff in the NOTIS circulation and cataloging modules. She and Ben trained Vanderbilt in acquisitions, cataloging, and serials from February 19 to 21. Roberta also did circulation training at Arlington Public Library from February 27 to March 1.

#### NOTIS'S YOUNGEST USER (?)

Congratulations to Peggy Steele and Richard Griscom (Music Library, Northwestern University Library) on the birth of their son, William Steele Griscom, on February 8. He weighed 7 lbs, 1 1/2 oz and arrived on the predicted due date. Peggy will be on maternity leave until May.

#### NEWS FROM THE SYSTEMS ENGINEERS

Edward (Ned) Taafe joined the NOTIS Office on December 3 as the second systems engineer. Ned earned his B.A. from Ohio State, his M.A. in English from Loyola, and is working on a M.C.S. from DePaul.

Ned worked for Time, Inc. before coming to NOTIS. Previously, he had worked at Continental Bank. His interests include running, bird breeding (finches), classical guitar, and beer making.

Ned will work with Jerry Specht installing NOTIS. He is also the Office specialist on MVS NOTIS programs.

Most recently the two systems engineers have been to Vanderbilt University (Jerry from February 4 to 7), Indiana State University (Jerry from February 13 to 15), Wichita State University (Jerry from February 19 to 20), and Patuxent River Naval Air Station (Ned from February 18 to 21).

#### NEWS FROM NOTIS MARKETING

Jim Meyer travelled to the State University of Bowling Green in Bowling Green, Ohio, for a one-day demonstration of the system on January 24. Jane Burke demonstrated NOTIS to NASA in Baltimore, Maryland, from February 5 to February 7. On February 28 she did another demonstration at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The NOTIS Office has recently responded to Requests for Proposals and Requests for Information from Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire, the Library of Michigan, Stephen F. Austin College, the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities campus), Kent State University, the Wyoming State Library, the Jackson-George Regional Library System, the University of Virginia Libraries, Thomas Jefferson University, the University of Central Arkansas, Tufts University, Maricopa Community College, and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Currently, Jim Meyer is working on bids for the University of Delaware, McGill University, and Ball State University. Jane is working on a bid for Stanford.

The Office learned in the beginning of February that the University of Texas--El Paso decided to purchase NOTIS. Welcome, UT--El Paso, to the NOTIS Users Group.

In addition to the NOTIS Office organization chart, we have also attached a current list of NOTIS users. All of the new users since the summer of 1984 are included. Welcome, all!

#### TELEX TERMINAL PROBLEMS

Jane wrote the following letter to Mr. George Bragg, President of Telex on February 5.

Dear Mr. Bragg:

I am disappointed that you did not respond to my letter of Dec. 18 in which I mentioned problems being experienced by one of my customers with the 476L terminals.

As a followup to that letter, I am sending you the results of a survey done by that customer. It shows that the most widely used terminal with NOTIS is the Telex 476L.

It also shows that one third of my customers are expressing problems with service from Telex on those terminals. The service record of the Tulsa Public Library is particularly disturbing. This user dissatisfaction with your product and hence my product is distressing to me, and I wonder how to resolve my concern. We recommend these terminals and we include these terminals in our bid proposals. I wonder if we should continue to do this.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this issue. So far I have not explored alternative library terminals, but I must keep the best interests of my customers in mind. I need them to be satisfied with all aspects of their NOTIS systems in order to succeed.

Sincerely,

Jane Burke  
Director

Here is Mr. Bragg's reply of February 12.

Dear Ms. Burke:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 1985, regarding problems your customers are having with our TC-476L terminal. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused your organization and your customers.

I have been assured that a new TC-476L Coax chip will greatly improve product reliability and, thus, reduce service calls. The new TC-476L Coax chip has already been introduced into production and is now being retrofitted to our equipment in the field as quickly as we can complete the work. I have asked Mr. Jim Beebe, Vice President, Field Engineering Division, to call you to determine if you have any specific order of priority for your customers that you would like us to follow in completing the retrofit program.

Hopefully, this ongoing investment in our products will allow you to continue to recommend Telex products to your customers.

Sincerely,

George L. Bragg

#### THE 66TH (?) DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Before Christmas 1984 melts completely from memory with the spring thaws, we want to pass along to you a carol, "God Rest You Merry, Librarians," sent to the NOTIS Office by Flo Wilson of Vanderbilt. The lyrics are by Clarise Dequasie, Catalog Librarian in General Technical Services at Vanderbilt.

God rest you merry, librarians,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Our automated catalog  
Is born upon this day,  
To save us all from the p.c.  
With filing gone astray.

O NOTIS of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O NOTIS of comfort and joy.

In Tennessee in Vanderbilt  
This blessed thing did come,  
And laid on us through Joe Wyatt  
A very tidy sum,  
With an urgency for speed  
That knocked us on our buns.

O Southern Comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O Southern Comfort and joy.

From Doug our heavenly father  
A blessed bid was let  
And unto us in GTS  
Brought tidings of our debts,  
And in our on-line system what  
You see is what you Getz.

O NOTIS of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O NOTIS of comfort and joy.

The catalogers at that news  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And pondered our archival tape  
And old ways left behind;

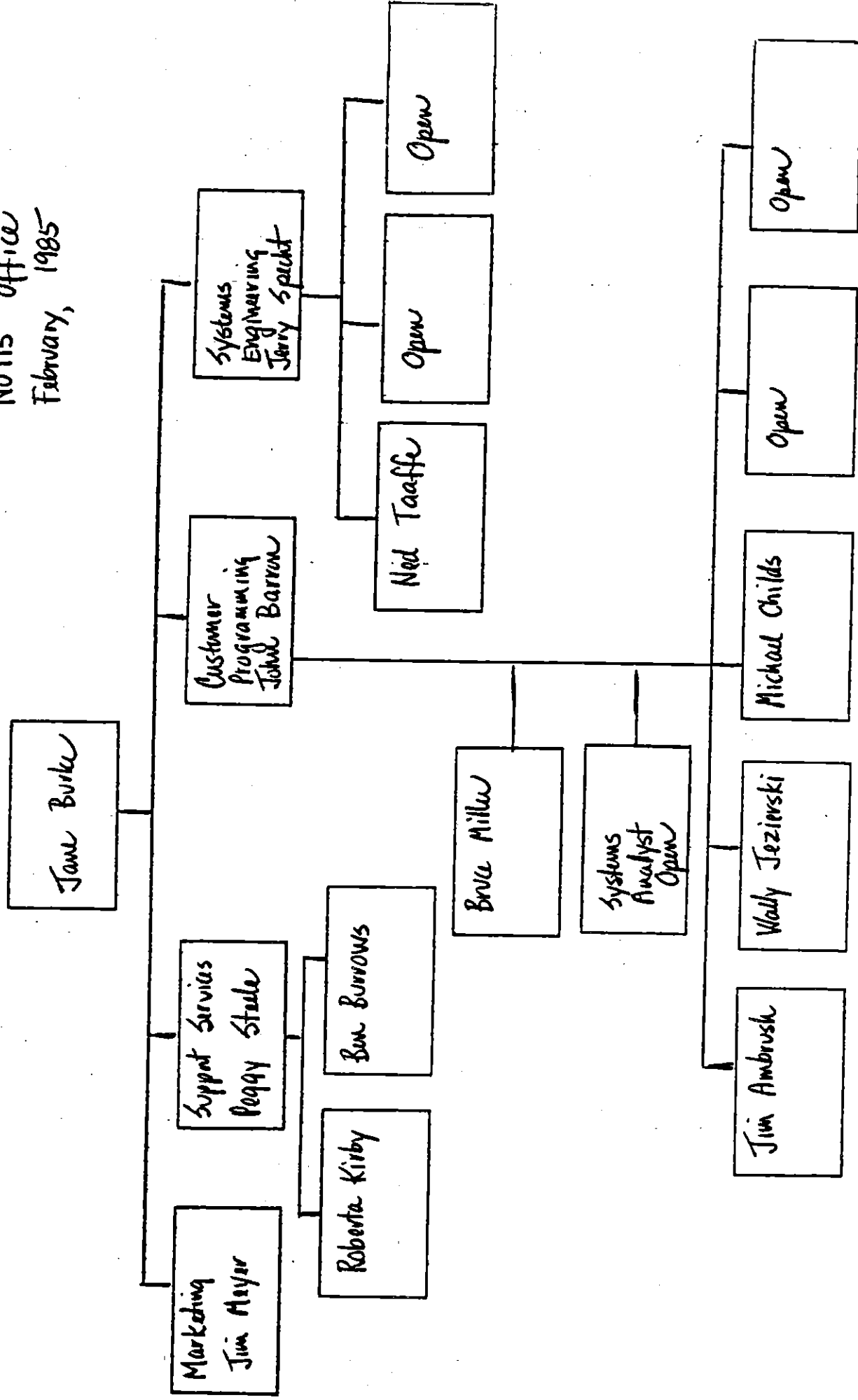
Went to the terminals straightway,  
Blessed relief to find.

O NOTIS of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O NOTIS of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place,  
With member records and LC  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy automation tide  
All others doth erase.

O Southern Comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O Southern Comfort and joy.

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NOTIS USERS  
(January, 1985)

<u>Customer</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Ralph Born Draughon Library Auburn University Auburn, AL 36849	Shared 3032 58 terminals	Being implemented	Bobby E. Holloway AUL for Tech. Services 205-826-4500
Library System, Arlington County, VA 2100 14th St. N., Level 6-3 Arlington, VA 22201	Shared 4381 10 terminals	Cataloging (500,000 volumes)	Branka AL-Hamdy Systems Analyst 703-558-3111
Harold B. Lee Library Brigham Young University Provo, Utah 84663	4341 112 terminals (planned)	Being implemented (2 million volumes)	John R. Taylor 801-378-6278
Library Central State University Edmond, OK 73054	Shared 4381 32 terminals	All, except circ; plus OCLC interface. (750,000 volumes)	Ron Curtis, Asst. Director for Technical Services 405-341-2980, ext. 496
Robert Muldrow Cooper Library Clemson University Clemson, SC 29631	Shared 3081 35 terminals	Luis; Cataloging (1.2 million volumes)	Richard Meyer Assoc. Director of Libraries 803-656-3026
Dallas County Community College District 4343 North Highway 67 Mesquite, TX 75150	---	---	Paul Dumont, Director of Technical Services
Biblioteca Luis-Angel Arango Banco de la Republica Bogata, Columbia	---	---	Carlos F. Borda, Director Departamento de Sistemas 11-57-284923
DeKalb Library System 3560 Kensington Road Decatur, GA 30032	---	---	Vikki Williams Automation Coordinator 404-294-6641
University of Evansville P.O. Box 329 Evansville, IN 47702	---	---	Grady Morein Director of Libraries 812-479-2376

<u>Customer</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Harvard University Library Cambridge, MA 02138	Shared 3083 & 4341 120 terminals	Acquisitions; Serials (10 million volumes)	Dale Flecker, Head Office for Systems Planning and Research 617-495-3724
Central Library University of Cincinnati University & Woodside Cincinnati, OH 45221	Shared 3081D 12 terminals	For data conversion only	Ellen Miller 513-475-3586
The Libraries Colorado State University Ft. Collins, CO 80523	---	---	Robert W. Burns Assistant Director 303-491-1884
Libraries University of Florida Gainesville, FL 32611	Shared 3033/3081 72 terminals	All except Circ; plus Univ. of Florida OCLC interface	Nolan Pope, Head Systems & Computer-based Operations 904-392-0796
University of Illinois at Chicago P.O. Box 8198 Chicago, IL 60680	Shared 3081 50 terminals	Acquisitions; Serials; LUIS; (OCLC interface)	Beverly Lynch University Librarian 312-996-2716
Cunningham Memorial Library Indiana State University Terre Haute, IN 47809	---	---	Edward A. Stockey, Head Systems and Research 812-232-6311
Library Montgomery College 51 Mannakee Street Rockville, MD 20850	---	---	Ruth Sherrod Technical Services Room Ct. 303 301-279-5070
Pickler Memorial Library Northeast Missouri State Univ. Kirksville, MO 63501	4331	(300,000 volumes)	George Hartje Director 816-785-4526
Northwestern Univ. Library 1935 Sheridan Road Evanston, IL 60201	4361/Model 5 120 terminals	All plus separate word processing. (1.5 million volumes)	Jane Burke Director, NOTIS 312-491-7004

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Patuxent River Central Library Building 407 Patuxent River, MD 20670	---	---	Suzanne M. Ryder Director 301-863-1930
State Library of Pennsylvania Box 1601 Harrisburg, PA 17105	---	---	David R. Hoffman, Director Division of Library Services 717-783-5968
Information Center Shell Oil Center 1500 Old Spanish Trail Houston, TX 77024	---	---	Cathy Chernesky 713-795-1028
Univeristy of South Alabama Mobile, AL 36688	Shared 4341/Grp 2 19 terminals	LUIS, Acquisitions	Patricia Ramage Coordinator of Automation 205-460-7021
Tulsa City-County Library System 400 Civic Center Tulsa, OK 47103	Shared 4341/Grp 2 45 terminals	Circ; Cataloging; Acquisitions Serials; LUIS; (OCLC interface) (600,000 volumes)	Ruth Blake, Chief Technical Services 918-592-7929
Washington University Libraries Lindell & Skinker Blvds. St. Louis, MO 63130	4331/Group 2 22 terminals	Cataloging; LUIS (1.1 million volumes)	Otha Overholt, Director Tech. Services & Data Proc. 314-889-5400
White Plains Public Library 100 Martine Avenue White Plains, NY 10601	---	---	Orrin B. Dow Director 914-682-4406
Wichita Public Schools 432 West Third Wichita, KS 67203	---	---	Crystal McNailey Chairperson 316-268-7404
Media Resources Center Wichita State University Box 68 Wichita, KA 67208	---	---	Jasper Schad Dean of Libraries

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Biblioteca Nacional Av. Bernardo O'Higgins 651 Santiago, Chile	---	---	Rodrigo Alarcon 011-56-2-38-32-06
Biblioteca Nacional Apartado 47570 Caracas 1041-A, Venezuela	4331	Cataloging; Acquisitions; Serials Authorities; Analytics; LUIS	Jorge Fernandez Rofin Coordinator of Automation Oficina de Infomatica 011-58-2-572-3623