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See Our Latest Developments Online at Dallas ALA Conference

Would you like a chance to "kick the tires" on a couple of our latest software developments? Stop by the NOTIS booth at the ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference in Dallas. Terminals will be available to show you the new Multiple Database Access System and the Merged Headings Index (MHI).

The Multiple Database Access System enables you to locally load, maintain, and search MEDLINE and several indexes produced by The H.W. Wilson Company using the same search commands you use in the online public catalog.

MHI is a new NOTIS index structure which integrates authority records and bibliographic records into a single index of author, title and subject headings. This integration will mean complete display of cross-references, faster retrieval, and online update of most indexes.

An IBM marketing representative will also be present to address any questions you might have regarding NOTIS system hardware.

Exhibit dates are June 24-June 27. NOTIS will occupy booth spaces 479, 481, and 483 in the Dallas Convention Center.

A User Describes Our New Loader

"LBC30 is adaptable, powerful, and runs quickly. A typical RLIN tape runs in 2.5 seconds."

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LBC30 is our newest MARC-to-NOTIS bibliographic conversion program. It is a powerful tool for the conversion of MARC-type bibliographic records into NOTIS bibliographic, copy holdings, volume holdings and item records.

For more information, contact NOTIS Conversion Services, (312) 866-0198.

NUGM 1989

Remember to set aside September 27-28 for the 1989 NOTIS Users' Group Meeting (NUGM). The preliminary agenda and registration packets for both NUGM and the Authority Control Workshop (which will be held on September 26) will be mailed to TECH1 and LIB1 contacts in May.

We have an exciting program planned. Register early. Enrollment for individual sessions is limited.

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Clarification of Our Support Policy for Additional Institutions

In our March issue (*NOTISes/40*, page 2) we published customer support guidelines for host sites that make NOTIS features and functions available to other libraries. These other libraries, which have a separate governance structure from the host library, are referred to in our article as "additional institutions." Many users have asked us how we define "additional institution."

The software license for the NOTIS Library Management System is granted to an institution for the management of its own library holdings. NOTIS defines an "institution" as an entity with a governance structure and a chief executive, such as a board of trustees and the president of a university.

If a separately-governed institution (i.e., one having a different chief executive) wishes to use a host institution's copy of the library management software, NOTIS defines that institution as an "additional institution" for contractual purposes.

NOTIS Systems charges a fee for extending the software license to each additional institution. In such cases, the host institution would need to contact its NOTIS User Services Librarian regarding the inclusion of an addendum to the NOTIS contract.

Special Committee Keeps Tabs on Problem Reports

As most of you know, any problem you report to NOTIS is recorded in our Problem Tracking System (PTS) with a unique number. A NOTIS staffer assigns a priority to your problem, based upon urgency, severity, and other considerations. All "priority 1" and "priority 2" problems are reviewed immediately as described in the "NOTIS Basic Support Policy" document, section D, page 16. Contact your User Services Librarian for a copy of our support policy.

A PTS committee has now been established at NOTIS comprised of staff from the Systems Development and Customer Services

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departments. The committee regularly reviews lower-priority problems that remain unresolved two weeks after their initial report.

The committee's first task was to review backlogged problems in PTS. Working by module, the committee finished initial passes through acquisitions, circulation, and cataloging problems. Problems related to OPAC will be handled next.

The primary purpose at this stage is to make sure that all of the problems reported by customers appear on the "fix" lists produced by Systems Development. In addition,

the committee verifies that all records in PTS have been referred to the proper person or department and that a problem tracking entry accurately reflects the problem's current status.

The initial review has revealed that some problems have been resolved; others needed to be added to "fix" lists; some needed further clarification with the staffer who initially recorded the problem. Others were enhancement requests rather than actual problems. A request to restore functionality no longer available due to deliberate changes made for new releases is considered an "enhancement." Priorities for enhancements will be made after the results of the 1989 enhancement survey are tabulated in September 1989. PTS will remain as the primary information source for recording customers' enhancement requests between surveys.

As a next step, the committee will investigate the resources required to correct problems and recommend priorities based on the number of customers reporting any one problem. They will take into consideration whether a relatively minor expenditure of resources will result in much improved functionality. The committee will also look at the perceived need for a "fix" in relation to other open problems.

As the committee makes decisions on the various problems, the corresponding records in PTS are updated to reflect their current status (e.g., "Systems Development working on a fix;" "scheduled for Release 4.5.1;" "Testing; ready for Release 4.6;" etc.). Customers may receive status reports upon request. User Services Librarians also plan to incorporate this information into their regular monthly calls to customers.

User Services Notes

Using the Circulation Date/Time Override

This issue of *NOTISes* contains the program changes necessary to set the charge date forward using the date/time override feature of NOTIS circulation (see "Troubleshooting," Problem V269).

Because this override function allows authorized terminal operators much flexibility in circulation processing, it is important that the library administrator be aware of its implications for circulation control.

When the program changes described in Troubleshooting Problem V269 have been made, terminal operators with the proper security authorization can override the current date or time displayed on the charge screen with a date or time in the future, extending the loan period beyond the limits defined in the circulation policy tables.

This feature will be especially helpful to those NOTIS sites which have an overnight loan policy.

Say, for example, the loan period in the reserve room is two hours, but after 7:00 PM overnight loan is permitted. At 7:30 PM a patron wishes to charge the book overnight.

Because the library closes at midnight, the terminal operator sets the system-supplied time on the charge screen forward to 11:45 PM. The item would then come due after the library has closed). The calendar table (LC107TBL) establishes the time due, which would be the second hour established in your CALN statements. (See *NOTIS Library Implementation Manual*, chapter C7.)

You can also use this feature to extend the normal loan period, either for a particular patron category or for any patrons under certain circumstances.

Say, for example, circulation policy stipulates six months as the standard loan period for university faculty. A faculty member asks for a three-month extension to the loan period. The terminal operator overrides the system-supplied date on the charge screen and sets it for three months in the future.

This program change is easier to implement if your circulation policy extends the privilege to only one patron category. The terminal operator will have to know what the loan period is for this patron category before

setting the date forward.

If your library policy routinely extends the loan period on request to all patrons, the terminal operator can forward-date the charge transaction according to your loan extension policy. Forward-dating under these circumstances is easier if the standard loan period

is the same for all patrons.

Because of the impact this capability could have upon your operations, we strongly recommend that you review your circulation policies and procedures before implementing this program change.

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LCIN DONE                                05/11/89 07:30 PM
CHARGE OR RENEW ITEM                      S013
PATRON ID: 5 5555 555 555 553 faculty    OVERRIDE DATE/TIME 05/11/89 11:45 PM
ng, mei                                   NOTIS Library

Blocked due to fines Type y to override or n to not override ( _ )

Type y or n and press ENTER OR
Press CLEAR to exit program
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LCIN DONE                                05/11/89 11:07 AM
CHARGE OR RENEW ITEM                      S013
PATRON ID: 5 5555 555 555 553 faculty    OVERRIDE DATE/TIME 05/11/89 11:45 PM
ng, mei                                   NOTIS Library

Blocked due to active--overridden
ITEM ID: 3 5556 006 066 393
Successfully charged--due 05/12/89 09:00 AM

ITEM ID:

Scan or type next item ID and press ENTER OR
Press PF 7 to charge and renew items for another patron OR
Press CLEAR to exit program
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Sample screens showing the use of the time override function

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LCIN DONE                                05/11/89 11:10 AM
CHARGE OR RENEW ITEM                      S013
PATRON ID: 5 5555 555 555 553 faculty    OVERRIDE DATE/TIME 08/11/89 11:10 AM
ng, mei                                   NOTIS Library

Blocked due to fines Type y to override or n to not override ( y )

Type y or n and press ENTER OR
Press CLEAR to exit program
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LCIN DONE                                05/11/89 11:14 AM
CHARGE OR RENEW ITEM                      S013
PATRON ID: 5 5555 555 555 553 faculty    OVERRIDE DATE/TIME 08/11/89 11:13 AM
ng, mei                                   NOTIS Library

Blocked due to active--overridden
ITEM ID: 3 4445 559 876 542
Successfully charged--due 11/09/89

ITEM ID:

Scan or type next item ID and press ENTER OR
Press PF 7 to charge and renew items for another patron OR
Press CLEAR to exit program
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Sample screens showing the use of the date override function

Circ Workshop Agenda

User Services, with the assistance of the NOTIS Circulation Interest Group, is holding a pre-ALA Circulation Workshop on June 22, 1989 at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business. The workshop is intended to bring together NOTIS users to discuss implementing and using the circulation module.

Topics and speakers for the workshop include:

- ✓ Transition from a stand-alone circulation system to NOTIS (*Ellen Cordes and Fred Martz of Yale University*)
- ✓ "Print-through" circulation mailers (*Jeff Gatten of Kent State University*)
- ✓ Remote circulation and telecommunication (*Virginia Eldridge of Vanderbilt University*)
- ✓ Circulation batch programs (*John Bodfish of NOTIS Systems*)
- ✓ Circulation in a multi-service unit environment (*Maggie Houge of the Florida Center for Library Automation*)
- ✓ Brigham Young University's experience with circulation (*Doug Gould, Brigham Young University*)
- ✓ NOTIS item record creation programs (*James Miesse of NOTIS Systems*)
- ✓ Texas A & M University's experience with bill and fine (*John Harer, Texas A&M University*)

These speakers, drawn from the user community and from within NOTIS Systems, have each implemented and managed some aspect or aspects of the circulation module. They will give twenty minute talks on their topics and then lead focus group discussions. The emphasis will be on user-to-user communication regarding topics of interest to circulation librarians.

Limited space is still available for the "Circulation and the NOTIS Software Workshop." If you wish to attend, please return a copy of the registration form (see NOTISes/40, pages 26 and 28).

... Authorities, Too

Plans are complete for the Authority Control Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 1989 at the Palmer House hotel in Chicago.

The workshop will have two concurrent sessions. For those who have used NOTIS for less than a year and would like information on the basics of authority control, there is a beginners' session. An advanced session is scheduled for those who have had NOTIS authority control up and running for several years.

Topics for the beginner's sessions include:

- ✓ Purpose and Use of Authority Records: Functions and Options
- ✓ Authority Records from a Vendor: Problems Encountered and Coping Mechanisms
- ✓ New Name, Dropped Name, and Subject Heading Lists--What They Are and How They Can Be Used Efficiently
- ✓ A hands-on session on global change techniques (including exercises)

Breakout sessions will cover:

- ✓ Staffing and Training Issues in Authority Control
- ✓ Managing your Authority Workflow

For the advanced user:

- ✓ Standards and Policies Governing Authority Records in Single and Multiple Processing Unit Cataloging Entities
- ✓ Series and Uniform Titles in NOTIS: Problems and Solutions
- ✓ The Loading and Maintenance of the Library of Congress Subject Heading Tapes
- ✓ Advanced Cross-Reference and Displayable Notes Workshops

Breakout sessions cover:

- ✓ Methods for Importing Authority Control Data into NOTIS: A Discussion Group for

OCLC and RLIN Users

- ✓ Issues for Planning for Merged Headings Index with Multiple Subject Heading Schemes in NOTIS: LCSH, MeSH and Others
- ✓ Authority Control Issues in a Consortium

The beginning and advanced sessions will culminate in a joint session that will include an overview of the merged headings indexes by a NOTIS staffer. In addition, there will be a presentation on the experience of a beta-test site with the Merged Headings Index and the conflict and error detection programs.

Please register early if you plan to attend. Space is limited for some of the breakout sessions.

User Services Unveils New Manuals

NOTIS customer training has a new look. User Services Librarians have revised and enhanced Basic Support training manuals. Those of you who attend our Basic Support session will receive a manual as part of your training. The manual serves not only as an instructional aid but as a reference source for use after the session.

To provide you with additional support, we are making the training manuals available for purchase. The manuals can meet several of the needs you have expressed to us:

- additional manuals for staff members who were unable to attend a NOTIS training session
- standardized materials you can use to train your staff

- practice activities and explanations for new features released with 4.5.

Please note that the training manuals are under copyright protection. However, all Library 1 contacts will be receiving a master copy of the "Fundamentals of NOTIS" section of the Implementation Training Manual. Feel free to make as many copies of "Fundamentals" as you need to train your staff in the basic skills they need prior to their receiving training in NOTIS modules.

For your convenience, we have included a training manual order form in this issue of NOTISes (see page 16).

The new User Services training manuals are part of our commitment to deliver consistent, high-quality service.

Technical Support News

You Should Have 4.5.1 Fixes

NOTIS Release 4.5.1 update tapes, containing fixes for a number of reported problems in Release 4.5 of the NOTIS Library Management System, were mailed to all TECH1 contacts during the period April 24—May 8. (See NOTISes/41, page one, for more information.)

If your site did not receive the 4.5.1 tape, please contact NOTIS Technical Support.

Please note that this tape contains the source and the object/phase/load members only for these modules which changed. To

make a complete 4.5.1-level library, simply load the 4.5 tape, load the 4.5.1 into a different library, then copy the 4.5.1 library into the 4.5 library, specifying REPLACE.

Making Changes?

If you have recently upgraded any of your hardware or operating system software, or if you plan to do so in the future, please remember to contact our Technical Support staff at (312) 866-0128. To help speed up the process of providing you with technical assistance and new release distribution tapes, we like to keep our customer profiles as up-to-date as possible. Thanks!

News From Users

University of Michigan and Merit: A Clarification

In March, we reported on the appearance of an article in the October 1988 issue of *Merit Network News* explaining how the University of Michigan Library provided access to its online public catalog for users of the Merit state-wide telecommunications network (NOTISes/40, page 5). We regret to say that we have been notified by a spokesperson for the University of Michigan Library that the *Merit Network News* article contained inaccuracies which were repeated in the NOTISes article. We apologize.

We wish to thank David McDonald of the University of Michigan Library systems office for the following clarification.

The University of Michigan has a wide area network known as UMNnet. UMNnet is a subset of the state-wide MERIT network and uses exactly the same technology.

In planning for the online catalog, the University of Michigan Library intended from the beginning to provide some level of access via UMNnet. The library staff looked at two alternatives: (1) using an IBM 7171 to connect MIRLYN (the online public catalog) to UMNnet, or (2) using another commercially available protocol converter. Neither option was desirable because of the way in which the protocol converters would interact with UMNnet. In brief, each character would be treated as a packet, thus increasing the load on the network.

In looking at non-commercial alternatives, we discovered that the University of British Columbia had developed a protocol converter for their network. Staff at UMNnet reviewed this product and determined that it could be modified to func-

tion with UMNnet. Based on that information, it was decided to use UMNnet for all MIRLYN traffic, both searching and data entry. As a result, a terminal emulator called PCTIE that supports the ALA character set was also developed.

The protocol converter called an NIM (Network Interface Machine), in conjunction with the terminal emulator PCTIE, provides support for staff access to all aspects of NOTIS. The NIM, in conjunction with any VT100 compatible terminal or terminal emulation package, provides access to those who wish to search MIRLYN. The NIM is not a stand-alone machine. Rather, it functions with other UMNnet components and so is useful only in that technical environment.

For further information, contact David McDonald at 218 UGL, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor, MI 41809-1185 or BITNET: ID=GBPE@UM.CC.UMICH.EDU.

What's In A Name?

Thanks to all who have responded to our request for additions to our list of names given to NOTIS online public catalogs.

We apologize for misspelling the name of the University of Pennsylvania's OPAC. The correct name is PENLIN.

This month we have three additions.

Columbia University's OPAC is called CLIO (Columbia Libraries Information Online). If the name seems familiar, it may be because Clio was the Greek Muse of history.

SUNY-Stony Brook chose the name STARS (Stony Brook Automated Retrieval System).

Congratulations to **SUNY-Binghamton** for completing the conversion of their data to NOTIS last month, and for naming their OPAC ELIXIR.

Here's an updated list.

OPAC NAMES

ACORN	Vanderbilt University
BISON	SUNY Buffalo
BYLINE	Brigham Young University
CATALYST	Kent State University
CHESTER	West Chester University
CLIO	Columbia University
DELCAT	University of Delaware
ELIXIR	SUNY-Binghamton
LOLA	Louisiana State University
LUIS*	University of Texas-El Paso
LUMINA	University of Minnesota
LUNA	N.A.S.A.
MINERVA	University of Louisville
MIRLYN	University of Michigan
MUSE	McGill University
OASIS	University of Iowa
ORBIS	National Geographic, Yale University
PENLIN	University of Pennsylvania
PITTCAT	University of Pittsburgh
QLINE	Queen's University
ROCKY	Iona College
STARS	SUNY-Stony Brook
TOPCAT	Western Kentucky University
UNICAT	Burroughs Wellcome Company
UNLOC	University of Notre Dame
VIRGO	University of Virginia

*Pronounced loo-EECE

Who's Implementing What?

NOTIS users are usually happy to help others. The information provided here, which supplements the information in the NOTIS User Directory, may be of assistance to NOTIS users who wish to contact users at other sites in order to exchange information.

Please consider giving information about your library's implementation schedule to your NOTIS User Services Librarian.

SUNY-Binghamton:
 May 1989 OPAC
 May 1989 Circulation
 June 1989 Course Reserve
 January 1990 Acquisitions

University of Louisville:
 May 1989 KWB searching
 August 1988 Circulation

University of Virginia:
 September 1989 Circulation
 June 1990 Acquisitions
 June 1990 Serials

University of Wisconsin—Madison:
 Summer, 1989 Circulation

University of South Alabama:
 November 1989 Circulation

Virginia Commonwealth:
 March 1989 Cataloging
 June 1989 Acquisitions
 August 1989 Circulation
 January 1990 Online Public Catalog

Western Kentucky University:
 May 1989 Installation of 4.5
 Summer 1989 Online Public Catalog
 January 1990 Convert Bibliographic File
 July 1990 Circulation

Yale University:
 January 1989 Online Public Catalog
 July 1989 Acquisitions
 July 1989 (late) Circulation
 Fall 1989 Serials
 Early 1990 Cataloging

York University:
 May 1989 Acquisitions and Circulation

University of Delaware Offers Dial-Up Access

We were pleased to receive last month a letter from Stuart Glogoff, Head of Systems at the University of Delaware Library, announcing their inauguration of state-wide dial-up access. Here is the letter, followed by the instructions from the brochure referred to in the letter.

On March 2, 1989, the University of Delaware Library celebrated statewide (and out-of-state) dial access to DELCAT with a press conference held in Seaford, Delaware. Approximately 75 persons attended, including members of the print and electronic media. Susan Brynteson, Dr. E.A. Trabant, University President, and the director of one of the county library systems made remarks which were followed by a demonstration and reception.

Dial access to DELCAT is taking advantage the Bell Atlantic Public Data Network so that dialing DELCAT is a local call from anywhere in the state. The Diamond State Telephone Co. worked with us on the project and printed 10,000 of the attached brochures. Diamond State also included a

brochure about dial access to DELCAT in its March billing.

DELCAT can be accessed from out-of-state by dialing the New Castle County

phone number of 302-366-0800 and following the instructions in the third column of the brochure. Internet users can also access DELCAT using telnet 128.175.13.6.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESSING DELCAT, CALL THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE ACADEMIC COMPUTING SUPPORT AT 451-1205.

USING DELCAT

- Once you are logged onto DELCAT, read the info screens and follow the online instructions.
- For more information about DELCAT call the University of Delaware Library, Information Desk, 302-451-2965 during customary business hours.
- For library hours, call 302-451-BOOK.
- The University of Delaware Library circulating collection is available via interlibrary loan at your local public library at no charge to the borrower.

LOGGING OFF DELCAT

- Type "EXIT <cr>" or turn off the modem to hang up.

LOGGING ON TO DELCAT using Diamond State Telephone Bell Atlantic™ Company Public Data Network

Configure your terminal or microcomputer for:

- VT100 Emulation
- Full Duplex, Even Parity, 7 Data Bits and 1 Stop Bit
- 300, 1200 or 2400 Baud
- From the Sussex County area dial: 856-7055
- From the Kent County area dial: 734-9465
- From the New Castle County area dial: 366-0800
- From out-of-state dial: 302-366-0800

Busy Signal? Try again in a few minutes!

- When the remote modem answers enter "...<cr>"
- When the star (*) appears enter ".BOOK <cr>"

Screen says CLR NC128? All lines are busy. Try again in a few minutes!

If your keyboard should lock anytime during your session, press "CTRL G <cr>".

Special Interest Group News

Authorities Control Interest Group: Minutes of January Meeting

The NOTIS Authorities Control Interest Group, chaired by Alice Permenter of Loyola University, met at the ALA Midwinter Conference in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 1989. The minutes were recorded by Dawn Hale of Johns Hopkins University.

Wish List

Alice Permenter reviewed the results of a survey of the group's priorities for the development of the Merged Headings Index (MHI). The results of the "wish list" survey (in order of priority) were as follows:

- ✓ deliver MHI software by Fall 1988
- ✓ improve global change programs
- ✓ increase the number of characters indexed in headings
- ✓ provide global change capability for authority records
- ✓ provide general MARC file interface
- ✓ improve the conflict and error detection programs
- ✓ limit by processing unit and field tag (including provisional fields) the printing or suppression of headings on the new name headings list
- ✓ provide CD ROM product interface
- ✓ provide the capability to upload MARC format records from floppy disk
- ✓ index the 010 field on authority records.

The group agreed to forward the survey results to NOTIS.

Enhancements

Mary Alice Ball, NOTIS functional analyst, reviewed enhancements that initially will be available only in the staff mode.

- Five different views are possible in MHI:
- Universal view—displays entries for all

authority and bibliographic records in the same index

- Authority view—displays entries for authority records only
- Headings view—displays entries for all unique headings in authority and bibliographic records except for 2xx and 740 fields and rotated headings
- OPAC-like view—displays entries for all authority and bibliographic records as if the search were done in public mode instead of staff mode
- Music view—displays entries for all authority and bibliographic records except those coded as extra records, e.g., when a 240 or 243 field is in a record, an extra record consisting of a lxx/245 or 7xx/245 is made in addition to a lxx/240/243/245 or 7xx/240/243/245

The number of search types has been expanded to include names, series, and dictionary searches. Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) as well as Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) searches are also available. Dynamic updating and indexing of added or deleted entries will occur for all access points except call numbers and the standard number index. The index display will now include, in addition to qualifiers for date and place, medium and series volume number qualifiers. Search redirection capabilities as well as cross references will be provided to searchers. Fields longer than one kilobyte will now display.

Search Redirection

During the review of MHI examples, Alice Permenter pointed out that except for the music view, the lxx/245 entry is indexed for bibliographic records having lxx/240 entries. The authority record for name/uniform title will have a cross reference from the author/title proper.

Because this cross-reference is in the same index as the access points on the bibliographic record, a searcher will get conflicting information. The authority record cross-reference for the author/title proper will direct the searcher to the author/uniform title entry instead of the author/title proper. The searcher, however, will find the item under the title proper due to the indexing of the 245 field. Presently, search redirection works for the name portion of a heading but does not work for name/titles.

Reports

Conflict detection reports will enable libraries to edit incorrect headings in the data base. NOTIS used a data base of 100,000 bibliographic records and 260,000 authority records from Southwest Missouri University to test these reports. The system generates reports on ten different error types. The reports include the error type, the processing unit code, and the authority record number for each incorrect heading. [Ed. note—See the sample reports and associated sample screen displays following the minutes.]

Q & A

Mary Alice then answered the following questions submitted by the group:

Q. What is the current status of MHI?

A. Merged headings software for staff mode should be available in the second or third quarter of this year.

Q. When will MHI be available in public mode?

A. No date has been determined. We have not received the code from Northwestern University yet. When we receive the code, NOTIS staff will look at the features and decide which ones should be adopted. Then programmers will merge it into the "generic" version of NOTIS distributed to customers.

Q. How will global changes run?

A. Until the public mode is released, libraries will need two sets of indexes to records—one for staff mode using MHI and one for public mode using the old indexes. The present software for global heading changes will be run off the old indexes.

Q. What are the indexing changes under MHI?

A. The first 120 characters of a heading will be indexed, allowing for many more headings to

be recognized as new to the data base. Index displays will include more qualifiers.

Q. Will searchers be able to tell which is the authority record they want to view when looking at the index screen?

A. Yes, entries for authority records are preceded by an asterisk and are followed by the heading use codes in parentheses.

Q. Will searching strategies change?

A. There will be eight possible search types and five possible views, so there will be some impact on the training of staff. Most staff members will probably only need to know the one combination of search type and view appropriate for their work.

Q. Will NOTIS provide training for MHI?

A. NOTIS will incorporate MHI into regular training sessions. Libraries will probably rely heavily on the documentation to train staff. NOTIS expects to supply documentation within 30 days of the release of MHI. Kathy Cunningham hopes to have a 1/2 day authority control training session ready by third quarter 1989.

Q. How does MHI handle a heading that is both a Library of Congress subject heading and a medical subject heading?

A. Libraries will need two authority records, one for the heading when used as a LCSH heading and one when used as a MeSH heading.

Q. Can libraries suppress the display of "see" and "see also" cross references in the OPAC-like view (and later in the public mode) by coding the fourth position of \$w as "a" on authority records?

A. Yes, they will be suppressed from the OPAC-like view but will appear in other views in the staff mode.

Q. What local options do libraries have in order to include specific fields and subfields in MHI?

A. As with all modifications to NOTIS, MHI modifications should be handled with caution.

Q. Are headings from logically deleted records excluded from the index?

A. This is not in the current release of MHI but should be in the next release. The fixed field D/S (Display/Suppress) will provide for the exclusion of index entries in public mode.

Q. Are all headings dynamically indexed?

A. Yes, as indicated on the handout. [Ed. note—See *NOTISES/41* (April) p. 6-7 "Indexed Fields in Authority Records".]

Q. Will index entries based on 240 fields be subsorted by 245 fields or bxx fields?

A. They will be subsorted by 245 fields.

Q. Are 240 fields indexed as title fields as well as author/title index entries?

A. Yes.

Q. How does security work for authority records under MHI for libraries participating in a network? Will only the central library be able to edit authority records or will individual libraries be able to edit certain fields?

A. MHI security provisions are the same as those in the current NOTIS release.

Q. Will the first release of MHI include the resource loader for LCSH and MeSH?

A. This release will include only the resource loader for LCSH-MARC. A subsequent release will include the MeSH loader. The LCSH-MARC loader will include a program to claim records for the local authority file.

Q. Have the beta test sites for MHI been chosen?

A. NOTIS is considering several possible sites.

Q. How should the conflict detection programs be approached?

A. Select a range of the alphabet and run all error types for that range. All errors for a particular record will then sort together, making the editing process easier.

LB360		NOTIS INDEX CONFLICT DETECTION -- ERROR LIST		03/03/89 PAGE 1	
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3065	BASIC GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3067	BASIC HEALTH CARE EXPLAINED		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3080	BASIC PRINCIPLES IN CHEMISTRY SOLUTION PROBLEMS		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3352	BEGINNING TO LEARN		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3356	BEHAVIOR IN BUSINESS FILM SERIES		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3363	BEHAVIORALLY SPEAKING		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL3753	BETTY CROCKER TEACHING AIDS		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL4089	BILL MOYERS JOURNAL		
ERROR 01	TS	CAG5773	BIRTH OF A NATION MOTION PICTURE		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL4665	BOTANY VISUALLECTURE SLIDE SETS		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL5984	CAREER GUIDANCE		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL5990	CAREERS IN RETAILING AND MARKETING SET IV		
ERROR 01	TS	CAL6397	CHANGING SCENE SERIES		

LB360		NOTIS INDEX CONFLICT DETECTION -- ERROR LIST		03/03/89 PAGE 4	
904446			INPUT RECORDS		
0			EXCLUDED RECORDS--PROCESSING UNIT		
0			EXCLUDED RECORDS--ALPHA RANGE		
159894			EXCLUDED RECORDS--OTHER REASONS		
304510			OUT-OF-SCOPE RECORDS		
0			PARAMETER STATEMENT ERROR		
138	ERROR 01	--	DUPLICATE ESTABLISHED HEADING		
2989	ERROR 02	--	ESTABLISHED HEADING/BIB HEADING SUBJECT USE INCONSISTENCY		
2180	ERROR 03	--	ESTABLISHED HEADING/BIB HEADING SERIES USE INCONSISTENCY		
7650	ERROR 04	--	ESTABLISHED HEADING/BIB HEADING ME/AE USE INCONSISTENCY		
176	ERROR 07	--	REFERRED FROM HEADING/REFERRED FROM HEADING CONFLICT		
140	ERROR 08	--	REFERRED FROM HEADING/ESTABLISHED HEADING CONFLICT		
201	ERROR 09	--	REFERRED FROM HEADING/BIB HEADING CONFLICT		
953	ERROR 10	--	REFERRED FROM HEADING (N/T)/BIB HEADING (N/Q) CONFLICT		
2332	ERROR 15	--	REFERRED ALSO FROM HEADING/UNMATCHED		
12	ERROR 16	--	REFERRED ALSO FROM HEADING/MATCHED, SUPPRESSION INCONSISTENCY		

**Screen Displays Associated With
Conflict Detection Report on Previous Page**

The index display contains identical entries for the duplicate established headings cited in the Conflict Detection report. The heading use codes are the same, but the authority vendor produced separate records because of the subfield \$h. As soon as one of these records is coded for deletion, the index display will be updated to reflect the change.

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LTTS
                                NOTIS INDEX SEARCH          S020
BIBLIOGRAPHIC INDEX -- 5 HEADINGS FOUND, 1 - 5 DISPLAYED
BETTY CROCKER TEACHING AIDS
1      *ESTABLISHED HEADING (TS 130 cbb)
2      *ESTABLISHED HEADING (TS 130 cbb)
3      .MICROWAVE MEALS <1976> visual (TS 830)
BETTY CROCKERS GOOD AND EASY COOKBOOK
4      .CROCKER BETTY <1977> (TS 245)
BETTY CROCKERS MICROWAVE COOKING
5      .CROCKER BETTY <1977> (TS 245)
    
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LTTS DONE                                CAL3752
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035/1: : |a (OCoLC)00164431
130: 0: |a Betty Crocker teaching aids
    
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Circulation Interest Group Meets

The first meeting of the NOTIS Circulation Interest Group (CIG) took place at the ALA Midwinter Conference. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for June 27, 1989 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas.

One of the decisions reached at the first meeting was to produce a "wish list" of proposed enhancements to the circulation module. This list will be sent to all members of the group so they can assign priorities to the enhancements. Results will then be tabulated and a master list prepared that includes the number of votes each enhancement received. The master list will then be forwarded to Ben Schapiro, User Services Librarian and CIG liaison at NOTIS.

Wish List

The committee came up with the following proposed enhancements:

- improved implementation documentation for circulation
- batch renewal capability
- simplified procedures for the lost book process
- improvements to the course reserve module:
 - HAS command for a sub-location
 - hourly fine computation
 - OPAC display of course reserve materials
 - working action date and expired action date lists
- longer field notes
- magnetic tape output for patron fine information
- improved HAS command (currently scheduled for inclusion in NOTIS 4.6)
- ability to return to the patron record after viewing the patron bill and fine record
- ability to delete patron records
- ability to purge bill and fine records (currently being worked on)
- ability to change circulation tables online
- improved function keys capabilities

Lists, along with any comments, are being forwarded to Judy Tuttle at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library.

NOTIS Special Interest Group Meetings

**ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE —
DALLAS**

Documents Cataloging
Interest Group
SATURDAY, June 24th 8—10:00 p.m.
Fairmont—Patio Room

RLG/NOTIS Interest Group
SATURDAY, June 24th 8—10:00 p.m.
Fairmont—Fountain Room

Authority Control Interest
Group
SUNDAY, June 25th, 8—10:00 p.m.
Fairmont—Oak Room

NOTIS Presentation on
the Serials Module
TUESDAY, June 27th
8:30—10:30 a.m.
Fairmont—Fountain Room

NOTIS Presentation on the
Acquisitions Module
TUESDAY, June 27th
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Fairmont—Fountain Room

Circulation Interest Group
TUESDAY, June 27th
2:00—4:00 p.m.
Fairmont—Far East Room

Training and Instruction
Interest Group
TUESDAY, June 27th
4:00—6:00 p.m.