

New HAS command: what you'll be seeing

NOTIS Library Management System (LMS) Release 4.6 introduces a number of enhancements to the on-line display of patron charge information. The patron charge index—which contains an entry for every item linked to a patron—is now updated online, so it always contains up-to-the-minute information. There is no need to wait until a special index-generating batch job can be run. Other enhancements include improved security authorization and a simplified command structure.

A more versatile HAS command

There are now two options for displaying the patron charge index. As before, you can enter LPxx and the patron ID number preceded by the command HAS. But with Release 4.6 you no longer have to type the patron ID number. Instead, you can type HAS on the request line of a patron record display.

In addition, two online commands are available to restrict display by circulation status. Using the command HAS OVER causes the system to display a list of overdue/missing items. The command HAS RECA produces a

list of recalled items. Both HAS OVER and HAS RECA can be entered with a patron ID from a blank screen to bypass the display of a patron record. If there are no items charged to a patron, the system will respond with the message, "No items charged to this patron."

More privacy allowed

Balancing a patron's right to privacy with the circulation department's need to answer questions about overdue, lost, or recalled items is often difficult. With release 4.6, security authorization has been upgraded to allow for greater patron privacy. Using the LC104Txx (SECOPR) table, a terminal operator's security authorization can be limited to the display of a partial listing of items linked to a patron. By coding the security entries in RECORD=CHARGE with FLAG=OVER, the operator can limit the display to those items that are in the "overdue/lost" or "recalled" categories.

How the data is displayed

The index display is twenty lines long, in order of original due date, with the earliest due date displaying

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Free admission to NUGM '90?

It's not too early to start thinking about presenting a session at next year's NOTIS User's Group Meeting. Registration is FREE for NUGM presenters and moderators.

For a report on this year's meeting, see page 6.

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first. Overdue items display at the top of the list and due dates for those items are highlighted. The display for each item includes

- processing unit code

title

author

subject information

When a record of identification is changed from the item record, the title and subject information. The display will show the due date.

When recalled items, the recall flag is displayed. For this reason, recalled items may appear out of sequence in the index display, since a recalled due date can be earlier than the original due date.

For items that are overdue and possibly charged to lost, or recalled, the system displays a circulation status message. No circulation status information displays for normal charges, items with holds placed against them and items charged to lost before becoming overdue. Items with more than one circulation status will display with the date due highlighted. For example, overdue items that have been recalled will display the recall flag and will have the date due highlighted.

How overdue and lost items are handled

Overdue and lost items are combined into one category (overdue/lost). (In most libraries, items overdue for a long enough period of time are charged to a lost or missing pseudopatron.) An item charged to lost or missing continues to appear in the original borrowing patron's charges index provided the track-

ing information has been retained in the item record. This is a particularly useful feature, because it allows the circulation librarian to see a patron's current charges as well as their outstanding lost or missing charges in one lookup.

Charging an item to the lost or missing category will not, however, cause a circulation status message to appear in the index entry for the original borrower. The overdue/lost message displays only if the item is overdue at the time it was charged to lost or missing. Because the system decreases the charges counter in the patron record by one when an item is charged to lost or missing, there may be a discrepancy between the number of items in the patron's charges index and the charges counter in the patron record. Upon discharge from the lost or missing category, the entry will also be removed from the original borrower's index.

Moving between screens

As with the previous version of the index, to view an item record, select a line number from the index display. The transaction code is now LT plus the processing unit code for that item. Item records directly accessed from the index can not be updated, but by using the PF1 or PF2 keys and then clearing or entering done the system will display a prompt directing you to back to the patron record. Entering the command, PATR from an item record will cause the system to display the patron record. The

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Problem after hours? No problem!

You can now use our new voice mail system to report a problem outside of office hours (before 8:30 am or after 5:00 pm CST). Simply call Customer Services at (312) 866-0160. A recorded message will prompt you to enter the extension for the person you are calling. Press 128 on a touch-tone phone's keypad to leave a detailed message for User Services or Technical Support staff.

standard index movement commands PF1, PF2, PF4, work with items displayed from the patron charges index. With indexes more than one screen in length the commands MORE and BACK are used. Using the PF11 key in the index will prompt you back to the patron record. The variation in command function is due to differences between how the HAS programs interpret some commands and how the command processor interprets the same commands. Commands entered from an index display are controlled by the HAS programs while commands entered from an item display are controlled by the command processor. As with other indexes, displaying the patron charges index breaks the linkage to any previous index displayed as part of a search.

How to raise or lower the display limit

The patron charge index allows for the display of 750

charged items per patron. If necessary, you can increase or decrease this number. To determine the maximum number of items your library will need to display, estimate the size of the largest pseudopatron category (lost, missing, bindery, etc.). At the maximum NOTIS record size of 32K, approximately 1650 lines can be displayed. To circumvent a situation in which the maximum number is too low, create multiple patron records. If you must change the display limit, see the release 4.6 technical documentation (especially the program description for LC660BAL), or contact NOTIS Technical Support for assistance.

Adjusting the MAXCHRG parameter

The MAXCHRG parameter (in the patron category table) should not exceed the size of the patron charges index. If it does you will encounter difficulties. For instance, if the MAXCHRG parame-

ter exceeds the patron charges index display limit and a patron charges more items than the limit, the excess items simply will not display and on discharge the system will abend since the entry will not be found in the index. Even if subsequent discharges reduce the total number of items charged, the online update feature will not bring the previously unlisted items into the index. To do so, you must run LD005JOB in order to re-generate the index. MAXCHRG may be less than or equal to the size of the patron charge index.

A major enhancement

Once you try the new HAS command, we know you will agree that it offers many convenient, time-saving features. ■

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PATRON CHARGES INDEX SEARCH		PATRON CHARGES INDEX --		W21S
PATRON NAME: Schapiro Ben H		5 ENTRIES FOUND		
1 NU:	DATE DUE			
A dream of wings (Crouch, Tom D) 1984	09/12/79	OVERDUE/LOST		
35556016906349 Life with gracie (Burns, geor	08/12/89	OVERDUE/LOST		
Research for decision making (Swisher, Robert	08/29/89			
The Future. Scottsdale, AZ	09/08/89			
SAABS of NOTIS. New York	08/29/89	RECALL		

← Sample screen display showing how items charged to a patron are displayed when the new HAS command is used.

CORRECTION

In last month's issue (NOTISES/46), there was a typographical error in the article entitled "How to diagnose batch job problems." On page 7, at the bottom of the first column of text, the subheading should read "OC7/data exception" not "07C/data exception." We apologize for the error.

1989 NOTIS User Directory

Extra copies of the new User Directory are available. To order, use the NOTIS Documentation Order Form on page 9.

Why buy GTO?

Advantages include speed, reliability, value

NOTIS GTO (Generic Transfer & Overlay) has been designed to make the online transfer of records from a source utility to NOTIS as easy and as fast as possible. For the first time, RLIN and UTLAS users have available a source-to-NOTIS online transfer capability to facilitate acquisitions and cataloging.

The benefits of using GTO-OCLC as opposed to the OCLC screen-to-screen transfer are numerous.

No editing required

GTO allows staff members to transfer all of their records from the utility terminal and then move to a NOTIS terminal to do any necessary editing. The current screen-to-screen transfer requires editing on the OCLC side before transferring the record. Subfield 1w's must be deleted, multiple line fields must be adjusted, and any screens with 25 lines require manipulation so that the last line will transfer. With GTO, essentially no editing is required. The system converts the incoming data into NOTIS-MARC format using online conversion programs that can be the same as your NOTIS batch conversion program. In addition, when OCLC moves to the MARC record export capability, GTO will transfer the entire record in a single transaction.

Greater reliability and economy

Currently, the OCLC screen-to-screen transfer captures a screen image. This means that the program relies on a consistent screen image as input. Changes in the screen display require modifications to the NOTIS programs. When OCLC makes available its new system, GTO will capture an actual MARC-formatted record, not just a screen image. Transferring data in this way affords far greater reliability and data integrity. GTO creates NOTIS bibliographic and holdings records automatically (depending on your online conversion program which can be as simple or as complex as desired). There is no need to indicate the format type because NOTIS checks the format code as part of the matching process. The OCLC screen-to-screen transfer can only create a bibliographic record, and requires that the format type be explicitly indicated at the time of transfer.

Depending upon any pre-set defaults and configurations, GTO translates the location information in the utility record into a NOTIS location code and transfers it (and the call number, if desired) into the copy holdings record. If no location information exists in the incom-

ing record, the GTO program defaults to the first location code in your online conversion program. In addition, GTO programs update the cataloging status code, classification code, and copy status code. Since little or no editing is required on the utility

side, there is increased productivity. Since a greater number of records can be transferred in the same amount of time, more people may be able to use the utility terminals. This may reduce the number of source utility terminals required by a library.

Dynamic indexing

GTO also provides a greater number of record access points than are available with the OCLC screen-to-screen transfer. GTO dynamically indexes the author (1XX), title (2XX), and added entry (7XX) fields. Once you install NOTIS Release 4.6, GTO-transferred bibliographic records will be dynamically indexed by the Merged Heading Index (MHI) programs. GTO also dynamically indexes the 035 field (the source utility record number).

Authority records transferred too

For those using GTO-RLIN, there are no problems in transferring authority records. With GTO-OCLC also, authority records transfer, but subfield 1w's appear at the end of the 4XX or 5XX fields instead of at the beginning. In transferring authority records here at NOTIS Systems, we found that only seven out of forty randomly-

selected records had a subfield 1w that needed to be moved. This problem can be corrected manually. On the right are illustrations of how the authority record looks before and after it has been corrected.

We plan to correct this subfield 1w problem with the next release of the GTO product in spring 1990. Other problems with authority record transfer that appeared in test versions of the GTO software have already been corrected. Since the transfer is not yet as we would like it to be, we have avoided claiming that GTO-OCLC handles authority records. However, the the transfer of authority records is complete in all other respects.

Stores records, generates reports

Another advantage to GTO is that the GTO microcomputer will store records transferred from the bibliographic utility if communications with the NOTIS mainframe are interrupted. When mainframe communications are reestablished, the GTO microcomputer will then transfer its stored records into NOTIS.

GTO also provides the user with batch reports. One of the reports is a printed list of the NOTIS record numbers for new and overlaid records. The other report lists any exceptions—those records created with minor errors and utility records with errors too severe to allow for NOTIS record creation. The reports are a fast and easy way to set processing tasks for clerical staff and to identify records needing correction. (Many of the minor errors may require no correction.)

Transferred OCLC Authority record before editing in NOTIS

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LTNU DONE                                CAM5589          S016
NOTIS CATALOGING
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SRC LANG ROM MOD UNIQUE a GOVT S/SYS a D/I n SUBD ? NUM n S/TYP n
NAME a SUBJ a SER b KIND a H/ESTAB a T/EVAL a IP a RULES c

010: : la n 81836429
035/1: : la [OCLC]00582065
040: : la DLC lc DLC
100:10: la BAUM, L. Frank lq [Lyman Frank], ld 1856-1919. lt Wizard of Oz
400/1:10: la BAUM, Lyman Frank, ld 1856-1919. lt Wonderful Wizard of Oz lv nnaa
400/2:10: la BAUM, L. Frank lq [Lyman Frank], ld 1856-1919. lt Wonderful
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Hardware advantages

Not only is GTO beneficial in terms of functionality, but it also provides benefits in terms of the hardware that is required. The OCLC screen-to-screen transfer requires that one utility terminal be attached to one NOTIS terminal. With GTO, a library can attach up to 16 terminals to a GTO PC (15 if you use a 7171 terminal controller). This not only requires less physical space, but it also frees NOTIS terminals for use in other areas of the library. In addition, the utility terminals from multiple source utilities (OCLC, RLIN, UTLAS) can all be attached to a single GTO microcomputer.

Those of you who attended the GTO sessions at the 1989 NUGM heard NOTIS users attest to this product's usefulness.

There is no question that the introduction of GTO into your library would give rise to possibilities for improvements in workflow. NOTIS Systems' goal is to provide you with software products that can help you to improve productivity and reduce the amount of hardware needed to operate your system. We believe GTO can help you realize these benefits.

Order now to get 1989 prices.

The GTO order form appears on page 21. Take advantage of current prices by ordering before the first of the year. We are shipping GTO-RLIN and GTO-OCLC now and can fill your orders quickly. GTO-UTLAS will be available before the end of the year. ■

NOTIS announces new record-to-record data transfer product

The Conversion Services Department is pleased to announce the release of its newest product, Authority Record Overlay/Bibliographic Record Overlay (AOVL/BOVL.) We are offering this product in response to your need to transfer data from one online NOTIS record into another. Using AOVL/BOVL, you will be able to copy bibliographic or authority information from one NOTIS record, called the "source" record, into another existing

NOTIS record, the "target" record. AOVL/BOVL copies all data from the source record to the target record except for dates in fixed fields, the original processing unit, and the record key. You can overlay a target bibliographic record with data from a source bibliographic record when the target and source records are:

- in the same processing unit
- in different processing units but in the same institution group
- in different institution

NUGM '89 wrap-up: Great!

Last month we held our seventh annual NOTIS Users' Group Meeting (NUGM) at Chicago's Palmer House hotel. More than 650 registrants from over 120 sites attended the meeting, making it our largest NUGM to date. We decided to hold this year's meeting in downtown Chicago because of user requests following NUGM 1988.

Response to the move was very positive. As one systems librarian stated, "Having the meeting at the hotel solved a lot of logistical problems. Lunches were handled very well."

Participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet and mingle with colleagues. According to one visiting library specialist, "The informal networking Tuesday night (at the reception for NUGM attendees), at lunch, and between sessions was helpful. It's helpful that we all come to-

gether."

Time was also allocated during the program for NOTIS Special Interest Groups to meet.

Representatives from over 35 different NOTIS sites spoke on a variety of topics, offering NOTIS users a broad perspective on library operations. Topics included NOTIS' new Merged Heading Index, the Multiple Database Access System, Generic Transfer and Overlay, the MARC Format for Holdings and Locations, an overview of Release 4.6, and many others. NUGM '89 gave NOTIS users the opportunity to share ideas and experiences plus learn about new products and enhancements.

What did users have to say about the meeting?

"Sessions were generally well-focused and handouts were well-done" (a systems librarian).

"It far exceeded my expectations. I was pleased by so much

groups but in the same CICS region.

In all cases, the target record is updated and the source record remains unchanged. The same functions are available for authority records.

AOVL/BOVL is an additional-cost enhancement. The price is \$3000. To order, or for additional information, contact NOTIS Conversion Services.

We wish to acknowledge the assistance with design specifications provided by the **University of Minnesota** and **Cornell University** libraries. Thanks to their help, the AOVL/BOVL product should meet the needs of many NOTIS installations. ■

practical information; by excellent organization; by opportunities for discussion, etc." (a catalog librarian).

"The program met my expectations. Presenters were knowledgeable and there was a wide range of topics to select from" (a library specialist).

Another first this year was the compilation of session handouts into one convenient binder. Response to the binder was generally very favorable:

"I liked it a lot, though it was a bit large. But please do not limit the amount of handouts next year—they are too valuable to eliminate. Next year I'll bring a bigger suitcase!" (a research analyst).

NUGM '90: Oct. 24-25

For next year, we plan to offer users even more input, and to get special interest groups involved in the planning of discussion topics. Plan now to join us next October at the Palmer House! ■

NOTIS publications

NOTIS manuals are resources for training, reference, technical support

NOTIS writes, prints and publishes many thousands of pages of user-resource materials every year. Our Documentation Services staff distributes manuals for library administrators, library staff, systems and application programmers, and other technical support personnel. Our User Services staff publishes training manuals for library staff and administrators.

In the following pages, we provide listings and order forms for NOTIS manuals of various descriptions.

NUGM Manuals

Many visitors to NUGM '89 found the large binder of printed materials (session handouts, outlines, system descriptions, etc.) to be extremely useful, and inquired whether additional copies would be available. The answer is yes. Now you can order any number of NUGM binders. This item is listed under "Workshop Manuals" on the order form on page 8. ■



Title-page, artillery manual. London, 1626

Authority Control Workshop materials

If you were unable to attend the pre-NUGM Authority Control Workshop, you can still obtain the materials that were distributed to participants.

These materials include

- handouts from the basic and advanced sessions
- up-to-date information on NOTIS authority control
- comments from authority-control practitioners

• the latest on global heading changes, the New and Dropped Headings Lists, staffing, training, authority control workflow, managing multiple thesauruses under the Merged Heading Index, and advanced cross referencing and displayable notes

All materials are three-hole punched and shrink-wrapped.

To order this valuable resource, use the Training Manual/Workshop Manual order form on page 8. ■

NOTIS user training

Need to know how things work?

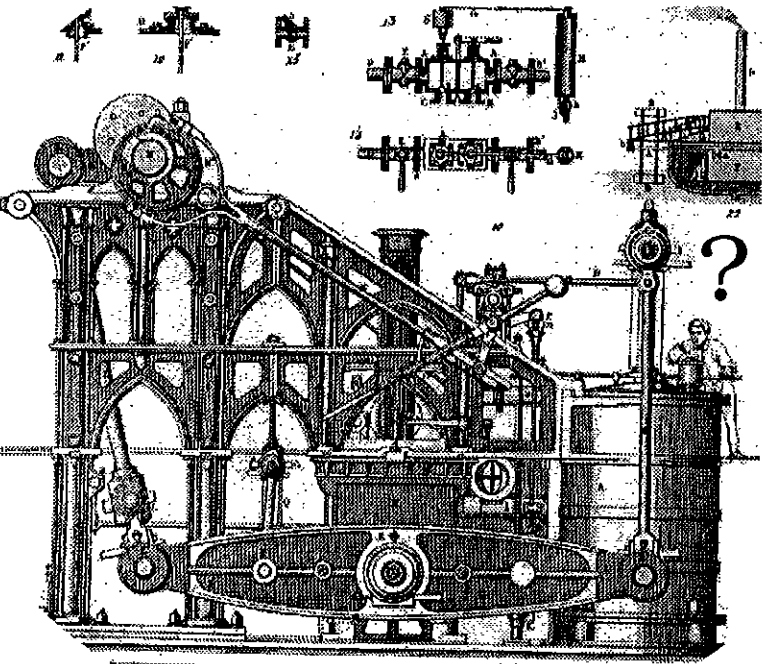
Here's an update on user-training sessions offered by NOTIS Systems at our training facilities near Chicago, and elsewhere.

Authority Control

On Friday, December 8 of this year, User Services will offer a new training class, "Authority Control in NOTIS." The session focuses on the authorities concepts and procedures that pertain to a NOTIS Release 4.6 environment. Participants will learn about the Merged Heading Index, conflict detection reports, the control subfield lw, validating cross references, and more.

Pre-ALA sessions

If you are attending the Mid-winter Conference of the American Library Association, which runs from January 6-10, 1990,



consider attending a NOTIS pre-ALA training session. The following training sessions will be held at NOTIS Systems headquarters in the Chicago area (Evanston):

On Friday, January 5, User Services is offering both **authority control** training and a com-

pletely revised **OPAC** training session.

From January 2-4, the Technical Support Department is holding classes in **NOTIS/SAS data extraction**. To register for any of these sessions, use the order form on page 12. ■

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up.

—Booker T. Washington

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USER TRAINING AT NOTIS

The User Services and Technical Support groups are pleased to announce a series of training sessions to be held at NOTIS headquarters. Sessions to be presented include the newly developed, enhanced training programs on NOTIS modules now being offered as part of NOTIS basic support and technical training.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

While this varies with each training session, you will benefit from attending if you:

- Are preparing to install 4.6
- Are implementing a new feature or function
- Have new staff members who missed the NOTIS training
- Want to train one staff member designated to conduct your on-site training

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ATTENDING TRAINING AT NOTIS?

- Receive the most up to date training
- Receive your own copy of the new NOTIS training material
- Interact with other NOTIS users
- Interact with NOTIS staff
- Sessions conducted in an established training environment

WHAT SESSIONS ARE BEING OFFERED?

Date	Session	Presented by
October 25-27, 1989	NOTIS/SAS Data Extractions	Tech Support
December 8, 1989	NOTIS Authority Control	User Services
<i>(Pre-ALA sessions):</i>		
January 2-4, 1990	NOTIS/SAS Data Extractions	Tech Support
January 5, 1990	NOTIS Authority Control	User Services
January 5, 1990	OPAC	User Services

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO ATTENDING THESE SESSIONS AT NOTIS?

Yes, you have two additional options. Since OPAC and Authority Control training sessions are part of our basic support policy, you can schedule on-site training by calling the User Services/Technical Support Secretary, Sherri Miller, at (312) 866-0127.

In addition, we will schedule a regional session if you gather six trainees (eight for SAS training) and arrange for the training site. For additional information on scheduling regional sessions, and for rates, contact one of the following:

Carole Norris, Manager of User Services, (312) 866-0181
Jonathan Elliott, Manager of Technical Support, (312) 866-0192

RATES (per person)

Session	Number of days	Rate
NOTIS Authority Control	1 day	\$300.00
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)	1 day	\$300.00
SAS Data Extractions	3 days	\$900.00
		\$600.00 (2 or more)

For training sessions other than the SAS Data Extraction Seminar, you may use one contractually-provided customer service support day for each day of training in lieu of payment.

Please note that class size is limited. Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Registrations will not be accepted without payment.

Minimum number of registrants is four. NOTIS reserves the right to cancel any training sessions with two weeks' notice.

REGISTRATION FORM (clip and mail)

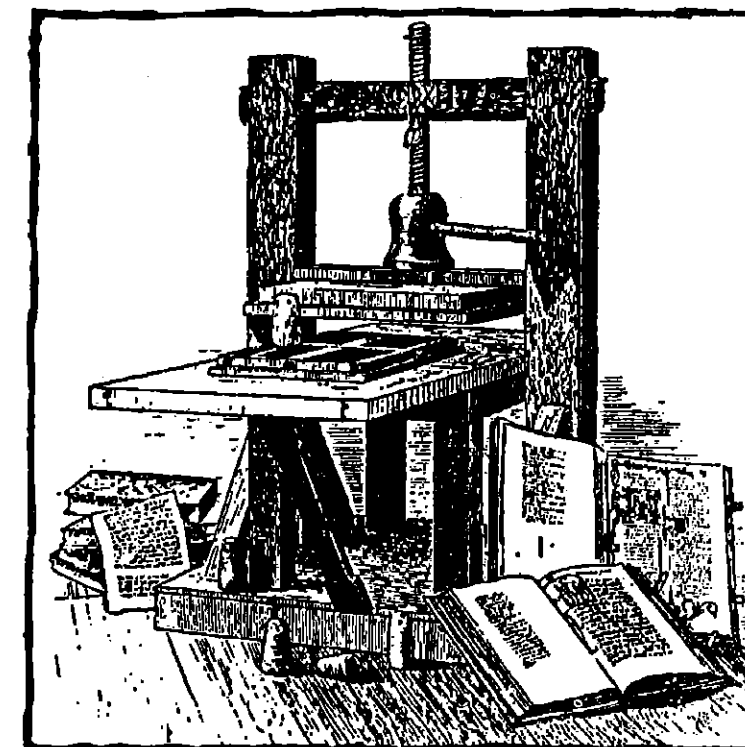
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 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: (____) _____
 Workshop: _____ Date: _____
 Amount Incl.: \$ _____

Registration will not be accepted without payment. Please complete one form for each attendee. Mail with payment to:

NOTIS User Services
 Workshops
 NOTIS Systems, Inc.
 1007 Church Street, 2nd Floor
 Evanston, IL 60201-3622

Documentation for release 4.6 has been mailed

By now all NOTIS documentation contact people at your site should have received User Documentation Update #19, dated September 15, 1989 and Technical Documentation Update #12, dated October 15, 1989. Both updates contain supporting documentation for new features and enhancements in Release 4.6 including the Merged Heading Index (MHI), the enhanced HAS command, fixes and enhancements to NOTIS Online Fund Accounting (NOFA), and the TAPE and CLAR commands. Anyone who has not yet received these updates should call Sandra Yuen at (312) 866-0150 ext. 689. ■



TOM manual chapter on HAS command will be updated

The November user documentation update will contain a change to the NOTIS *Terminal Operator's Manual*, Vol. 2, chapter H6, on the patron charge index display. New material will be added to this chapter explaining the circumstances under which the number in the CHARGES counter in a patron record may not match the number of items linked to that patron in the patron charges index. The reasons for this are as follows. (You may wish to make a notation in your manual

at this time if you will be working with the HAS command.)

When you charge an item to lost or missing, that item continues to display in the original patron's charges index. However, the system will not display the circulation status message, OVERDUE/LOST unless the item was overdue at the time you charged it to lost or missing. When an item is charged to lost or missing, the system decrements the CHARGES counter in the patron record.

This explains why it is that

when an item originally charged to a patron has been charged to the lost/missing pseudopatron category, there is no circulation status message displaying in the original patron's charges index to the effect that the item has a circulation status of OVERDUE/LOST. Furthermore, in such a situation, the number in the CHARGES counter in the patron record would not match the number of items linked to that patron in the patron's charges index. ■

News From Users

New officers at Vandy, Howard, Michigan State

Virginia Eldridge has been named the new Head of Library Systems at Vanderbilt University.

Howard University has appointed Ann Randall as the Director of Libraries.

Hiram L. Davis is now the Director of Libraries at Michigan State University. ■

NOTIS users publish articles

Two articles on NOTIS implementation appear in the September issue of *Information Technology and Libraries*. Judith Fox and Kay Kanafani of Washington University (St. Louis), and Halycon Enssle and Lou Anderson of Colorado State University are the authors.

Fox and Kanafani describe their site's modification and adaptation of NOTIS global heading change capabilities. Enssle and Anderson report on their work to implement NOTIS circulation prior to a full-database load. ■

Information sought on file extracts, offline products

Stephanie Perentesis, the Director of the User Services Division at the Library of Michigan, would like to know how other NOTIS sites are producing offline products from locally-loaded NOTIS databases. Specifically, the Library of Michigan is interested in producing a book catalog of its NOTIS genealogy titles. Stephanie would like to know what other NOTIS libraries' experience has been in extracting a tape of bibliographic and holdings records by NOTIS location code. She is also interested in knowing if anyone has asked a vendor to produce camera-ready copy in a bibliographic format similar to an entry in the National Union Catalog and arranged alphabetically by title, author, and subject. Stephanie's telephone number is (517) 373-5506. The FAX number is (517) 373-5700. ■

What's in a name?

Thanks to all who have heeded our call for names given to NOTIS online public catalogs. This month we have three additions.

From the **University of North Alabama**, we have **UNACAT**. (Thanks to Myra Harscheid.)

Wilbur Stolt, Director of Library Public Services, informs us that the **University of Oklahoma** has chosen the name **OLIN** (Oklahoma Library Information Network).

Thanks to Alan Alexander-Manifold for reminding us to add **Purdue's THOR** (THE Online Resource) to the list.

This month our design editor wanted to give "What's in a Name?" a "new look," in keeping with the imaginative and whimsical spirit embodied in all these original OPAC names.

If you don't see your OPAC name listed here, please let us know! ■

OPAC NAMES

ACORN	Vanderbilt University
BEACON	Grand Valley State University
BISON	SUNY-Buffalo
BYLINE	Brigham Young University
CATALYST	Kent State University
CHESTER	West Chester University
CLIO	Columbia University
CUNY+	City University of New York
DELCAT	University of Delaware
ELIXIR	SUNY-Binghamton
FOCUS	Michigan Technological University
JANUS	Johns Hopkins University
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
MORRIS	McMaster University
MUSE	McGill University
OASIS	University of Iowa
OLIN	University of Oklahoma
ORBIS	National Geographic, Yale University
PennLIN	University of Pennsylvania
PITTCAT	University of Pittsburgh
QLINE	Queen's University
ROCKY	Iona College
STARS	SUNY-Stony Brook
THOR	Purdue University
TOPCAT	Western Kentucky University
UNACAT	University of North Alabama
UNICAT	Burroughs Wellcome Company
UNIS	University of Utah
UNLOC	University of Notre Dame
VIRGO	University of Virginia
YORKLINE	York University

*Pronounced loo-EECE

User Group News

Here is an update on the activities of members of the NOTIS Health Sciences Users' Group:

Michigan designs NOTIS training program

At the University of Michigan, the staff instituted an "Ongoing Training" program in March of 1989 after Michigan's online system went live. According to Diane Schwartz of the medical library, the program is designed to introduce new employees to NOTIS as well as serve as a refresher course for experienced staff. If you have any questions regarding Michigan's training program, contact Diane at (313) 763-2037. ■

User-written program makes MEDLINE available to patrons

Janet Arth at the University of Minnesota, is working with a locally written system that makes MEDLINE available to patrons. The system is called "Minnesota MEDLINE" and has been available since July of 1987. The database covers from 1984 to the present. Minnesota MEDLINE runs on Control Data Corporation hardware with basic software from the Batelle Institute. If you would like further information, contact Janet at (612) 626-5805. ■

Vanderbilt uses online statistics to help design training program

Vanderbilt University is now offering MEDLINE through the online catalog. To determine how patrons are searching the database, the library staff studied transaction logs. The results indicated that patrons were searching MEDLINE using unqualified keyword search statements and, for the most part, they were not using the MEDLINE help and instructional screens. Judy Orr at Vanderbilt says these factors are being taken into consideration when they train staff and end users. If you have any questions about Vanderbilt's training program, Judy can be reached at (615) 322-2291. See NOTISes/43, page 2, "Vanderbilt blazes trail for NOTIS Multiple Database Access System," for more information on MEDLINE at Vanderbilt. ■

UICC transfers PHILSOM serials data to NOTIS

The University of Illinois at Chicago has successfully loaded bibliographic, copy holdings, and volume holdings data from a tape of their data in PHILSOM, a serials control module. The library was able to transfer data via a tape-conversion program. During the same process, data from EBSCO and Faxon was also used to create records for the main library. If you have any questions about the conversion, please contact Ann Weller at the Library of the Health Sciences at (312) 996-8974. ■

New NLM MeSH/MARC records 'work well' in MHI

Northwestern University Medical Library is examining the MeSH subject headings in MARC format, a newly released product of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). According to Tony Olson, head of Technical Services at Northwestern, NLM has done a good job of producing the authority records in MARC format and the records work well in the Merged Heading Index. The file contains 394,000 records. For further information, contact Tony at (312) 908-8125. ■

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Meet your new account managers!

As we announced at the 1989 NOTIS Users' Group Meeting, account management responsibility for all NOTIS customer sites has moved to the Sales and Marketing Department. NOTIS has assigned account responsibilities on the basis of geographical regions. The five regions are Eastern, Southern, Great Lakes, Central, and Western.

Following is a listing of NOTIS Representatives, Product Specialists, and their assigned territories.

Who ya gonna call?

You should continue to call the Customer Services number, (312) 866-0160, for assistance or information about operational issues.

Any general questions or concerns, requests for information about new products, or unresolved complaints should be directed to the NOTIS Sales and Marketing Representative assigned to your territory. If your representative is temporarily unavailable, you can call the NOTIS Product Specialist who works with your Sales and Marketing Representative.

If you have any questions about this new policy, please call Stuart W. Miller, Sales Support Manager, at 312-866-0171.

Eastern region

Includes:
Connecticut
Delaware
Massachusetts
Maine
New Brunswick
Newfoundland
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Pennsylvania
Prince Edward Island
Quebec
Rhode Island
Vermont

NOTIS Representative: Tim Tammling, (312) 866-0156
NOTIS Product Specialist: Keith Giltner, (312) 866-0157

Southern region

Includes:
Alabama
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Maryland
Mississippi
North Carolina
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia
Latin America

NOTIS Representative: **
NOTIS Product Specialist: Keith Giltner, (312) 866-0157

Great Lakes region

Includes:
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Michigan
Ohio
Wisconsin

NOTIS Representative: Bill Favata, (312) 866-0155
NOTIS Product Specialist: Doug Madigan (312) 866-0137

Central region

Includes:
Arkansas
Colorado
Iowa
Kansas
Manitoba
Minnesota
Missouri
North Dakota
Nebraska
New Mexico
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Saskatchewan
Texas

NOTIS Representative: **
NOTIS Product Specialist: Sandy Schmidt, (312) 866-0132

Western region

Includes:
Alberta
Alaska
Arizona
British Columbia
California
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
Pacific rim

NOTIS Representative: **
NOTIS Product Specialist: Doug Madigan (312) 866-0137

**Not yet assigned. NOTIS users in these areas should call the NOTIS Product Specialist. NOTIS Representatives will be resident in their territories by January 1, 1990.