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## **MEMORANDUM**

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Subject: November Status

### **Personnel**

Joe Cantlon, our hourly part-time student programmer, has returned to being a full time student. The job on top of his 18 hour course load was too much, plus he had a change of plans regarding settling in this area (after hearing the salary offers received by other graduates). In reflecting on this, I am convinced that it is not practical to bring in part time students to help out -- the tools, the environment, the standards, and the applications are just too complex.

### **MVS Distributed Printing**

The C run time library is in and Randall can now maintain the necessary MVS printer table without scratching the entire file and reloading it. He and Don Barnett are now testing the routing of ADABAS TPF output through the Network Print Facility. The biggest development has been the realization that even before NPF we could send output from MVS to any TCP/IP printer using a LPR command. The difference is that the print has to originate as a file and can't be in the spool or SYSOUT area like NPF uses. The advantage is that it can be done dynamically, no table entries have to be made or maintained. I can print directly from MVS to my locally attached PC printer by designating my IP address and printer LPT1. The next step will be to figure out which options we offer our users and how to package them.

### **University Procurement System (UPS)**

#### ***Requisition/Bid***

We are having more meetings than ever before (almost daily). However, it seems that the only thing we covered in November was redoing the data requirements for the requisition and bid processes (which we think are 'done' now). I suppose we shouldn't expect more than this after a three year break and new personnel. The only good news is that if we were still having weekly meetings instead of daily, this would have taken 4 or 5 months to get through. The bad news is that the constant meetings leaves little time to get anything done between meetings.

Other accomplishments were the adoption of a simple approach for handling advance POs and the revising of documentation. The next step is to clean up and synchronize all the outstanding UPS changes, make PO file changes, convert data, update existing code to work with the new structures, and then we'll be ready to write some requisition functions. I'm sure we will continue to meet and discuss finer details of reqs and bids as we continue on to contracts and purchase order processes.

## ***Vendor Subsystem***

The vendor name and address update TARGET functions along with two associated lists were moved to PROD, and the address code help routine was modified to display two address lines per entry.

## **Personal Services Budget (PSB)**

The meeting pace is just as frantic on the BASIS I side. Here we're not only having more meetings, but they also last longer. Three hours seems to be the standard now. BASIS I meets in the morning and BASIS II in the afternoon. I had one day with 3 meetings lasting from 8:00 to 5:30 with only a long lunch break.

The accomplishment for the month was the definition of Position and Position Master files along with the identification of about 20 reason codes for changes occurring to that data. Needless to say that each of these reasons has been the topic of lengthy discussion: who initiates it, why, when, who has to know about it, who needs to approve it, how does it affect other actions, ... This all deals with the position, appointment, personnel action, and personnel budget side of the project. I think most people are now beginning to understand the concept of our effective dated records.

The other side of the project, that has not been delved into deeply, is real budget dollars, the transactions that manipulate those, the level at which budgets will be controlled, and the departmental accounting aspect of moving those monies between periods and departmental budget categories for their own purposes.

## **Departmental Accounting**

This module affects all others, and as such straddles the fence between BASIS I and II. The general concept is fairly well understood, but little is documented to date. Some very rough preliminary *concept* files have been laid out, the most important being the Static and Dynamic Balance files. The first one is for closed periods and the second for all open periods where the data is still changing. Additional support files will provide the detail to 'drill down' to determine the source of the balances.

## **Hourly Time Sheets (HRLY-TS)**

A batch report version of LTBU, List Time for a BU, has been developed that sorts employees by name. This is intended for BUs with large numbers of hourly employees. However, it won't be deployed until we work out the details for getting the print back to the user's networked printers. There were also minor problems reported and corrected with CRHA, Change Rate for Hourly Appointed, and SUHE, Set-Up Hourly Employee.

## **Leave Accounting (LEAVE)**

The only development activity in Leave was the correction of a minor problem involving OETI, Old Extra Time Inquiry function.

## **Labor Distribution (LABOR)**

The Company Cost Center List maintenance function, the general report and extract, the Agri report and extract, the Agri quarterly report, and an enhanced Payroll Distribution function were all completed and moved to production. All of the Labor lists, which have

been enhanced and converted to the Super List model, were moved to DEMO. A new list, List Pay dates and compensation types for Original Cost Centers, was also developed and moved to DEMO. Two of the P-Form reports were developed and sample output provided to HR. Since then we have heard there is a third report which has yet to be defined. We have also investigated and documented how the *loaded indicator* is used by DCP, PCP, and both load programs, since it was altered in Kathryn's last week and those changes need to be migrated to DEMO and PROD. We continue to have occasional problems with duplicate records in the second load program, which requires zapping the data in order to complete the job. The only long term solution is to re-write the first load program which will be an onerous task. There are still some other remaining *to dos*, but the list is getting shorter.