Computer will replace MIT card catalogs

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... and she said.

While some schools also use bar codes for meal purchases, MIT is not planning to make use of the new bar code, said Kevin K. Smith, administrative assistant for food services.

Food Services will continue to use the blue stamps on Dining Series 4 cards, Smith said.

The other system, Luckier said, will allow library users to determine whether a particular book is on the shelves. It will also be able to detect invalid identification cards.

"People won't be able to have more than X dollars in fines or have to check out books," Luckier said.

The new system can automatically send overdue notices, he said. It can record borrowing patterns, allowing the library to order popular types of books more frequently. Eventually, it may even perform biographical searches, he said.

Switched catalogs in 1963

The MIT library system switched from the Dewey decimal system to the Library of Congress system in 1963, Luckier said.

The library system closed the Dewey decimal card catalog and opened a new Library of Congress catalog, instead of changing indexes for all holdings in the system, he explained.

Every library in the system

Benefit fee choice soon

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... student activities," McCay said two weeks ago.

"We want to clear up how it all happened in the beginning. We are also finding out that not all student activities are using the institution catalog." Some groups pay students through outside accounts, he explained.

The Student Center Committee appointed the phone of the Kocher Kocher, Ye Old Muddy Charles Pub, and the Thirsty Ear Pub all have Institute accounts, according to the Dean's Office.

Those groups would have to contribute between $33,000 and $35,000 a year to the benefit fund.

McCay said.

The Tech, the donut stand in Lobby 7, and the Lecture Series Committee employ students, but have outside accounts. McCay said if they are included in the benefit program, the total charge to student groups would double.

"The Institute would like to get all student groups to use Institute accounts," Wirt said. "That way, they have all the figures and can make sure student groups report everything, so the Institute won't be faced if it's audited and something's wrong.

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George Lucker, director of libraries.

The sustaining fellows Fund, a pool of unrestricted donations, is financing the system, according to Barbara E. Lewis, executive officer of the fund. Funding totaled $600,000 from 1980 to 1982, she said, enough to purchase the new system.

The president of the Institute may use the fund in any manner he chooses, she said. "The only reason they got this was because it was deemed important enough," Lewis said.

The system is a method of cutting costs, Luckier said, under the theory that it would take less time for a library worker to enter a book into the computer than into a card catalog.

The system will also improve management of the card catalog, Luckier said, and allow the library staff to spend less time tracking down overdue books.

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