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**Elimination of Project Takes Administrators by Surprise**

There was no prior indication of this decision, and Project HORIZON was stopped because of this unexpected cancellation, Anderson said. At that point, the libraries were not yet ready to accept a new system.

Ameritech's new product is not suitable for MIT's libraries because it is not fully developed and its database is not large enough for academic libraries, Anderson said.

**Libraries currently use Barton**

Currently the campus libraries deliver library information to the MIT community in several ways. Students can use CD-Barton, the CD-ROM version of the catalog, located in the libraries' reading rooms to access the MIT catalog. The MIT Libraries' network is currently under development. Accessibility to students under Barton, which is a GEAC 8000 integrated library system, will be enhanced. Students can access the system via telnet to librar.mit.edu and via the "Libraries' menu on the Athena Computing Environment DASH (accessible under the Special menu). On those occasions when the network version of the catalog is unavailable, the CD-ROM version in the libraries would remain operational and available for use.

**Accessibility to students**

The candidate systems are more accessible to students. For example, the possible new computer system Advance is a host-based system which will migrate to a client-server model. The client for public access cataloging has just been released, and clients for the rest of the library systems are under development. It will offer connections to other network accessible catalogs in addition to a machine-to-machine information retrieval protocol, which permits the user to use his own interface to search other systems. The new system will also be able to provide greater network connectivity to students via Resnet.

"I believe that the new system will enable the libraries to satisfy a student's information needs quickly, efficiently, and with greater power than the current system. We will be able to process more materials and make them available to the MIT community using greater processing functionality in the new system," Anderson said.

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