New AT&T system to be functional by June '88

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Telephone does not currently al-

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low one system to have both

business (measured) and residen-
tial (flat-rate) trunks. Berlan said.

Berlan plans to file a formal

complaint with the Department of

Public Utilities within the next 30
days if a trunk line issue

arises. A number of other uni-

versities may join the complaint,

Ber-

lan said.

One university, which Berlan

would not name, may file a com-

plaint before MIT does, because

it is further along in the process

of installing its system. This insti-

tution did not discover the trunk

line problem until Berlan had

brought it to its attention, he

said.

The trunk line issue can be
easily resolved, Berlan said. "If I
felt otherwise, I wouldn't attempt
the order."

New England Telephone wants
to keep the old system, because

"that's the way they've been do-
ing business," Berlan said. The

company argues that it would not
control the system, he said. Ber-

lan argued that they would be al-

lowed to verify the fact that the

system was working properly.

There would be three options if
flat-rate trunks are not approved,

Berlan said. There could be no
outside calls, which Berlan felt
would be restrictive. Students

could be charged measured rates.

This option would require an ad-
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ministrative overhead, Berlan said.

The probable option would be
flat charges to students, where
the message units would be ab-

sorbed. Berlan noted that this ar-

rangement would not require
dedicated residential trunks.

There has been a favorable re-

response from long distance phone

companies, Berlan said. He is

still negotiating the issue with

different companies. His plan is
to have students receive long
distance bills directly from the com-
pany. This will make the phone
act like an ordinary residence line, Berlan said.

"The pricing of switch compo-
nents is a difficult issue to re-
solve," said Berlan. Space is at a
premium at MIT, Berlan noted.

The system could not be located
at New England Telephone be-

cause the "pricing of a Centerx

arrangement would be prohibi-
tive," Berlan said.

Berlan plans to have wiring com-
pleted by next year. "We'd like to
dismiss dormitories wired by
September, 1986 for converter
workstations." The phone duct
system will have to be enlarged,

Berlan added.

Centerx phones, which are

launched, will be replaced with new
phones which have more fea-
tures, Berlan said. In addition,
Berlan anticipates new touch-

tone phones for the dormitories.

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Cambridge elections to be held this Tuesday

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 voting on the campaign by the re-
estate industry, and that rent-
control candidates, especially
Walsh, would serve realtors' in-

terests at the expense of tenants.

Meanwhile, candidate Michael
Turk finds the CCA stances too

conservative, and is running

in the absence of the association's

support. Turk would like to expand

and tighten rent controls, and establish

community control over

commerce and social devel-

opment.

Neighborhood preservation,
parking, city services, education

and tax reform have also been

mentioned in the design, but

have not aroused as much debate

as housing.

Nine candidates are running

for six seats on the School Com-
nittee. Three referendum ques-
tions also appear on the ballot:

- A binding referendum to

amend the Cambridge Human
Rights Ordinance to include
photography as sex discrimination.

- A non-binding referendum to

the Cambridge University
Women's Alliance Against Pornogra-
phy. The Council rejected it be-

cause of doubts about its

constitutionality in the Massa-

chusetts Supreme Judicial Court

ordered it on the ballot. The pro-

posed ordinance would allow

women to use for damages result-

ing from pornography and places
restrictions on trafficking.

- A non-binding referendum
asking voters whether they are in
favor of the testing, storage,
transportation and disposal of

nervous and blister agents in Cam-

bridge.

- A non-binding referendum
planned on the ballot, the cou-

cil in June, on the sale of prop-

erties by Harvard Real Estate to

faculty members who would own

and occupy them, thus removing

them from rent control.

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