Students show x-rated film
East Campus violates MIT pornography policy

By Andrew L. Fish

The East Campus house gov-
ernment presented the sexually
explicit film "Little Shop of
Whores" to an audience of about
20 students last Friday night —
violating the MIT Policy
Statement on Sexual Explicit
Films. It is the second consecu-
tive Registration Day that sexual-
ly explicit films were shown in
East Campus' Taltont Lounge. In
both cases, films were adver-
tised on campus.

The movie was shown in spite of a meeting between East Cam-
pus representatives and MIT's Dean for Student Affairs James
R. Tewhey Wednesday afternoon. The decision to allow the film
was made by the East Campus Executive Council, said Presi-
dent Leslie A. Whitman '88, Vice President Paul E. Gray '89, and
Vice President Adam L. Dershowitz '89, who was charged with violat-
ing the rules last February.

The MIT policy states that an individual or group may show a
sexually explicit film on Registration Day with the min-
ar approval of a screening com-
mittee. The organizers of the event admitted violating this poli-
cy, which they described as "re-
versely flawed." Whitman said
that the policy "infringes upon
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New phones ready by August 1988

By Ajay G. Advani

A new campus-wide phone sys-
tem will be working by Aug.
1988, said Director of Telecom-
munications Morton Berlin. The
system, purchased by MIT from
American Telephone and Tele-
graph, will replace the Dormline
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