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Browning says he hopes to get a lot of student advice, ideas and participation in this, "be-

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The cause of the sickness at Talbot remains a mystery, although speculation has been made. The bug might not even have been at Talbot House, according to Dr. Melvin H. Chalfen, of the MIT Medical Department, who says about half the people didn't get sick until after they got back from Vermont.

The couple who run the resort were sick in early January, Vermont. The couple who run the resort were sick in early January, Vermont. Chalfen says. They may have had a bacterial infection which could have contaminated dishes and food. Although they were asked to receive tests, the tests were never completed.

The Vermont Department of Health was asked to investigate by Jonathan Hartshorne, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. The department first inspected the kitchen. The sanitarian was sent to check out the kitchen. The sanitarian declared the kitchen to be in good condition. He said, however, that a trap between the septic tank needed to be installed. The sanitarian found no contamination in the dishwasher, and said there was no sign of the septic tank backing up into the dishwasher. The trap has been installed.

The heating system was tested for evidence of noxious gases. The tests were negative. The Talbot House Staff was tested for any signs of sickness; there were none.

The cause of the sickness was more likely a virus than a bacteria, in Dr. Chalfen's opinion. If it had been a virus, a test for various types of viruses, stated, it would have shown up in the tests.

Chalfen said it is possible to test for various types of viruses, but this is a long, drawn-out process, involving growing the viruses in chicken embryo and examining them through an electron microscope. The process is too time-consuming and impractical, the doctor declared.

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"American foreign policy has been wrong in construction, wrong in goals, and wrong in methods," Fred Harris, former US Senator from Oklahoma and Democratic candidate for president, said in what was billed as a major foreign policy address at Harvard's Sanders Theater Friday afternoon.

In his half hour speech, Harris accused recent foreign policy managers of being elitist, secretive, and distrustful of the people.

He said the leaders could not justify their actions and policies although they tried to by calling the American people "jingoistic." Harris said that recent polls showed that most working people were less "jingoistic" than their leaders. "They realize that it is their sons who mostly pay the price," Harris said.

He summed up his position as follows: "The American presence around the world should be based on announced goals reviewed annually. The American people are smart enough to govern themselves," he concluded.

Shriver noted that he spent quite a few years in New England "and married into a well known Massachusetts family." Shriver declared that he is more qualified to help New England than any other candidate. "The reality is that I don't think you're going to get any program that's helpful through Congress unless the top of the government is intensely interested in a total development package for New England," he said.

In closing remarks, Shriver asked the audience to consider was the fact that he is the only candidate to undergo three full field investigations by the FBI for executive appointments during three administrations. "Lyndon Johnson read the FBI's report on me and asked why I wasn't running for Pope," quipped Shriver, during one of the many light points in this speech.

In closing remarks, Shriver spoke of his "72 vice-presidential campaign. "Go back and read the campaign speech of Sargent Shriver. Everything I said then still rings true - that it was inflation, unemployment, Russia and grain sales, Watergate, or crime."

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Basketball WPI, 87-79

By Glenn Brownstein

A seven-point burst in the game's next-to-last minute propelled MIT's basketball team to a season-ending 87-79 win over Worcester Polytechnic Thursday night at the Cage.

The victory pushed the Engineers into a tie with WPI for a fifth place finish. Barry Williams '76 led all MIT players against WPI, parlaying surprising handy strength WPI averaged about two inches taller per man) with 50% field goal shooting.

Also closing out his career Thursday was Engineer center John Covulowsky '76. The 6'5" Drexel-native topped 20 points, hit his high this season, and pulled down four rebounds to finish with 131, second on the team.

Compared with pre-season predictions, the year's showing must be termed somewhat of a disappointment, although the squad showed definite improvement over last season. After a disastrous 0-4 December, the varsity basketball team eventually placed fourth on the MIT all-time scoring list.

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