Gardner speaks on crises

by Bob Dennis

Visiting Professor John W. Gardner, covered several areas of contemporary concern in a press conference with members of The Tech Wednesday evening following his weekly seminar in urban affairs.

The former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare noted that the corruptions that the nation is currently going through have released not only negative emotions but also positive emotions. He revealed that he is currently working with a group of youths, including former McCarthy and Rockefellerite organizers, who are seeking a renewal of activism. He asserted that the three major areas of reform should be the party machinery, the electoral process, and state and local governments. He declared that youth should be given more opportunities for participation, and noted that state legislatures might be "prime targets" for youth involvement.

Mr. Gardner noted that he has urged every major university to form an urban task force which will examine the problems of equal opportunity and the university's behaviors toward its neighbors in the community. Concerning their contract work, he declared that universities should not let their actions be guided by market forces. He said that no restrictions should be placed on the methods of individual professors. Noting the universities are often "so timid that they can't control their own communities," he explained that universities will have to face up to the difficult problem of preserving their role in the community regardless of internal forces.

Discussing the urban crisis, he noted that there would be an "extraordinary opportunity to get a breakthrough in fair housing" next year; he explained that the "typical city is in fragments" and warned that "our greatest danger with respect to the cities is dawdling at the problem." He further admonished that hills are not self-administering, and that any new legislation would require citizen support in order to prove effective.

Burton stabbing continues

West Campus crime wave

by Joseph Kashi

Nineteen-year-oldRomanFiga, "11, was stabbed in good condition Wednesday evening after he was stabbed near Baker House at 11:00 am Monday.

Lt. James Oliveri of the Campus Patrol reported that Figa, from Portland, Maine, and three other Burton residents chased two suspects on the fourth floor of Burton House, and became suspicious, owing to the increasing incidence of burglaries in the West Campus area.

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