...the remedy? Dartmouth rented eight portable toilets and lined them up in a row backstage behind the curtain. "I'm not sure they were used at all," Graham said. "but you always have to think ...

...dents who came back, and just under 40 percent said the press that had covered them did not behave in a responsible way. Only 3 percent of those ... behaved ...

Agent Orange study sought for Vietnam

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WASHINGTON — The senior member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee has called for an international study of whether Agent Orange, a herbicide used to defoliate trees and kill crops in the Vietnam War, had harmed the Vietnamese who were exposed to it.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., who has returned from a week in Vietnam, said an objective study conducted there could help resolve the dispute over whether the herbicide caused long-term harm to U.S. troops. It was used to destroy vegetation that provided cover for the Viet Cong.

"We can't resolve the problem here, apparently," Edwards said Friday. "I concluded that a study of what happened over there would assist greatly in the American studies of our veteran population. It just doesn't make sense not to go where the living laboratory is."

Edwards said Vietnamese doctors had told of health damage to women who had been exposed to the herbicide as girls in jungle villages.

"Maybe Agent Orange had nothing to do with it," Edwards said, "but that should be established."

The federal government is sponsoring more than 50 studies of Agent Orange.

Edwards said an international study is needed. He said it should be conducted by a respected international organization, perhaps the World Health Organization or the Food and Agricultural Organization, both of which are specialized U.N. agencies, because studies begun by either the United States or Vietnam alone would lack credibility.

He said he did not know if Agent Orange was connected with genuine health problems experienced by Vietnam veterans. "We have an obligation to get an answer to this conundrum," Edwards said.