Nitrous overdose kills senior

By Ellen L. Spere

A former MIT student and engineering major was found dead last year in Boston after inhaling nitrous oxide, or "laughing gas," said Keith T. Ennis '84.

Chief of Campus Police James Olivier said, "Last year we transported two students to Mount Auburn Hospital because of their experimentation with nitrous. They both became violently ill. Luckily, both recovered."

"It is an ongoing problem," Olivier said. "Despite all of the dangers involved, students continue to experiment with it to get a high." said Sherwood. When nitrous oxide is inhaled, the oxygen in the lungs is replaced with the gas. This leads to oxygen deprivation, which is a lack of oxygen flows to the brain and other organs. Side effects of the drug include nausea, vomiting, disorientation, and possible death.

Emnis was "doing well academically and had already offered a couple of jobs," Sherwood said. "He was not someone who uses drugs other than this, apparently." said M. O. Oppenheim '84, chancellor of Tau Epsilon Phi. "He was very quiet here. Everyone is very subdued and sad. We all miss him. He had a habit that he shot that he died."

Emnis was a member of the MIT Wu-Tong Chinese Martial Arts Club and the MIT Water Club, according to Oppenheimer. He was also chancellor of his fraternity during spring term last year.

He enjoyed listening to music and playing the piano, Oppenheimer continued.

"If any student organizations or living groups would like to contribute money towards the burial costs, it would be appreciated if they send the money care of me. I will forward it to the family."

A memorial service for Emnis will be scheduled in the MIT chapel, but plans have not yet been made.

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Soviet's, arms control

By Barry S. Serman

Differences between the American and Soviet views of peace are a major obstacle to reaching agreement in present war between the two superpowers, US Ambassador Paul Nitze said Monday night.

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"There was an attempt by a student to revive him with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," Sherwood said. He was taken to Boston Police confiscated a plastic bag with a piece of cloth - the "draft registration status to federal law in the Solomon Amendment which ties draft registration status to federal financial aid policy has not yet been reported."

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Student demonstrators march on to the Big Sail during Wednesday's tuition riot.