Bill will attack drug use on campuses

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"won't deliberately shield our students from outside agencies," Van Ness conceded. "Glav is said her office does very little in terms of drug education, since it concentrates mostly on crime prevention. But the Campus Police did compile the drug education pamphlet which is distributed all freshmen, along with safety warning stu- 
dents about the health and legal dangers of illegal drugs in general and nitrous oxide in particular.

The nitrous oxide bullet notes that despite repeated warnings, several injuries and one student death resulted from the use of the drug. Glavis called it "one of those tragic situations where every- 
thing we've been saying has come true."

But in publicizing the drug- 
related death which occurred in 1984, MIT displayed an open- 
ness which all universities do not have. When a student died from nitrous oxide use at Harvard last fall, the Harvard Crimson only reported that he had a plastic bag over his head.

"I fail to see the usefulness of hiding crime statistics," Glavin said, and she broadened that to drug-related incidents as well. She felt that the community should be informed in order to ad- 
in education and prevention.

Robert M. Randolph, head of the counseling section of the Of- 

fice of the Dean for Student Af- 

fairs, said while he had "no illus- 
sion that we're different from 
national norms" regarding drug 
abuse, his office often did not see 
problems "until they are so seri-

ous they can't be ignored." While "alcohol abuse is a serious problem, drugs are less visible," he said. Randolph believed there were certain "hot spots" for drug use in dormitories and frater-

nies, he was not sure "how many 

of them surfaced."

Van Ness noted that in addi- 
tion to counseling services the med- 
ical department is a resource that is not a pipeline to the police or administration." Van Ness stressed. "A lot of peo-

ple get very concerned about confi- 

dentiality," but the medical de-

partment "guards information 

related to alcohol and drug abuse 
carefully.

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