INSTITUTE COMMITTEE ON A RAMPAGE

In A SUDDEN passion for efficiency, the Committee has "put the squeeze" on about ten organizations for alleged violation of Institute Committee rules.

But the Committee has bungled. Despite its admirably worthy move, to prevent mushroom growth of Institute organizations and weed out the sickly members of the group already listed, and despite its obvious authority to carry out such a motive by taxation and fining, the Committee has bungled.

First, the new rulings of the Institute Committee which defined all recognized organizations not represented on the governing body as Class B activities subject to certain privileges and taxes have been insufficiently publicized. As a matter of fact there was in existence last night only one copy of the revised constitution, and that copy was not available.

Second, the organizations involved were given a week in which to appeal for their change in status and the advantages attending the new system were scarcely mentioned. The first indication of any change was the curt announcement that they were now Class B organizations and whether they please remit one dollar to the Institute Committee.

In many cases the letters failed to reach the proper authorities. In the case of Dramashop, for instance, the letter was sent to a business manager of some past play, with so little interest in the Shop that the message failed to get to the officers until several weeks later. In another case, the address was wrong. One Senior received his letter to find that it had been returned marked an address which he had not used since the first term of his Freshman year.

Third, the fines were applied after each case was duly considered. Indeed, the attempt to make the whole campaign a steamroller rather than an equitable investigation of the individual cases was characteristic.

The heterogeneous group attacked last night included defunct organizations like Scroll, Squaw, and Stepstone, as well as present organizations like Dramashop, which has more than 700 dollars in its coffers. Yet the student, weary and hungry for their suppers, passed through the Committee which defined all recognized organizations--a little puzzled by the whole situation last night except to say that it had been forwarded from an address in a sentence by Vernon Lippitt, president of the group.

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Senior Class

representatives were introduced before the governing body. John J. Walker, Senior Class president and head of the Institute Committee, in his position last night except to say that his position as president of the group would not be affected.

In addition, a motion carried over from the last meeting to give the Walker Memorial Committee control over meetings held to the main buildings was passed. All meetings must now be approved by the Walker Memorial Committee in advance.

The constitution of the Association of Women Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a second reading, was approved last night.

Other action taken last night included the dropping of a motion to withdraw recognition from the Men's Society and the tabling of a motion to recognize the M.I.T. Radio Society. In addition, the resignation of James M. Gillis, '38, as president of the M.I.T.A.A. of Harry C. Saunders, '38, former T.E.N. General Manager, as Institute Committee Representative, and of Benjamin W. Benedict, '38, as member of the Open House Committee were accepted. William G. Gibson, G. fills the vacancy left by Baudine.

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