The Committee on Discipline (COD) acted on trial grievances during the 1980-81 academic year, a lower number than in most years, according to Professor Louis D. Braida, ’69, Chairman of the COD. The committee also released statistics on the offenses it has considered since 1970.

The COD heard “significantly fewer cases” during the 1981-82 academic year, said Braida. The cases most recently considered by the COD involved two students charged with attempting to steal furniture from Burton House and MacGregor House.

“It is my impression that a substantial number of cases [brought before the COD]—more than half—have a component that involves drinking or drug use,” said Braida. He explained that in many of the cases the COD dealt with during the 1980-81 academic year, the students were under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they committed the offenses. Braida said, “I find that a little disturbing ... as if the students were vulnerable or tempted to misbehavior.”

The COD decided one case of theft and one case of assault last academic year. The theft involved a student who had unauthorized access to certain rooms in MacGregor House and stole items from those rooms. In the case of the assault, the student used a metal rod and broken bottle as weapons, said Braida. He noted that students involved in both events were suspended from MIT.

Two students were put on informal probation for five years by the COD during academic 1980-81 for illegal possession of drugs, said Braida. He commented, “Both of them [the cases] were very unusual ... A variety of drugs were involved.” Informal probation will not appear on a student’s formal transcript.

The COD heard two cases of cheating during academic 1980-81. In one case, a student was placed on formal probation for cheating on an examination, said Braida. He claimed that the other case was so serious that the COD recommended the student be expelled from MIT, but declined to describe the offense.

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