Study and research in Soviet Union on agenda of Prof. Alan Barrett

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The men studying him aren't.

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Putting together thousands of measurements, Air Force scientists designed this "typical" head. Its purpose? To help provide better protective equipment for Air Force flight personnel.

But the young men working on this project are far from average. As Air Force officers, they are working in a field that requires a high degree of technological insight.

The test is, most Air Force jobs today call for advanced, localized know-how. And they give officers the opportunity to undertake vital missions of great responsibility.

For instance, an Air Force scientist may be exploring the complex field of cosmic rays. Another may be engaged in biowarfare engineering. A third may be studying the technology of nuclear weapons.

How many other professions give a young man such important work to do right from the start?

You can get started on an Air Force officer career by enrolling in Air Force ROTC. For information, see the Professor of Air Science.

The 1300 West Campus students in Burton and Baker must pay $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the first year to break even, $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the second year to break even, and $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the third year to break even.

The decision to raise dining service prices was made last winter by Jay Marden, former assistant to the Vice President of Operations and Personnel, and Robert Wheeler, director of dining service for Stouffer at the Institute, because the operation was running at a loss.

Operating in red
Dining services have been operating in the red for the last three years, and the deficit for the whole working year ending July 6th was $33,942.41.

"The dining service runs on a no profit, no loss basis," said Bishop. "We have to operate on a three year cycle to keep up with rising costs of housing and dining service. The first year we expect to make money, the second year to break even, the third year to have a loss; then raise prices and hope the cycle starts again.

The final rise in prices was in 1962 when only the 15-meal contract was $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the second year to break even, $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the third year to break even, and $2.50 more this fall for 15 meals during the fourth year to break even.

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Typical prices
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Specials also were changed. The free special was eliminated entirely at noon, and the selection of main dishes for it at dinner was cut down. Also instituted was a new dinner special, consisting of appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert, beverage and bread, which sells for the cost of the main dish plus 55 cents.

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ministered by Management Food Services, a division of Stouffer Foods Corp., since 1955. MIT contracts with unionized labor, and pays Stouffer a flat fee for plus-
tage and supervising the opera-
tion, plus a percentage of the gross business done annually.

Though the dining operation does not have to pay taxes, the high cost of MIT union labor, amounting to 35 per cent of costs, justifies the fact that the Institute charges commercial prices, according to Bishop.

MIT is currently negotiating with the union for a new con-
tact, since the old one expired last June. The Institute's offer will not come to a vote until school is in full swing and the fall season that it has returned. By agreement with the union, students working for dining service are not paid union wages but student wages.

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