Group research proposals handled by Floe's office

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Several organizations or companies which seem likely to lend support; but it also keeps an ear open to news concerning what topics the government and other organizations are interested in having researched. In this way, the CRS can effectively act as a liaison for both parties.

Typical groups which support MIT research are the Government Appropriate (Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force), foundations such as the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health, interested in basic research. Overseas Patents

Vice President Floe is also Chairman of the MIT Patent Management Committee, a group appointed by the President to advise the Vice President on matters concerning policies on patents. The Patent Division of the CRS is responsible for serving out the patents developed in research at MIT. For research supported by the government, the Institute will either patent the discovery in question and keep the government a royalty-free license, or will simply let the government take out the patent. In cases of question, the Faculty Committee on Inventions and Copyrights determines equities.

Fate of Inventions

Typical losses from patents total about $500,000 annually. Most money comes from a few patents, for MIT has at least 100 breakthrough patents. For example, the Pringles patent, the "Multi-Co-ordinate Digital Information Storage Device" brought in between $200,000 and $300,000. Other samples of recent patents have been the Miles patents on the synthesis of vitamin A and piroxicam, and the Shawl patent on the synthesis of penicillin.

Summer Session

The Director of the Summer Session, Professor James Austin, (XXX), is also responsible to Dr. Floe. The Summer Session is oriented towards special one to two week courses which professors volunteer to teach, these condensed versions of subject material are designed either to bring people in a certain field up to date, or to explore the frontiers of knowledge in a certain area.

Received MIT Doctorsate

Dr. Floe received his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1931 and 1932 from Washington State University. He was awarded the Doctor of Science in metallurgy from MIT in 1938. After three years on the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, he returned to MIT, becoming a full professor in 1959, Assistant Provost in 1955, and Administrative Vice Chancellor in 1968.

Annual Authors' Day

hosted by Tech Coop

at Thursday luncheon

The Tech Coop was host Thursday to the annual McGraw Hill Authors Day. Almost one hundred authors and editors from MIT whose books are published by McGraw Hill were guests at the lunch held in the Sala de Puerto Rico at the Student Center which highlighted the day.

Many of the top executives and editors of the McGraw Hill Company and its College Division were also present at the lunch. Missing was the President, who was delayed by fog.

The Coop displayed many of the 12 books in "press" and the 81 other books published for these authors by McGraw Hill, including books by Institute Professors Samelson and Bosil.

After the lunchtime several authors descended to the Coop to talk and answer questions about their books.

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