Scientific research and federal funds

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Federal research funds to universities could be reduced drastically if a proposal by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) becomes law. The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) new approach would reduce funding available for federally sponsored research projects and would also require university administrators to keep detailed accounts of the way these funds are used.

This division by the OMB continues the trend toward lesser federal funding and interest in scientific research of the last ten years. College administrators are trying to reverse this trend, and one of the main advocated solutions is the proposal basic research is MIT President Jerome Wiesner.

In a recent article in the Boston Globe early this year, Wiesner asserts: “The vitality of our nation’s basic research is of critical importance to our survival—spiritually, intellectually, and materially.” Wiesner is concerned with the “Decade of decline” of the Office of Management and Budget, and also with short-term funding and basic tenure. Wiesner says that there now exists only a “deluge of grants, so that faculty spend large proportions of their time simply writing proposals. Large federal grants for scientific research is not a traditional practice, for, as Don K. Price, of Harvard, writes, “The immediate occasion of our university’s government support of basic science was...the fright of World War II.”

After the advances of atomic energy in the 1940’s, and the space race in the 1950’s, scientific funding began to decline. Time columnist Hugh Sidey sees this decline as the result of the distant of the scientific community from President Nixon.

Currently, hopes from American scientists seem to be bolstered by the promises made by Carter. Carter has increased the federal budget for scientific research, perhaps because of his engineering background. Carter even spends quiet evenings with his family with a book of scientific articles presented by Carl Sagan.

Scientific support on lower levels of government bureaucracy is uncertain, however, such as in the case of the Office of Management and Budget. This support is uncertain even though “Executive hierarchy is infiltrated at the top levels with men whose personal interests and training are conditioned by scientific and technical education,” according to Don Price. These men at the top include MIT Professor Frank Press, who is the President’s Science Advisor, and Wiesner, who has also served in that role.

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