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DULUTH -- No limitation will be placed on the number of freshman candidates entering the four-year UMD Air Force ROTC program this fall.

Lt. Colonel Richard D. Kepner, professor of aerospace studies, said any increase in the annual influx could be handled without any major problems. He said the stepped-up Vietnam draft call (46,200 men in October) is expected to have its effect on college campuses through increased ROTC enrollments.

Freshmen interested in the UMD ROTC program will have an opportunity to register during the freshman orientation and registration period beginning August 31.

Sophomores and junior college transfer students are eligible to enter the ROTC two-year program. These candidates should apply directly to the UMD Department of Aerospace Studies.

The Aerospace Studies curriculum consists of academic instruction and leadership development. For those students who can qualify, scholarships are available.

No student incurs any military obligation during the first two years of the four-year program. Those selected to continue in the program beyond their sophomore year become members of the Air Force Reserve.

Colonel Kepner noted that college graduates are flooding the Air Force with requests for training leading to commissions, but most of them are being rejected. He said students may be doing themselves a disservice by not investigating the opportunities of the ROTC program.