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STANFORD - Provost Richard W. Lyman of Stanford today sharply criticized punitive clauses in individual ROTC scholarship contracts, calling them "a vestige of a bygone era, serving neither the nation's nor the university's welfare."

"There is widespread mistrust of the authority which these clauses vest in the armed services to induct an ROTC cadet immediately far from two to four years service as an enlisted man in the event of a cadet's refusal to complete the later stages of his training and accept a commission," he noted.

"There are other ways in which the armed services could avoid whatever risk there may be of their being defrauded by extending a four-year scholarship to a student who has no serious intention of completing his side of the contract.

"Conversion of ROTC scholarships to loans, repayment of which would be forgiven upon completion of training and service as a commissioned officer, is one obvious possibility.

"As things stand now, an ROTC scholarship is the only form of financial aid in which the student recipient is penalized for changing his mind...

"With considerable justice, it is argued that a young man finishing high school may sign a contract (whose) full significance... he is not in a good position to judge, and that he may come to regret this at a later date--only to discover that his choice is completion of the contract or immediate induction...

"Protection for cadets who become outspoken critics of ROTC is at best uncertain under these present circumstances."

Lyman said he personally believes that "substantial and demonstrable progress toward resolving this problem is essential to the continuation of ROTC at Stanford past next year."

Last week, the Faculty Senate urged University officers to make a continued effort to resolve this issue. At the same time, the Senate approved a means whereby Army ROTC courses could qualify for limited academic credit on a one-year trial basis.

Opponents of ROTC on campus said they planned to start circulating petitions Monday for a review of the Senate decision by the entire faculty. So far, no decision of the Senate has been reversed by the Academic Council, which includes about 1,000 persons of professorial rank. ###

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STANFORD - Margaret Wolf, 20, of 1330 Bryan Meadow St., Kirkwood, Mo., has been elected editor of the second volume of The Stanford Daily for 1969-70, effective Feb. 2.

A junior majoring in political science and communication, she will head the newspaper from February to June. She succeeds Mark Weinberger, of Palo Alto, who edited the first volume of the 1969-70 academic year.

Miss Wolf is the first woman to edit the Daily since 1965.

She has been active on the student newspaper staff during her three years at Stanford. This year she served as editorial page editor, covered the Faculty Senate meetings, and was a member of the managing board of the newspaper.

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