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STANFORD — An accelerated, three-year program under which 30 entering freshmen will be allowed to take Naval Reserve Officer Training at Stanford this fall on a noncredit basis has been arranged through consultations between Navy and University officials.

The 30 incoming students passed stringent scholastic and physical tests last fall to win a place in the Stanford NROTC program, under which the Navy gives them full tuition, books, and \$50 a month.

But on May 7 the Faculty Senate voted to bar all academic credit for ROTC courses after Aug. 31. Results of a mail ballot of the entire University faculty on whether to approve or reject the Senate decision are expected July 29.

Some of the 30 incoming midshipmen may have made arrangements to go to other NROTC schools, according to Marine Col. Robert L. Thomas, chairman of the Naval Science Department. But any or all of them may now enroll in NROTC at Stanford, he added.

The three-year program was designed to meet the June 1973 deadline which has been imposed for phasing out all ROTC courses at Stanford.

If all 30 freshmen joined other midshipmen enrolled at Stanford, the total NROTC complement would be approximately 96, Col. Thomas said. The three-year men will undertake the same obligations to serve on three summer cruises and spend four years in the Navy or Marine Corps.

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MEMO TO EDITORS URGENT:

In a news release sent from this office July 23 regarding new campus ground rules for political action, Provost Lyman becomes acting president of the University Sept. 1, not Aug. 1 as sent.

—Jeff Littleboy
Associate Editor

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