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To the Editor:

In response to the April 1 Daily article, "Creditless ROTC Possible," I have received the following comments from Gen. C.F. Hannum, who is in charge of ROTC affairs for the Army:

"The decision as to how much academic credit is given for ROTC is the prerogative of the institution. We encourage the maximum amount of academic credit consistent with the policies of the institution.

"We request that the institution, in making its decision, look at the course content, the qualifications of the Army instructor to teach his subject, and how it is being taught. Further, we request that the course in military science be treated in this respect as other academic programs at the institution.

"Regarding the ROTC program at Stanford University, my comment (to The Daily reporter) was, in substance, that when one considers all the issues that have been raised concerning ROTC, and the resolution of these issues, the one underlying factor of importance is that of institutional support.

"If the majority of the administrators, faculty, and student body back the program, then the resolution of these issues could, in all probability, be accomplished to the satisfaction of the institution and the Army.

"(However) any quote or inference in (The Daily) article which states that with strong institutional support the Army will stay on any campus regardless of the form of the ROTC is incorrect."

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Three points should be kept in mind about Army ROTC at Stanford:

1. Faculty rank is abolished, effective September, 1970; it does not continue through 1972-73, as provided for in the Faculty Senate action of February, 1969.
2. Academic departmental status is abolished effective September, 1970; it does not continue through 1972-73, as provided for in the Senate action of February, 1969.
3. The Army, under the plan now approved, starts with no credit. The Senate action of February, 1970, provides only that the Army ROTC may submit course credit proposals to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The decision is, in the end, in the hands of the appropriate faculty committee. The new arrangement, in itself, provides no credit, and no guarantee of credit.

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