

# UW ROTC programs gain

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Five years after the Army Mathematics Research Center bombing (its anniversary, if you can call it that, is today), the anti-military feeling on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus seems to have dissipated.

All three ROTC branches at the UW-Madison are reporting increased enrollments and their leaders seem optimistic about the future.

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"Our freshman enrolment has more than doubled and is still growing," said Capt. Otto E. Krueger, Naval ROTC commandant.

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Overall enrolment in Navy ROTC is expected to be more than 100 students, including seven women, Krueger said. Freshman enrolment last year was 25; this year it will be about 60.

Army ROTC officials said their enrolment will be about 150 this year and Air Force officials, while hesitant to make firm predictions, said they expect enrolment to be 20 to 25 percent ahead of last year's 90 students.

Krueger suggested four reasons why students are looking to the military for careers these days:

**ONE.** "I think we've moved a notch away from the Vietnam War and the anti-military feelings associated with it," he said.

**TWO.** The military organization have done a better job of reachi

students before they come to school

"When I came here two years ago, I was appalled. Most of the kids we talked to, if they knew anything about the program, it was bum dope. Now we're getting a chance to tell them what we're about so they can at least make a serious decision."

**THREE.** "The economy is having

some effect — though I don't think it has so much effect on freshmen; but people are thinking about careers."

**FOUR.** "I think there's just a general change in the climate; the anti-military feeling of a few years ago has definitely subsided."