AIR FORCE ROTC: IT IS FOR YOU!

How would you like to get in a program that would put you into an exciting leadership position once you meet all the requirements? If so, then the Air Force ROTC is for you!

There are two types of ROTC programs offered here at FSU, the four-year and two-year programs. The four year program is made up of the General Military Course (GMC) and the Professional Officer Course (POC). The GMC portion is normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years, but can be taken by other full-time students wishing to learn more about the program. The GMC gives you an opprtunity to "try out" Air Force ROTC without incurring any obligation, unless you are on as Air Force scholarship. As you at-

tend classes you will begin to learn more about the historica development of air power and the Air Force as an institution.

The second half of the four year program is also the two year program, or POC. This part of the program is targeted at junior college transfer students, sophomores who have not taken the GMC level courses, and veterans. In the POC classes you learn and put into practice leadership skills, management techniques, and quality tools used by private industry and the Department of Defense. Two-year POC cadets normally attend a six week field training encampment (ROTC basic training), while the four year cadetts attend a four week fiels training encampment. The additional two weeks at field training for the two-year
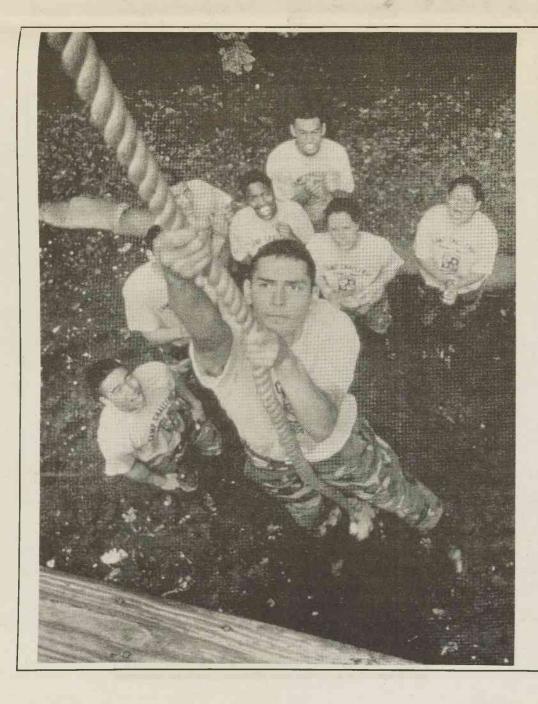
POC cadets are used to cover the GMC level academics they missed. The POC level of the program is designed to prepare cadets for active duty service as commissioned Air Force officers.

Entry into the POC portion of the Air Force ROTC program is competitive. Individuals desiring entry into the POC must take and pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, the Physical Fitness Test, and the 1.5 mile run. They must also meet Air Force height and wieght standards, and not be older than 29 as of 30 June of their commissioning year. These requirements are necessary to compete for the field training encampment slot. Candidates who complete field training are sworn into the Obligated Air Reserve and start receiv-

ing $150.00 a month until they are commissioned. Upon swearingin, the individual is officially a POC cadet.

Air Force ROTC offers many opportunities to college students like you. There are several scholarships that can pay some or most of a college student expenses. Some of the scholarships are available to GMC cadets for up to 3.5 years. Almost all POC cadets at FSU, UNC Pembroke,a nd Methodist College are on a scholarship called the Professional Officers Course Incentive or POCI. The POCI pays their tuition, books, and lab fees.

Some of the entitlements available to cadets commissioned as second lieutenants are 30 days paid vacation, additional education, free medicala nd dental, and regu-

lar pay check. For second lieutenants being commissioned this year, their beginning annual salary is approximately $27,000.00. In four years they will make close to $46,000.00 based on current pay scales.

For more information contact the Unit Admissions Officer for our local Air Force ROTC program at (910) 486-1464 at the FSU campus. You can stop by the Air FOrcceROTC office in the Women's Gym any weekday to talk with an Air Force officer about ROTC. If you see one of the cadets around campus, stop them and ask about the program. They will be happy to answer any questions they can.