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HEATHCOTE TO SPEAK, SEVEN UM STUDENTS TO BE COMMISSIONED FRIDAY IN MISSOULA

MISSOULA --

Jud Heathcote, head basketball coach at the University of Montana, Missoula, will speak Friday (Dec. 17) at the joint commissioning ceremonies for seven University students who will be going on active duty as second lieutenants in the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps.

Col. Jack Swayze, professor of aerospace studies; Col. Walter A. Pashley, Jr., professor of military science, and Capt. George E. Smith, a Marine Corps officer from Salt Lake City, Utah, will participate in the joint commissioning ceremonies, scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday in room 360A of the University Center. The ceremonies are open to the public.

Two of the ROTC cadets scheduled to be commissioned Friday--James W. Walstrom, Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Walstrom, <u>Brookings</u>, <u>S.D.</u>, and Gordon L. Thornton, Army, son of Capt. and Mrs. Louis Thornton, <u>Great Falls</u>--are scheduled to receive recognition during Friday's ceremonies. Cadet Walstrom will be honored as a Distinguished Military Cadet and Cadet Thornton will be honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate for overall scholastic excellence and for achievements in the AFROTC and AROTC programs while attending the University.

Other ROTC cadets scheduled to be commissioned Friday include:

Air Force--Dan W. Robertson, son of Mrs. Fern Helen Lundstrom, Ronan; Fred W. Traber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Traber, Great Falls; William R. Hartman, son of Mrs. Genevieve Hartman, Missoula.

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Army--Curt C. Von Tagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Von Tagen, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Marine Corps--William J. Nemeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Nemeth, Grafton, Ohio.

Distinguished visitors from the University at Friday's commissioning ceremonies will include Mrs. Emma B. Lommasson, assistant registrar; Dr. Norman E. Taylor, vice president for research; Dr. Richard A. Solberg, dean of the UM College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Robert R. Fedore, dean of students; Dr. Earl C. Lory, professor of chemistry, and Jack L. Hoover, director of admissions.