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MISSOULA--

Two University of Montana women students, who will receive their bachelor's degrees Sunday, June 13, on the Missoula campus, will be the first women at UM to become commissioned officers under either the Air Force or Army ROTC programs at the University.

Among the UM students receiving their commissions as second lieutenants Saturday, June 12, at the University will be Rebecca Rae Goodman, 22, Missoula, who will be commissioned in the Air Force, and Susan Rhein, Stevensville, who will be commissioned in the Army.

The joint commissioning ceremony for the Air Force and Army ROTC detachments will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in room 215 of the UM Women's Center.

Goodman and Rhein will be among 1,981 UM students who will receive degrees during the 79th Annual UM Commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Harry Adams Field House.

Goodman will receive a bachelor's degree in French and Rhein will receive a bachelor's degree in home economics.

Rhein is a June 1971 graduate of Stevensville High School and Goodman is a June 1972 graduate of Missoula Sentinel High School.

Army Lt. Col. (ret.) Leo A. Rhein, Stevensville, who is Rhein's father, will be guest speaker at Saturday's commissioning at UM. Goodman's father, Robyn F. Goodman of Missoula, is a retired Air Force major.

Other UM students who will be commissioned as Air Force or Army officers Saturday and who will receive degrees at the University Sunday include the following:

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AIR FORCE--James M. Webb, Brady; L. James McAboy, Butte; Mark S. Comfort, Conner; John R. Clotfelter, Dutton; Theron J. Brown, Great Falls, and Kevin S. Larson, Helena.

ARMY--David E. Woldtvedt, Oilmont; Arthur S. Kron, Lakewood, Colo., and Richard A. Staufer, Miller, S.D.

The Rev. Beryl L. Burr, a retired Navy commander, who is pastor at the First Baptist Church in Missoula, will present the invocation and benediction at Saturday's commissioning.

Col. Julien H. LePage, chairman of military science at UM, and Maj. Daniel W. Robinson Jr., chairman of aerospace studies at UM, will present the commissionings Saturday.

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