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Dr. Arvind Mahajan, a finance professor, said it is still too soon to predict what long term policy changes will result from the terrorist attacks. "There is no historic precedence in U.S. history of such an event, hence, it is clearly hazardous to forecast in a meaningful way what possible changes

will emerge from this event, so this discussion is very important," Mahajan said. Dr. Charles Hermann, a political science professor and associate dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service said the United States is entering a new era in which private organizations like terrorist groups impact international relations. Discussing national security

issues, Col. Joseph Cerami, a lecturer at the Bush School, said homeland defense must become a top priority not just for domestic law enforcement, but also for international policy makers. "We have to think in broad terms when looking at the linkage of domestic and international politics, or 'intermestic' issues," Cerami said. "We are living in an important historical time; pay attention and stay tuned."

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whom have chosen to be commissioned in to one of the branches of the U.S. military upon graduation.

Between 150 and 200 students are commissioned in the Air Force, and 180 students are commissioned in the Army.

Capt. Johanna Hayes, administrative officer with the Air Force ROTC said there has not been a significant change in the number of students commissioned since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We have a lot of students who are commissioned," Hayes said. "Our numbers directly tied to those coming from the A&M Corps of Cadets."

Commissioning involves an eight-year obligation of military service, the last four years of which can be spent in the reserves.

Some 25 Marines currently are attending A&M through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education program and sailors are attending the University through the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

Both programs take active individuals and bring them to the University, where they complete a degree and become commissioned as an officer in their respective branch of the military.

Sgt. William Wiseman, selection officer assistant at the Marine Corps Officer Selection Office, said there has been increased interest in the program since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"There has been an increase in inquiries, not enrollment," Wiseman said. "Some have been Aggies, some have not. We still have been contracted at the normal rate."

Hermann said he believes civilians and others, in addition to military personnel, will be called on to aid with increased security efforts nationwide.

"It may not be regular military personnel who have to deal with this," Hermann said. "For example, thousands of trucks cross the border at Laredo into the United States everyday. We are going to have to take some additional security measures."

Hermann said the threat of chemical and biological warfare is something the government must anticipate.

"It is a threat we are going to have to take very seriously," Hermann said. "There are a number of different ways we are vulnerable. We are going to have to assess these vulnerabilities. We are going to have to be concerned about our energy and our supplies as well."

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