

# Application for ROTC Unit Is Filed

Washington and Lee University, after 202 years, may soon add a program of military training to its curriculum.

A Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit will be established on the campus if and when the Department of the Army approves an application from the University. The application was filed September 2 with Second Army Headquarters, Fort Meade, Maryland.

A decision by the Army is expected before June 30, 1951. If the petition receives approval, the program will be installed in the University's curriculum for the 1951-52 school session.

The move to secure a training program was made in light of the current world crisis and the expected long range mobilization in the United States. If present regulations remain unchanged, a student enrolled in the program will be exempted from military service, provided he agrees to serve on active duty in the Army upon graduation.

The application was filed by President Francis Pendleton Gaines on the recommendation of the Special Faculty Committee on Military Training and with the approval of the Board of Trustees. The committee was appointed this Summer by President Gaines.

Members of the committee are Professor Charles P. Light, Jr., professor of the law faculty, chairman; Dr. L. W. Adams, dean of the School of Commerce; Frank J. Gilliam, dean of students; Dr. W. W. Pusey, professor of German; and Dr. W. A. Jenks, assistant professor of history.

The application has received the full endorsement of United States Senators Harry F. Byrd and A. Willis Robertson and Representative Burr P. Harrison of the Seventh Congressional District.

If the Army approves an ROTC

unit for Washington and Lee, enrollment in the program will be voluntary and uniforms will be worn by the students only when actively engaged in training. The program, for which appropriate academic credit will be given, includes classroom instruction and field training. It is understood that field training will be held on any available athletic field.

Based on the latest information regarding the Army's ROTC poli-

cy, the program at Washington and Lee, if established, will be organized as a Senior Division of the ROTC. The program will cover four years of military training, divided into a basic course for freshmen and sophomores and an advanced course for juniors and seniors. Students transferring from military schools who have completed the basic course will be eligible to enroll in the advanced course.