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■ THE UNIVERSITY will change its ROTC program next September by offering training in a General Military Science program instead of training for the Transportation Corps. In a letter to the University last October, the Army stated that ROTC units specializing in transportation, quartermaster, and military police training were overproducing commissioned reserve officers, and that a larger number of reserve commissions should be available to ROTC graduates who have taken the general program. The Army further suggested that specialized training at Washington and Lee be replaced by general instruction.

Professor Charles P. Light's committee on military affairs, after a three-month study of the Army's suggestion, reported to Dr. Gaines that "in order to assure our students the maximum opportunity to receive ROTC training and Army reserve commissions, we recommend that the University comply with the wish expressed by the Army."

The Transportation Corps unit was established at Washington and Lee in September 1951. Members

of the present junior class will complete their transportation training next year and will not be affected by the change.

Both Dr. Gaines and the committee on military affairs have paid tribute to the work done by Lt. Col. Richard W. Jones, Jr., who has directed the Transportation Corps program since its establishment on campus, and by the members of his staff. "Our relations with the Transportation Corps and their representatives here have been completely happy," Dr. Gaines said. "The change is an effort to comply with the needs of our government."