



The Colonial Lawyer

MARSHALL-WYTHE SCHOOL OF LAW
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Volume I No. 4

Williamsburg, Virginia

March, 1968

Law Students Eligible for R.O.T.C.

The recent decision by General Hershey stopping draft deferments for graduate students has had an immediate effect on the law school. In an informal survey of the first year class, it was apparent that unless many of the first year students join a reserve unit, the class will be considerably smaller next year.

As a consequence, many of the students have looked toward the Reserve Officer Training Corps as an effective way of remaining in school and gaining a commission in the Army.

In an interview with Lt. Col. Shimmel of the Military Science Department, he confirmed the fact that there is a two year R. O. T. C. program leading to a commission as a second lieutenant. The program consists of a qualifying summer camp at Ft. Benning, Georgia, followed by two years in the R. O. T. C. program during the

(Continued on Page 4)

LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE
(Continued from Page 1)

school year, with another summer camp between the two years.

The program was originally initiated by the Department of the Army to give transferees from junior colleges and other non-R. O. T. C. schools the opportunity to gain a commission through the R. O. T. C.

The general requirements for admission to the program are that the applicant be a full-time student with two years remaining on campus, and be able to meet certain mental and physical requirements.

Because of the limited number of openings in the program and the basic purpose as stated above, the Department of the Army has established four priorities for acceptance to the program. The priorities are:

1st priority: Undergraduate students who will be juniors who did not have an opportunity to take basic R. O. T. C. (transferees from junior colleges).

2nd priority: Undergraduate students who were previously enrolled in basic R. O. T. C. who did not complete the course for various reasons.