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ALUMNI COEDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

An alphabetical list of alumni who wrote the President (P), the Development Office (D), the Alumni Office (A), the Alumni Board President (AB) or the Board of Trustees through J. W. Whitehead (BT) follows. The date of the letter and number of pages are given. Not included are letters to individual Board members and those letters sent to the Pres. of the Alumni Board from Alumni Board members.

Adams, Carl, III, '71 BA, Birmingham, AL (1/11/84) (1 p.) BT
Shares sentiments of J. W. Warner's 12/7/83 letter. "our long established and highly cherished traditions will stand under the present system." Letter co-signed by his father, Carl Adams, Jr., non-alumnus, Lee Associate.

Adams, Justin G., '70 BA, '76 JD, Chicago, ILL. (12/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter opposing coeducation. Does not believe demographic information justifies change.

Alderson, John W., Jr., '28 BS, Forest City, Ark. (1/7/84) (3 pp.) P
"I feel there is some room for considering W&L a coeducational school. W&L will not be the same to me, but I hope it will be better for the students yet to come. I have faith and trust that you and the Trustees will do what is best for W&L."

Allen, C. Edmonds, '65 BA, JD, N.Y.C., N.Y. (6/3/83) (2pp.) P
Reminisces about his time here. Talks of changes, states his father will drop W&L as a beneficiary if school goes coed in his lifetime. In 12/27/83 letter to Trustees (copy to Alumni Board Pres.), expresses his strong opposition and that he would not be a contributor if coed adopted.

Ambler, James C., '18 BA, Richmond, VA (11/30/83) (1 p.) P
In brief note expressing thanks for letter acknowledging his gift, he goes "on record as completely opposed to making the undergraduate school coed."

Armstrong, Michael D., '77 BA, MBA, Mtn. View, CA (8/18/83) (3pp.) P
Comprehensive consideration of issues in coed question. Would regret coeducation. Feels W&L views coeducation as "safety net" for current problems. Feels W&L can meet and adapt to a changing society.

Ayers, Billy V., '40 BA, Sarasota, Fla. (12/13/83) (1 p.) P
In accord with J. W. Warner's ('41) letter to Alumni Bd. Pres. "If W&L gets to the point where its very existence is at stake, ok, but I say table the issue."

Baker, Frederick L., III, '63 BS, MBA, Riverside, CT (12/30/83) (2 pp.) BT
"I am strongly opposed to undergraduate coeducation at W&L. Until the situation becomes clearer, I am deferring my normal contribution to the Alumni Fund."

Baker, Seth N., '38 BA, Chatham, NJ (12/83) (1 p.) BT
Opposed to coed, concerning demographics, he feels "we can be effective with an increasing mix of C students. Eisenhower college was one, I believe."
Believes we will suffer in alumni support.

- Baker, W. Nat., '67 BA, San Francisco, CA (11/4/83) (2 pp.) P
Cogent letter recognizing traditions and pressures for change. "Borrowing from Fulbright, I think W&L is faced with old myths and new realities."
"Washington and Lee must change if it is to survive and prosper."
- Baldwin, John R., '50 BA, Bethesda, MD (7/31/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter. Would "rather not hear the question of coeducation." Feels "that coeducation at my W&L would be a breach of our pledge to tradition."
- Bartenstein, Fred Jr., '39 BA, '41 JD, Mendham, NJ (11/7/83) (1 p.) D
Non-committal on issue. Applauds the University taking on the issue. Does not feel alumni can be given all necessary information for a reasoned decision. A 12/31 letter to Alumni Pres. expresses his feeling alumni are opposed to coed.
- Battle, John D., Jr., '34 BA, Cleveland, OH (1/4/84) (1 p.) P
"I strongly favor adopting coeducation. I hope the Board of Trustees will approve coeducation at their meeting in May."
- Baughner, W. Hugh, '68 BA, JD, Baltimore, MD (11/10/83) (1 p.) A
Disturbed by what he feels is an anti-fraternity, pro-co-education stance by leadership. "W&L has a tradition and a unique situation, and I think changes should be entered into under advisement."
- Beall, W. Upton, '51 BA, Tyler, TX (11/15/83) (1½ pp.) D
Expresses no opinion. Reports on alumni sentiment he's heard. "The timing of this particular study is particularly poor." Feels issue is being rushed without fully understanding traditions or the basic character of the University. In a Jan. 5, '84, letter: "take a good look at this particular check because at present my feeling is that if the school goes coed this will be the last one you will see with this signature and amount."
- Bierer, James H., '40 AB, Boothbay, ME (12/19/83) (1 p.) AB
One sentence note: "I am not aware of any reason why W&L should go coed, and I am opposed to searching for one."
- Blair, C. Edward, '40 BA, Florida Keys (12/26/83) (1 p.) AB
Concurs with J. W. Warner's ('41) letter to Alumni Board President. "Would be a mistake to tamper with the formula that has been successful for W&L since its beginnings." Strongly opposed.
- Blanchard, James A. III, '72 JD, Charlottesville, VA (11/10/83) (1 p.) D
Feels University should retain all-male tradition. Ramifications of change are incalculable. Feels no basis on which to embark on a major and irreversible project. Had also written on May 5, 1983, in opposition.
- Boardman, John K., Jr., '51 BS, Bedford, VA (11/23/83) (1 p.) P
Supports coed. "I feel it is the right move at the right time for Washington and Lee and I will support it in any way I can."
- Bond, T. Talbott, '51 BA, Baltimore, MD (12/28/83) (1 p.) P
Supports coeducation. "W&L would become stronger by being coed for the reasons you have stated if the student body of men does not diminish in number with the acceptance of women."

- Bourdrez, Alexander, '76 BA, Millbrook, NY (1/4/84) (1 p.) P
Supports coed. "Turning coed would rid W&L of a detrimental, archaic tradition while strengthening others of excellence in academics and of developing personal dignity, integrity, and humility."
- Bradford, Nancyjean, '83 JD, Abingdon, VA (10/83) (1 p.) A
"I wholeheartedly support elimination of the current discriminatory admissions policy of the undergraduate school."
- Broders, A. Compton, Jr., '38 BA, Temple, TX (no date) (1 p.) AB
Opposed to coed. "Why change or modify W&L's identity by going coeducational."
- Buell, Colin K., '72 BS, Strongsville, O. (1/6/84) (2½ pp.) P
Opposes coed. Feels it would a long-term problem. "Coeducation would destroy traditions that have withstood the test of time for over two hundred and thirty-five years."
- Burchenal, Ralph R., '54 BA, Cincinnati, OH (12/83) (1 p.) P
Two sentences expressing opposition. "Would be a move to mediocrity. We're unique - let's keep it that way."
- Burks, Martin P., '32 JD, Roanoke, VA (10/12/83) (1 p.) P
With coed, concerned with the insistence of young men and women living together in dorms (i.e. new dorm at VPI). Suggests alternative of an MS or MA for both men and women. Same sentiment expressed in 12/6/83 letter to Alumni Board Pres.
- Caldwell, Manley P., Jr., '58 BA, '60 JD, Palm Beach, Fla. (10/11/83) (1 p.) P
"I strongly urge the Board to decide on coeducation. All-male admission policy is totally out of step with the times."
- Calvert, George E., Jr., '73 AB, '76 JD, Richmond, VA (11/83) (1 p.) P
Opposed to coed. Feels move to coed is to solve a presumed problem. Would like to see a poll of alumni.
- Cavaliere, Paul G., '48 JD, New Britain, CT (11/4/83) (1 p.) P
One sentence note. "Admitting women would only destroy a 235-year tradition and not benefit the University at all."
- Chapin, Robert S., '31 BA, Roseville, CA (12/22/83) (1 p.) AB
"Seconds" J. W. Warner's ('41) letter of 12/7. "His letter contains rational and (to me) valid argument against such a move."
- Chapman, Benjamin L., '64 BA, Lexington, VA (12/11/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter supports coed. "Because we now have the potential to be one of America's outstanding colleges, we no longer can be satisfied being merely a fine old Southern bastion living on memories and charm. We now have an obligation to excel also."
- Christopher, Thomas W., '39 BA, University, Ala. (11/7/83) (1 p.) P
Brief note opposing coed. "The future of W&L lies in maintaining that certain mystique and image."

- Conrad, George D., '27 JD, Harrisonburg, VA (11/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter stating "I hope sincerely you will resist the temptation to support the co-ed movement."
- Cook, David F., '61 BA, Winter Park, FL (12/31/83) P
Opposes coed. Note to JDW on Annual Fund card. "W&L's uniqueness sets the school apart. Let's continue to be unique."
- Cooper, Frederick E., '64 BA, Thomasville, GA (11/4/83) (1 p.) P
Prefers single-sex, but has "not formed a negative opinion" on the question of coed. Feels it imperative that alumni and students are fully informed of deliberations and encouraged to comment upon them.
- Cornbrooks, Ernest I., III, '67 AB, JD, Salisbury, MD (1/10/84) (4 pp.) P
Extensive, thoughtful review of all issues. Does not believe time for coed has arrived. Demographics and arguments derived from them not convincing. Feels we could be 10% smaller and not suffer. "In my experience as an A-AP representative, the greatest concern expressed by prospective students and their parents is the cost of a W&L education." Feels that "women should be admitted because the education of women is the proper thing for W&L to do." Believes it would be an insult to women to admit them for any other, self-serving purpose.
- Couch, Robert M., '78 BS, '81 JD, Wash., D.C. (7/25/83) (1 p.) P
Votes against coed, but "my reasons are sentimental rather than analytical."
Feels the Board "will have alumni support regardless of the decision they reach."
- Day, G. Richard, '41 BA, MBA, Louisville, KY (1/19/84) (1 p.) P
Has heard no alumnus speak in favor of coed. "We have something unique - let's keep it. Change for change's sake does not accomplish anything."
- de Coligny, Calvert G., Jr., '61 BA, Baltimore, MD (12/20/83) (1 p.) D
Has "mixed feelings." Finds it "hard to believe that W&L or Lexington could accomodate the girls or that the girls could civilize or socially make Minks more respectable."
- DeVaney, Robert C., '65 BS, Houston, TX (1/5/84) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed. Believes we will be able to survive drop in population among prospective students until the "upswing". Wants to protect our uniqueness. "Being all male is a significant factor in making it unique."
- Dickenson, Daniel D., '54 BA, BD, Va. Beach, VA (11/15/83) (1 p.) P
"I have long favored the idea of co-education for Washington and Lee and will certainly support a move in that direction."
- Dickinson, H. Tyndall, '39 BA, '41 JD, Sweet Home, Ark. (12/13/83) (2 pp.) D
Responds to JDW's background paper. "I believe W&L should become co-educational for all the reasons given. I hate the change, but I desire the college to maintain its hard-earned academic excellence."
- Dismuke, Fred W., '22-'24, Midland, GA (11/83) (1 p.) D
Opposes. One sentence: "Please don't ruin our wonderful school by such a move."

Ditto, Ben W., '43 BA, Houston, TX (11/7/83) (1 p.) P

Opposes coed. Cannot believe we've had an enrollment problem. "Lexington is not ready for a coed college. It would be a shame and a disgrace to see this change."

DuBose, Beverly M., III, '62 BS, Atlanta, GA (12/21/83) (3 pp.) P

Writes for Atlanta Chapter of Alumni Association. Concerned "adoption of coed concept will alter the social and intellectual environment which has resulted in an amalgam of shared, unique experiences we loosely term the W&L tradition." Points to financial considerations. Urges greater recruitment efforts, emphasizing financial aid, and strengthening alumni recruiting efforts. Alumni "guided" by adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Dunn, Melville I., Jr., '19-'23, Jensen Beach, FL (1/3/84) (1 p.) P

"I don't think W&L should go coed". If it does, "W&L could not have a finer pilot to take it thru the period than John Wilson."

Essex, Richard S., '80 BA, N.Y.C., N.Y. (9/7/83) (1 p.) P

Feels slight trepidation about coed, but expresses confidence in University leadership and that whatever the decision, it will be the right one. Calls for redefining fraternities' roles.

Farrar, James D., Jr., '74, BA, Alexandria, VA (1/23/84) (2 pp.) P

Supports coeducation. Views from position as teacher, coach, admissions staff at an all-male boarding school. Attaches "unscientific" poll of EHS seniors on their attitudes on coed issue. Feels W&L "missing out on some great young people" - males we are not reaching now, and women who would bring not only intellectual ability, but a strengthening of the quality of life at the University.

Ferguson, James C., '74 BS, Edmond, OK (1.5.84) (1 p.) P

Opposes coed. Fears loss of uniqueness. "The school I attended was truly unique because of the all male atmosphere."

Fletcher, C. Russell, III, '74 BA, MBA, Kansas City, MO (1/16/84) (1 p.) P

Writes in support of coed and applauds background paper reproduced in alumni magazine. "I am convinced if W&L is to remain an important and collective university, it must admit women as students."

Flowers, William H., '33 BA, Thomasville, GA (1/11/84) (1 p.) P

"Coeducation is not needed; and if we go that route, many traditional years of excellence will be lost."

Fulton, Rufus A., '26 BS, Lancaster, PA (11/21/83) (1 p.) P

Opposed to coed. Do not change for change's sake. "It would be cruel to tamper with something as fine and prestigious as W&L."

Gabler, James M., '53 BA, '55 JD, Baltimore, MD (11/2/83) (1 p.) P

. Supports coeducation. Changing society demands admission of women.

Garrison, W.E., III, '76 BA, MA, Richmond, VA (10/20/83) (1 p.) P

Writes thanks for Leadership Conference. No preference on coed given. Offers counsel from the alumni. A 1/4/84 letter to the President is detailed

cogent consideration of all issues. He states preference for coed, but confidence in leadership. Wants, above all, a first rate academic institution.

Gay, Charles S., '56 BA, Long Island, NY (11/10/83) (1 p.) D
Supports coed. "I cannot overemphasize my own feelings of the need for coeducation at Washington and Lee." Feels warranted by demographics and student's desires for coed.

Giblin, Gerrald A., Jr., '81 BA, Alexandria, VA (11/18/83) (1 p.) P
Strident opposition to coeducation. Feels we can survive w/o 1300 undergraduates. We should increase marketing efforts. What W&L offers is unique today. "Solution to preserving W&L does not lie in becoming coed."

Gottwald, John D., '77 BA, Richmond, VA (12/13/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter stating that "I believe with coeducation W&L would have the potential for becoming the unquestioned superior school of the state, and, possibly, one the finest in the country."

Gottwald, William M., '70 BS, Richmond, VA (12/83) (1 p.) P
Sent a summary of colleges applied to and attended prepared by collegiate schools in Richmond." This alumnus votes for coeducation."

Gregory, Carlyle, Jr., '75, Alexandria, VA (1/8/84) (1 p.) BT
Brief, but strongly opposed letter. Challenges demographics. Refuses "to believe that out of 230 million people we can't find 400 qualified young men. We will have to work harder. I'll be glad to help." In 1/8/84 letter to President Wilson, expresses same sentiment.

Greif, Brian S., '72 BA, JD, Austin, TX (1/9/84) (2 pp.) P
Opposes coeducation. Feels support of coeducation shows an "incomprehension of the tradition of W&L. A change to coeducation would be nothing less than short-sighted."

Griffith, Robert S., III, '83 BA, Atlanta, GA (12/7/83) (1 p.) P
Does not feel W&L is "missing its share of qualified applicants." "Unless W&L is unable to survive and remain competitive for top students, it should not become coed."

Guroian, Michael, '74 BA, Stamford, CT (1/1/84) (2 pp.) BT
Feels background paper is "Whitewash of recurring clarion call to embrace radical change at W&L." States "I'll be damned if a simple statistical extrapolation will push me to such extremes. An all male W&L can have a place in our future when we meet the challenge."

Harp, Reno S., III, '54 BA, '56 JD, Richmond, VA (11/16/83) (½ p.) D
Only the Board qualified to make this decision. "Let me assure you that whatever action is taken, I will support it."

Harrell, C. Miner, '71 BA, JD, Pensacola, FL (1/9/84) (1½ p.) BT
Writes as Pres. of Alumni Chapter. Polled 26 active alumni there, sending Warner and Wilson letters. Twenty-four responded and were opposed to coeducation. Were surprised there is an admissions problem. Before they could approve such a change, would have to be convinced there is no other way to prevent W&L from becoming a second rate school.

- Harrison, George W., '32-'34, Henderson, N.C. (11/5/83) (1 p.) D
Opposes coed. "Having females on campus would eliminate all of the tradition that I am so justly proud of at W&L." Could not continue as Class Agent if W&L becomes coed.
- Hausrath, Ralph A., '40 BA, MS, New Berlin, NY (10/83) (2 pp.) A
Opposes coed. Should not "tinker" with success unless need is dire. Feels we could shrink a bit and still make it. Would not like to be there when "Washington and Lee's persons fall in line."
- Hendrix, James R., '26 BS, Birmingham, Ala (12/29/83) (2 pp.) D
Strongly opposed to coed. Feels USNWR article is approval of our status, and it would be folly to change. Would regret "plunging into a program that would drastically change fundamental and traditionally loved aspects of our University."
- Herman, John D., '78 BA, Fairfax, VA (12/27/83) (1 p.) P
Coeducation "would only improve the quality of life at the University. Rarely did I come across healthy, daily, respectful relationships between men and women on campus." Demographics aside, he "would urge the adoption of coed at W&L if only to change the unhealthy social attitudes between men and women on campus."
- Herndon, Michael N., '62 BA, Columbus, GA (10/28/83) (2 pp.) P
Opposes coed. Feels reasons so far presented are insufficient. Regrets haste in presenting issue. Urges open dialogue with all W&L constituencies during decision process. He states that alumni feel "this decision has been made in accordance with educational philosophy and will be rationalized on the basis of declining enrollment.
- Hewitt, Russell L., '74 BA, '77 JD, Westfield, NJ (12/1/83) (3 pp.) P
Strong support of coeducation. Felt all-male ten years ago met his needs. Cites changes socially and intellectually from which he concludes "there is only one meritorious position on the issue. Washington and Lee should be coeducational."
- Hinkle, Samuel D., IV, '69 BA, JD, San Francisco, CA (1/11/84) (1 p.) P
Just received Nov. Alumni Magazine. "I am very pleased to learn that W&L is again considering coeducation. I strongly support coeducation and urge that it be implemented."
- Holladay, J. MacD., '67 BA, Charleston, SC (11/11/83) (1½ p.) P
Hopes there is a positive role he can play in considerations. Ambivalent on coed issue. Impressed by demographics, but "perhaps the risk to the institution too great."
- Hollinger, Andrew G., '73 BA, MS, Rochester, NY (12/29/83) (1½ p.) P
Thoughtful consideration of four factors (academic excellence) (social preparation) (University's character)(the symbolic). Takes no stand. "W&L will survive, and prosper, I'm sure whatever the decision."

- Hollins, Arthur, III, '51 BS, Lake Charles, LA (12/15/83) (1 p.) P
Two sentences expressing opposition. Hopes views of all alumni are considered before decision.
- Hollis, Samuel B., '51 BS, Memphis, Tenn (7/12/83) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed because "we have something unique and we don't have to follow the crowd. I wanted you to hear from one very devoted, loyal alumnus who is strongly opposed to coeducation."
- Holmquist, Richard, '57 BS, PhD, Richmond, CA (1/9/84) (2 pp.) P
Responds to alumni magazine of November, JDW's background paper. Succinct letter expressing his feeling that "the quality of maleness at W&L is in today's world certainly an abnormal social milieu - it is a false game."
- Holton, A. Linwood, Jr., '44 BA, Wash., D.C. (12/14/83) (1 p.) P
Positive support of coeducation. "I suggest that coeducation at Washington and Lee is not only a necessary, but probably a very challenging, part of the future."
- Hornor, Paul A., '31 BS, Clarksburg, WVa. (12/14/83) (1 p.) AB
Opposed to coed. "I agree wholeheartedly with Jack Warner's letter. I feel that the morals of any good college is an absolute necessity to its continued success."
- Hoyt, William D., '32 BA, '33 MA, Rockport, Mass (12/11/83) (3 pp.) P
Opposes coed. Doesn't feel we lack for applications. "We have something unique at W&L, and I hope we don't take a chance of losing it."
- Humphries, J.D., III, '66 BA, '69 JD, Atlanta, GA (1/12/84) (3 pp.) P
Urges professional market research "as to the product that W&L offers potential college students. Is there a market for an all male institution?" Says alumnus Claibourne Darden of Atlanta heads Darden Research Corp. "The Trustees have a duty to assure themselves through professional research that a market exists, or that it does not in sufficient numbers to assure quality."
- Hunt, Douglas H., '75 BA, Dallas, TX (12/22/83) (3 pp.) P
Thoughtful letter opposing coeducation. Concerned with cost - alumni response to fund-raising required, loss of unique and interesting character. Concludes - "I do not believe coeducation would be a disaster for W&L. However, I do believe it would be a mistake because the benefits would be slim and costs substantial."
- Hutchins, Christopher, '60 BA, Bangor, Me (11/83) (1½ p.) D
Feels proper admissions marketing can fill the gap created by diminishing college-age population. Concerned with "the absolutely atrocious record of female giving to schools, colleges, and universities." Feels coed would be "short-sighted."
- Ide, R. William, III, '62 BA, JD, Atlanta, GA (1/20/84) (1 p.) P
States no preference. Has heard grumbling in Atlanta about coed. At first agreed all-male best, but read JDW's report in Alumni Magazine. Realizes things are different concerning supply and demand. "Regardless of the ultimate decision, you have seen that the leadership role has been fulfilled. Congratulations on a job well done and you have my best wishes as deliberations unfold."

- Jackson, B. Davis, '76 BA, New Braunfels, TX (11/28/83) (2 pp.) P
Wishes to remain unique. "To admit women is to alter the very essence and identity of the institution."
- Jackson, Clay T., '76 BA, Nashville, TN (11/18/83) (2 pp.) P
Thoughtful letter supporting coed. "If Trustees decide coeducation is best, it will not be without tears, including my own, but I believe the primary concern is to preserve the quality of students and education at W&L. Coeducation will ensure and enhance this quality."
- Jennings, James W., Jr., '65 BA, '72 JD, Roanoke, VA (10/19/83) (1 p.) P
Writes in thanks for Leadership Conference. "It is almost a necessity for W&L to become a coed university if it is to regain its position as the best college in the South."
- Johns, Benjamin I., Jr., '78 BS, Bacova, VA (1/12/84) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed. "Such a move would obviously cause a radical change in the University that I know and support."
- Johnson, Lawrence A.G., '55 BS, JD, Tulsa, OK (10/16/83) P
Stridently opposed to coed. "Have abandoned the most fundamental traditions, that is, the utilization of a men's college to assure that women would not be added as a distraction to the basic purposes of the University."
- Jones, Hoyle C., '60 BA, N.Y.C.,N.Y. (12/5/83)
Voices strong opposition. "Such a move would cause a radical change in the University, and I would view such a change as extremely undesirable."
- Johnston, Henry P., '29 BA, Birmingham, AL (1/13/84) (1½ p.) D
Opposes coed. Feels there is a place for the small, all-male college. "Like most graduates I am perfectly happy with our school as it is. To change to coed would be a drastic mistake."
- Johnston, H. Reed, '28 BA, Sarasota, Fla. (11/27/83) (1 p.) D
"I am sad that economics have forced this decision upon us, but I am not against it. Most assuredly, I don't want W&L to become a second rate institution."
- Jungman, Robert F., '77 BS, JD, Wash., D.C. (11/22/83) (2 pp.) P
Supports uniqueness of all-male institution. Increased recruiting efforts by staff and alumni can get us through the period of diminishing supply.
- Kaplan, Sidmon J., '56 BA, Cleveland, OH (1/3/83) (1 p.) P
Strong support of coeducation and leadership. "The rigidity with which the University has maintained an all-male institution has been overcome by social change in our national and local communities. Its continued maintenance is no longer prudent."
- Keatley, Robert A., '75 BS, Kansas City, MO (10/31/83) (1½ pp.) P
Adamantly opposed to coed. Feels with increased staff and alumni recruiting efforts, we can weather the "admissions crunch". Regrets haste with which he feels issue is being decided. Urges adequate communication with alumni.
- King, Robert L., '20-'22, BS,MD, Seattle, WA (12/30/83) (1 p.) BT
Wishes to state "I do not think that such a move would take care of excessive

student misbehavior or improve the standards of the University or the number or quality of the applicants for admission."

Kinney, Rufus D., '69 BA, MA, Montevallo, AL (1/18/84) (3 pp.) P

Had preferred all-male as student, but now feels "that undergraduate coeducation policy would be the best policy for the present and future."

Ladd, G. Russell, III, '57 BS, Mobile, Ala (11/4/83) (2 pp.) AB

No preference on issue given. Urges open dialogue with all. Alumni Assoc. should be vehicle and arm of Board of Trustees - not an opinion-giving body.

Lassman, Malcolm, '60 BA, '63 JD, Wash., DC (1/13/84) (3 pp.) P

Cogent letter supporting coed. "I support coeducation at W&L because I don't believe we can survive as a vital and unique situation cherishing academic excellence without admitting women. I'm concerned that sentimentality is getting in the way of judgment of some of the leading alumni who have recently communicated with you. This sentimentality is a type of selfishness which ignores the reality of the 1980's and beyond. My two sons - both outstanding students and gifted football players were accepted at W&L. One enrolled in Yale and the other at Oberlin. The major reason they did not seriously consider the offer from alma mater was because they did not want to attend an all-male school."

Lawson, John R., Jr., '53 AB, '55 JD, Tampa, FL (1/4/84) (3 pp.) P

Very personal evaluation of issues. Extremely thoughtful review of situation. "It give me 'peculiar pleasure' (in the words of Francis P. Gaines) to tell you that if the Trustees see fit to change the policy, your paper, my reading of it, and my ruminations on it, will have made Tommy Touchton's life somewhat easier by getting one alumnus off his back."

Lee, Peter J., '60 BA, BD, Chapel Hill, NC (12/1/83) (1 p.) P

Thoughtful letter following a visit here with two prospective students. "First reaction to coeducation is 'why change a good thing?' My deeper conviction is a sense of pride and confidence in you and the Board. I want you to know my deep interest and confidence in the process by which you and the Board reach you decisions."

Lee, Robert E., '41 BA, MA, Ded, Pensacola, FL (1/6/84) (1 p.) P

Supports coed. "W&L may have to face a reduction in alumni giving for at least a few years. In the longer view, W&L will be the winner, and the rift will heal."

Lee, Robert E., IV, '49 BS, Fairfax, VA (1/5/84) (1 p.) P

Opposes coed. "Being all male and giving a liberal arts education to all types of students is an obligation that this institution should continue. I srongly urge that you do everything in your power to head off this unnecessary change."

Lewis, R. Brooke, '76 BA, '83 JD, Dallas, TX (10/26/83) (2 pp.) P

Does not wish to change the essential tradition of all male in view of temporary pressure. If W&L goes coed "it will cease to be W&L."

- Litzenburg, Thomas N., Jr., '57 BA, MA, PhD, Winston-Salem, NC (11/8/83) (2 pp.) P
Incisive letter supporting coed, but indicating concerns to be met relating to size, mix, curriculum, sex-bias. In responding to those seeking his view, "I have said that the University simply cannot afford to remain an all male institution, and argued that a review of the hard facts will bring most reasonable people to the same conclusion."
- Lynch, John P., '30 BA, MD, Richmond, VA (12/12/83) (1 p.) AB
Opposed to coed. Agrees 100% with J. W. Warner (12/7 letter) that W&L should remain an all male university.
- McClerkin, Hayes C., '53 BA, JD, Texarkana, Ark. (5/83) (1½ p.) P
"There may be economic and demographic reasons to which I am not privy, that might indicate coeducational status for W&L is necessary. I hope not and that W&L will retain its all-male status." Similar letter, 1/9/84, to Bd. of Trustees.
- McCutcheon, Joseph B., '51 BS, Midlothian, VA (11/17/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter stating that W&L "has always been a quality, first-class institution and it takes coeducation to keep it this way, then we should take that route."
- McLean, David J., '78 BA, JD, Los Angeles, CA (10/19/83) (3 pp.) P
Supports coeducation. "The future of W&L depends, in no small part, on our decision to admit women to the undergraduate school of the University." States that experiences recruiting students in L.A. led him to conclude "that W&L is already an anachronism."
- McMenamin, Joseph P., '74 BS, MD, JD, Upper Darby, PA (1/4/84) (2 pp.) P
Thoughtful letter opposing coeducation. Feels the population drop will move upward in the 90's. Considers women would be distraction. "If the change is made, I will cherish W&L in my heart, but I will grieve the loss of something that can never be restored."
- McMurrin, Lewis A., '36, Newport News, VA (10/13/83) (1 p.) P
"I personally feel that W&L should remain proud of its uniqueness in every respect. I am sure we are better off as we are."
- Maguire, John D., '53 BA, BD, PhD, Claremont, CA (1/3/84) (1 p.) P
Pres. of Claremont Univ., was acting provost at Wesleyan during coeducation there. The cases for coeducation are "I believe more compelling today. I wish you well in this review and want you to know that this particular alumnus favors coeducation"
- Martin, Everett A., '33-'35, Norfolk, VA (1/23/83) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed. "W&L occupies a unique position in the educational field and in order to maintain this position I very strongly feel the University should remain as presently structured."
- Martin, Roger S., '70 BS, JD, Charlottesville, VA (12/23/83) (1 p.) P
"In favor coed as I did as a student. W&L's all-male policy contributes to an unhealthy attitude that women are inferior or that their role in society should be subservient to men's."
- Mason, Harry C., '40 AB, '42 JD, Orange, VA (11/28/83) (1 p.) D
Opposed to coed. Urges stronger recruitment efforts. Concerned with costs involved with the move. Fears alumni giving will wane.

- Maytham, Walter J., III, '53 BA, MBA, Lakeville, CT (12/28/83) (½ p.) AB
Opposed to coed. "I support the conclusion stated in Mr. Warner's letter (12/7) and veto any movement designed to turn W&L coeducational."
- Melton, Howard E., '36 BA, Okla, City, OK (12/4/83) (1 sent.) AB
"Please record my sentiments strongly against the coed idea."
- Miller, Edgar B., '29-'31, Hawkins, TX (1/6/84) (1 sent.) BT
"Wish to voice my objection to making W&L a coeducational institution."
- Missal, Michael J., '78 BS, Wash., D.C. (10/23/83) (1 p.) D
"I feel that coeducation is a necessary step for W&L to make if it is to maintain, and hopefully strengthen, its place as one of the outstanding academic institutions in the country."
- Mitchell, Frank T., 5 BA, Naples, FL (12/12/83) (1 p.) BT
"The facts presented in Mr. J. W. Warner's letter (12/7/83) convinces me to agree with his conclusions that W&L should continue as a male school."
- Monroe, Douglas D., Jr., '55 BS, Kilmarnock, VA (11/9/83) (1 p.) P
Opposed to a change. "W&L is small and it would appear there is a niche for 300 to 400 young men east of the Mississippi who each year wish to attend a quality, all male university such as Washington and Lee."
- Moore, Robert H., Jr., '44 BA, MBA, JD, Bluefield, WV (12/15/83) (1 p.) D
Opposed to coed. Pleased to see ranking in USNWR. "I hope that will scotch anymore consideration of going co-ed."
- Morgan, M. R., '76 BA, Wellesley, Mass (12/15/83)) 1 p.) P
"I encourage you to adopt coeducation." Cites four reasons: (Women influential in business, professions) (Women better disciplined) (Men miss important part of college w/o women in residence) (Applicant pool shrinking; quality slipping).
- Morse, Clinton S., '67 BS, JD, Roanoke, VA (10/4/83) (2 pp.) P
Supports coed because "all-male policy eliminates too many potential and enthusiastic applicants" and "coed would go a long way toward creating a better university atmosphere."
- Muskin, R. Bennett, '82 BA, Philadelphia, PA (1/18/84) (1 p.) P
Supports coeducation. Reacts strongly and negatively to his Class Agent's letter requesting a donation and urging opposition to coeducation. Muskin concludes - "when the first undergraduate woman registers for fall classes, I will gladly send you my first donation."
- Neil, John E., '38 BA, So. Pines, NC (12/17/83) (1½ pp.) AB
Discerning letter on coed issues. Decries social fabric at W&L, applauds desire to cure - not convinced coed will solve it. All-male status might be more a "drag" in future than a help. Doesn't feel we'll "disintegrate" under any circumstances." I would vote for making standby plans for coed - then vote again after at least a two-year interlude."
- Patterson, Robert G., '48 BA, BD, Memphis, TN (1/7/84) (1 p.) P
Strong support for coeducation. "My own experience as a student in both male and coed institutions, and the comparison of the two in retrospect leads me

to support coeducation unequivocally."

Paynter, S. Reed, '65A, Hockessin, DE (12/30/83) (1 p.) P

No real preference. "So long as W&L maintains this lead in terms of product differentiation, there will be sufficient qualified applicants, whether that includes women or not."

Peterson, Jon, '61, Orlando, FL (1/11/84) (1 p.) P

Brief letter opposes coeducation. "I hope the University sees fit to remain all male. I find it hard to believe that a University with the high reputation W&L enjoys would find it difficult to continue to get high quality students, especially with the small size of the University and the Freshman Class."

Pifer, William H., '47, MD, Winchester, VA (1/21/84) (1 p.) P

"We all enjoyed your visit. I still favor the all-male character of the undergraduate college. I have not been convinced that a change outweighs remaining as is."

Plowman, Francis W., '24 BS, Swarthmore, PA (12/5/83) (1 p.) P

Supports coeducation largely on demographic information. "We should change our policy and admit a limited number of women without delay."

Raines, Samuel L., '21 BA, MD, Memphis, TN (12/8/83) (1 p.) D

Opposed to coed. "I cannot believe we need to do this or to enlarge our student body in order to attract an adequate number of outstanding students in the foreseeable future."

Redford, James H., '76 BA, JD, Franklin, Tenn. (10/83) (1 p.) A

Feels strongly about maintaining all-male. Hopes that "something as basic to its character as its all-male undergraduate student body will not be changed."

Reid, Jay H., Jr., '38 BA, Bethesda, MD (1/17/84) (1 p.) P

Brief letter opposes coed in response to a post-holiday note.

Reynolds, D.A., '22 BS, Holiday, Fla. (12/20/83) (1 p.) AB

Brief letter opposing coed. "I would not favor W&L being coed."

Root, Robert W., Jr., '70 BS, Silver Spring, MD (12/19/83) (½ p.) AB

After reading J. W. Warner's letter, admits "to change of heart." His "very persuasive case seems very valid at this time." Prefers "to table the Plan indefinitely."

Rouse, Parke S., Jr., '37 BA, Williamsburg, VA (11/25/83) (1 p.) P

Brief letter supporting coed. "What I observe of the educational world persuades me that it is probably desirable in the interest of long-term enrollment of high-calibre students."

Rowe, A. Prescott, '60 BA, Richmond, VA (11/83) (1 p.) P

Opposes coeducation. Feels "coeducation would diminish significantly the uniqueness of W&L." "While change is healthy the overthrow of tradition may not be so."

- Rule, J. Landon, '29 BS, Ponca City, OK (1/84) (½ p.) P
 Applauds JDW's paper. "Times have changed over the past fifty years."
- Ruscio, Kenneth P., '76 BA, PhD, Los Angeles, CA (10/20/83) (2½ PP.) P
 Thoughtful support of coed. The loss of quality in students and faculty remaining single-sex would change the character of the college far more than admitting women. "While the issue divides us on one level, a decision for coed would not set us against each other. The bond that unites us is too strong." Similar letter, 1/6/84, to Bd. of Trustees.
- Rutherford, John H., '66 BA, McLean, VA (12/28/83) (1 p.) P
 Brief letter. "I think coeducation would not only broaden the base of prospective students but also enrich the educational process at W&L."
- Savage, Thomas Y., '82 JD, Fredericksburg, VA (12/23/83) (1 p.) P
 Opposed to coed. Would lose uniqueness. "If W&L were to become coed we would join the ranks of all other universities across the land."
- Schewel, Stanford L., '40 JD, NYC, NY (12/12/83) (1 p.) P
 In accord with J. W. Warner's letter of Alumni Bd. Pres. However, "if single sex causes enrollment to drop, or quality of student to diminish, some drastic change would be called for." Letter of 1/9 in response to President's reply to above says "this letter contains many facts of which I was unaware. Certainly, these facts were not contained in Mr. Warner's letter. In view of this data - all of which is new to me - I simply would no longer feel the same way that I did when I wrote my original letter."
- Sharp, Mark E., '76 BA, '79 JD, Fairfax, VA (11/3/83) (1½ pp.) P
 "I sincerely believe it will improve the educational atmosphere to admit women to the University." Found "nothing particularly magical about our all male environment" in his seven years here.
- Sheild, Conway H., III, '64 BS, '67 JD, Newport News, VA (12/14/83) (1 p.) AB
 No preference expressed. Has received "input" from local alumni and states that "I have heard absolutely no comment from any alumni proposing that coeducation be considered at Washington and Lee."
- Sloan, Richard T., '42 BS, Harrisonburg, VA (12/5/83) (1 p.) D
 Opposes coed. Feels there is too much attention given a problem (demographics) "that isn't going to last forever."
- Smith, Ralph H., '36 BS, JD, Birmingham, AL (1/19/84) (1 p.) P
 Has long felt "W&L community suffered from a false and exaggerated sense of manliness, which has promoted attitudes of heart and mind that frustrates the pursuit of knowledge and the development of emotional maturity." Feels entire question demands most careful study.
- Sone, Jeffrey M., '78 BS, JD, Dallas, TX (11/14/83) (2 pp.) P
 Thoughtful letter recognizing the ordeal of change, but convinced that "we cannot maintain the quality of the student body and remain single sex. Without a quality student body, we will rapidly lose much of what is special about W&L."

- Spence, Jeffrey B., '71 BA, MDiv., Richmond, VA (11/3/83) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed wishing to remain unique. "W&L is what it is because of our uniqueness."
- Sparks, James D., '32 JD, Monroe, LA (11/1/83) (2 pp.) P
Opposes admission of women. "Am not adverse to admitting girls if it would affect the existence and continuation of this very old and pretigious school."
Expresses confidence in the Board's best judgment in addressing the matter.
Also, four letters (11/1/83) (11/14) (12/9) (12/20) to Development Office.
- Sphar, William R., Jr.'35 BA, Winchester, KY (12/27/83) (1 p.) P
Brief letter opposing coed. Notes coed question rises again. "When coeducation occurs, my contribution ceases."
- Sproul, Archibald A., III, '37 BS, Staunton, VA (11/23/83) (1 p.) P
Realizes coed question is complicated. Hopes "we could keep W&L as it is but am afraid that's impossible. Having served on VMI's Board three years and knowing the pressures, I am sure it would be difficult not to make it coeducational."
- Stackhouse, John W., '55 BS, Atlanta, GA (12/83) (1 p.) D
"I have read the various communications about coed. As a traditionalist, I guess I favor keeping things the way they are, but I can't get too excited about it either way."
- Stone, R.L., '62 BA, '65 JD, Pensacola, FL (12/19/83) (1½ p.) BT
Opposed to coed. Feels we would lose unique position in American Society. Doesn't find in demographic figures that we have suffered any in the last fifteen years. Wants to maintain traditions, including single-sex.
- Strouss, Henry M., III '61 BS, N.Y.C., N.Y. (12/83) (1 p.) P
Opposes coed. "If the school has done nothing up until this date it should continue as is unless forced to coeducation by federal or state law."
- Sutherland, Todd L., '81 BA, Kansas City, Mo (12/83) (1 p.) AB
Concurs with J. W. Warner's letter (12/7). The question is "whether coeducation is a good thing for W&L. It is my belief that it is not."
- Suttle, Stephen H., '62 BA, JD, Abilene, TX (1/4/84) (1 p.) P
States no preference. He and his wife "support you in the challenges and decisions that lie ahead of you with respect to the curriculum and decision of whether W&L should become co-educational in the future." Confident "leadership of W&L is in good hands and whatever decision will be made will be an informed decision."
- Taylor, J. Brookins, '50 BA, MD, Bluefield, WV. (12/14/83) (2 sent.) AB
In agreement with J. W. Warner's 12/7 letter. "I am against coeducation at Washington and Lee University, and I am against eliminating fraternities."
- Taylor, Timothy C., '82 BA Austin, TX (11/18/83) (1 p.) P
Supports tradition of all-male. "W&L's all male status is essential to and an integral part of its character, traditions, and identity."
- Telford, Robert L., '18-'20, Lexington, KY (12/16/83) (1 p.) BT
Feels the change for coed based on feeling coed will be deterrent to unseemly

misbehavior of excessive drinking and drug use will not be a deterrent.
Feels coed will aggravate the situation.

Thomson, Augustus P., '33 BA, Front Royal, VA (10/4/83) (1 p.) P
Vitriolic opposition to coed, the manner, timing, and haste of considering the issue. Feels the University is being dismembered and destroyed.

Tompkins, Joseph B., Jr., '71 BA, JD, Wash., D.C. (10/24/83) (1 p.) P
Expresses no preference. "If the co-education issue is presented in the proper way to alumni that, whatever the ultimate decision, they will continue to support W&L as they have in the past."

Tonsmeire, Arthur C., Jr., '34 BA, Mobile, AL (1/13/84) (1 p.) BT
Opposes coed. "There is no reason to make this change. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." W&L is a unique institution."

Towill, John B., '29 JD, Augusta, GA (11/23/83) (2 pp.) P
Traditionally coed. Sees no reason to change. "We should at least preserve this aspect of our heritage as a men's school."

Trout, Hugh H., III, '63 BA, MD, Wash., D.C. (11/22/83) (1 p.) P
Preferred all-male college as a student, but "given today's environment I might seek a coeducational institution." The decision concerning co-ed "should be based on the analysis of whether becoming coed will allow you to recruit an overall superior student body to the one you are now able to recruit."

Trout, Robert P., '70 BA, JD, Wash., DC (12/29/83) (3 pp.) P
Detailed, cogent support of coeducation. Recognizes tradition of all-male but feels W&L "should constantly be making changes in an effort to improve the educational experience." He has "little doubt in my mind that W&L will one day be coeducational."

Tucker, Everett, Jr., '34 BS, Little Rock, Ark. (11/2/83) (1 p.) D
Opposes coed. Had heard of "the flap over going coed, and I surely hope the Trustees will show the same good judgment in turning it down like they did when I was president of Alumni Board back in '75." In 1/6/84 letter to Pres., "I would like to keep it like it is but I will surely support the considered verdict you reach."

Walker, Claude M., '41 BS, Columbia, Sc (12/83) (1 p.) BT
In accord with JWW's letter (12/7/83). "His analysis of this proposal leaves little to add except that I am in complete agreement with his conclusion that W&L does not need to be or should be a coed school."

Walker, C. Ganahl, Jr., '40 BS, San Antonio, TX (11/17/83) (2pp.) P
Opposes coeducation wishing to remain different and unique. "You must be different or you are just one of the masses." Feels downward demographic cycle reversing with current increased birthrates.

Walker, Robert C., '34-'37, Columbia, SC (12/23/83) (1 p.) AB
Opposed to coed. "Doesn't need women students to improve it in any way, nor does it need women students to insure its future."

- Warner, Jonathan W., '41 BS, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (12/7/83) (6 pp.) AB
Penetrating and extensive study of coeducation issues. Mailed to Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, Alumni Chapter Presidents, selected alumni and friends of the University.
- Weinberg, Manuel M., '31 JD, Frederick, MD (12/12/83) (1 p.) P
Expresses agreement with J. W. Warner's ('41) letter to Alum. Bd. Pres. of 12/7/83 and feels most alumni agree. Hopes Warner's recommendations will be promoted to the Board.
- Wellford, Harry W., '46 BA, LLB, Memphis, TN (12/12/83) (1 p.) P
Letter is a copy of Wellford's letter to S L Kopald. Feels we have the right to remain male; coed would already affect nearby women's colleges; hopes Board will follow traditions and history that has brought us success.
- Wetsel, John E., Jr., '70 BA, JD, Winchester, VA (12/1/83) (1 p.) P
Supports coeducation. Would not have ten years ago, but need is apparent.
"I have a daughter and I hope she would be afforded the opportunity to attend W&L."
- Wilkinson, Maxwell P., '24-'26, Longboat Key, FL (1/84) (½ p.) P
"It's my hope the University will see a bright future without going coed but I am in no position to say more than this."
- Wilson, William L., '27 BA, JD, Cumberland, MD (12/21/83) (1 p.) AB
Opposes coeducation. Has received J. W. Warner's 12/7 letter. "Such a drastic change as is being presently proposed would cause more damage to the institution than one could comprehend."
- Wood, George I., '44 BA, Louisville, KY (11/18/83) (1 p.) P
"After studying your twenty pages and doing some alumni soul searching, I am convinced the financial and educational leadership responsibility for the future of excellence at W&L indicates we must go coed."
- Wurzburger, Stuard A., '28 BA, Lexington, VA (1/16/84) (2 pp.) BT
Opposes coed. Why change? Points to recent W&L Rhodes Scholar. Quotes USNWR article. Says faculty he's talked to say "give it a try" - but "they are not business men and do not realize the enormous costs." Quotes figures on contributions from women law graduates to show how results in alumni-giving might decline in the future.
- Young, M. Neely, II., '66 BA, PhD, Atlanta, GA (10/24/83) (2pp.) P
Offers counsel. After a trip here with prospective students this fall, "it has more than ever confirmed my opinion that coeducation may be ultimately connected with W&L's future as a superior educational institution."

ADDENDA

The following letters were received after January 24, 1984, when the report was prepared.

Joost, William H., '78 BA, Jacksonville, FL (1/25/84) (2 sent.) P

"I exhort you to proceed with the co-education issue with all due speed. You have my full support."

Paxton, Robert O., '54 BA, PhD, New York, NY (1/27/84) (1 p.) P

He taught at Columbia 14 years. Columbia's "undergraduate college went coed last fall after some 280 years. There simply weren't enough young men around who were rich enough and smart enough to fill our freshman class, unless we chose to let our academic standards drop." Adds his voice "to those who think it is time for W&L to adopt coeducation."

Spaulding, George M., '30-'32, Chase City, VA (1/29/84) (2 pp.) D

He and Mrs. Spaulding write jointly. Opposed to coed at present. "We love the uniqueness of W&L". Feel move would be premature, W&L should be given a chance "to weather" the population decline. "Do not agree that having the opposite sex at W&L would enhance the academic atmosphere or improve the behavior of the students."