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President John D. Wilson
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Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for taking the time to come to Texas and speak to the San Antonio club. For me, the trip from Austin to meet you and hear about your plans for Washington & Lee was time well spent. There is no doubt in my mind that W&L has a very capable and intelligent man at its helm.

I was especially pleased to hear about your interest in two areas: computer science and East Asian studies. With the obvious need for computer literate men in today's world, I strongly support any steps taken to improve W&L's computer education offerings.


The East Asian Studies program is of particular interest to me. I graduated with eighteen hours in the field, and those six courses were perhaps the most enjoyable that I participated in at W&L. I hope the curriculum can be expanded and improved, as I believe the East Asian Studies Department has the potential to become one of the premier programs of its kind in the nation.

Turning to the controversial area of your speech, I would like to reiterate my opposition to co-education at Washington & Lee. I believe W&L's all male status is essential to and an integral part of its character, traditions, and identity. When I have more time over Christmas, I intend to write a detailed statement of my position. I will forward a copy to you as soon as possible.

If there is anything I can do to help you in any way, by serving on a committee or just my input, please let me know. I do not envy the task which you have in front of you. I wish you the best of luck.

I look forward to seeing you at Fancy Dress, if not before.

Very Truly Yours,


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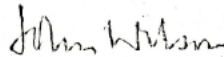
Dear Mr. Taylor:

I so much appreciate your letter and want to thank you for taking time to write. In many ways I regret the way the issue has arisen, but I am deeply grateful for the advantage of hearing from alumni who can articulate what it is about Washington and Lee that binds them so closely.

I know the Board will profit from having your views placed before it when it meets over the winter and spring to give further thought to this matter. And I have profited a good deal in the meantime.

Every best wish.

Most sincerely,



John D. Wilson
President

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P.S. Please send your detailed statement when it is finished. It will be most helpful, I'm sure.