Campus Correspondence

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WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

To: President Wilson

FROM: J. D. Farrar

DATE: May 10, 1984

Thirteen of the letters you or the Board of Trustees received were written on April 23, or later, and make direct reference to the future giving plans of the authors. Two of these letters were from parents of past students. They have been continuing Lee Associates.

Non-Alumni, Lee Associate Parents Of Alumni

Buckthal, W.P., Amarillo, TX (4/25/84) (1p) BT

Not alumnus. Parent of John Buckthal, '77 BS. Continuing Lee Associate.

States he and his wife "will not be interested in supporting W&L as simply another coed university."

Downing, Ben R., Jr., Baton Rouge, LA (4/30/84) (1p) P
Parent of alumnus. Continuing Lee Associate. "Obviously I can only speak for myself but my future givings to the University will be determined by the decision reached on this issue."

Alumni Indicating Withdrawal of Financial Support

<u>Dietler, Courtland S.</u>, '41-'42, Denver, CO (4/25/84) (1p) BT

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"it will materially affect the contributions from the alumni group
and otherwise alienate alumni, friends, and patrons."

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"I sent my Alumni Fund check a few days ago. If W&L remains 'As Is'
I will continue to do so. I trust this will be the case."

Martin, Everett A., Jr., '74 BA, '77 JD, Norfolk, VA (4/26/84) (1p) P
Father wrote in January opposing coeducation. Like father, opposes
coed, and, like father, will not contribute further financially to
W&L if coeducation is approved. "A coeducational W&L will not be the
University he and I attended."

Miller, Edgar B., '29-'31, Hawkins, TX (4/84) (1p) BT

Wrote the Board, 1/6/84, opposing coed. Writes again saying, "I have been a financial supporter and great booster for W&L. If it should become coeducational I will no longer feel that I should be either."

Minniece, Houston M., '31 BS, Pass Christian, MS (5/1/84) (1p) BT

A Class Agent. Feels issue is affecting the level of giving this year.

"If you decide to approve coed, it will be very difficult, if not

- impossible, for me to serve as Class Agent next year, if asked. Also, I do not feel that I would continue my level of giving."
- Sanders, Paul E., '43 BS, White Plains, NY (4/25/84) (1p) P
 "I am 100% against W&L going coed. I am hesitating sending my yearly contribution to the Alumni Fund, which is matched by General Electric, until I hear what transpired at the May Trustees meeting."
- Wood, James A., '59 BS, Va. Beach, VA (4/23/84) (1p) P

 His son is a Junior here this year. Opposes the "quick fix" of coeducation. "If your school decides in favor of coeducation, I will no
 longer support our school or encourage my younger son to attend."

Alumni Whose Support Will Continue

- DeJarnette, J.H., '65 BS, Dayton, OH (4/30/84) (1p) P
 "Mr. Warner's views are both offensive and unrealistic. I am in favor of undergraduate coeducation at W&L. Regardless of the outcome of this debate, I intend to continue to support the University to the best of my ability. Can Jack Warner say the same?"
- Morse, Clinton S., '67 BS, JD, Roanoke, VA (4/27/84) (1½p) P

 Had written Pres. Wilson on Oct. 4, 1983, supporting coed. Now writes in response to J. W. Warner's 4/20/84 letter. Does not agree with his assessment on coed. "I will continue to support W&L whatever decision is made, but I strongly support the idea of admitting women to our school."
- Read, William M., '40 BA, Flintridge, CA (4/23/84) (1p) BT

 This is a letter to J. W. Warner with copies to Rector Ballengee and President Wilson. "I do not share your views nor your concerns and particularly resent your efforts to threaten an economic boycott by the alumni should the decision conflict with your views."
- Williamson, Adrian, Jr.,, '50 BS, Little Rock, AR (5/4/84) (1p) BT

 Urges maximum recruiting efforts utilizing alumni before making a decision. Regardless of decision, will continue to contribute to W&L.

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CO-EDUCATION STUDY

Subject: Analysis of Alumni Coeducation Letters

Prepared by: J. D. Farrar

I. Letters as of February 1, 1984

One-hundred eighty-one alumni had written letters concerning coeducation to the President, the Development Office, the Alumni Board, to the Board of Trustees, or the Alumni Office.

A subjective count of these 181 letters indicated that 53(29%) favored coeducation, 104(58%) opposed coeducation, and 24(13%) were ambivalent on the issue, expressing confidence in leadership and the Board.

II. Letters between February 1 and March 26, 1984

One-hundred fourteen alumni wrote about coeducation. A subjective count of these indicated that 28(25%) favored coeducation, 75 (66%) opposed coeducation, and 11(9%) were ambivalent on the issue.

III. Letters between March 27 and May 7, 1984

Between these dates, 81 letters were received, but 7 were from alumni who had written earlier and expressed their opinions. Consequently, only 74 new opinions were tabulated in this count. Of these 74 new opinions, 16(22%) favored coeducation, 51(69%) opposed coeducation, and 7(9%) were ambivalent on the issue.

IV. All letters to May 7, 1984

The results of 369 letters received have been totalled by decades and include a subjective count of "pros", "cons", and "middle".

DECADES		PRO	CON	MIDDLE
Teens:	5(1%)		5	
20's:	31(8%)	4	24	3
30's:	58(16%)	6	47	5
40's:	41(11%)	7	32	2
50's:	65(18%)	24	32	9
60's:	66(18%)	21	31	14
70's:	74(20%)	27	41	6
80's:	29 (8%)	8	18	3
	369	97	230	42
		(26%)	(62%)	(12%)

These 369 letters represent 2.3% of our approximately 16,000 alumni.

It is interesting to note the overwhelming opposition to coeducation from those who graduated before 1950, and the lessened division among those who graduated after 1949.

ALUMNI COEDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. As of February 1, 1984, 181 alumni had written letters expressing their opinions on coeducation.
- 2. Between February 1 and March 26, 1984, 114 alumni had written their opinions on coeducation.
- 3. Between March 26, 1984, and May 7, 1984, 81 alumni wrote, expressing their opinions on coeducation, to the President (P), the Development Office (D), the Alumni Office (A), the Alumni Board President (AB), or the Board of Trustees (BT) through J. W. Whitehead's office. An alphabetical list of those who wrote, and a summary of each opinion follows:
- Abrams, Ronald W., '72 BA, Capetown, S.A. (4/9/84) (1p.) BT

 Led a student study of co-ed while a student. Presented it to Pres. Huntley.

 Glad the "seed planted 15 years ago is blooming." Men and women sharing the world is a reality." We must share the world with all living beings"
- Arey, Patrick K., '69 BA, '76 JD, Baltimore, MD (4/12/84) (3 pp.) P

 Opposes coed. Says we are not Harvard, Yale, Stanford which are available to superstars. "W&L offers an excellent liberal arts and pre-professional education for high school graduates who lack 'superstar' credentials. W&L has never been a 'populist' institution. W&L has always had an 'elite' reputation.
- Arthur, Gary M., '74 BA, NYC, NY (4/25/84) (1p.) D

 Opposes coed. Fears we will be just like every other college. Feels W&L is "very much set apart."
- Bach, Walter D., '28 BS, Pensacola, FL (4/23/84) (lp.) BT

 Opposes coeducation. "Let's not take the easy way out. Please do not vote to admit women. I want to continue to support the University."
- Barr, Brantley F., Jr., '53 BA, Chatham, NJ (5/1/84) (1p.) BT

 Letter to Trustee Emeritus, J. W. Warner. Thanks him for 4/20/84 letter.

 "I may not be able to save W&L from self distruction, but I'm surely not going to help finance it."
- Beakley, Robert P., '72 JD, Atlantic City, NJ (4/30/84) (1p.) BT
 Opposes coed. Agrees with J. W. Warner's November letter. "I think it of paramount importance to maintain the relatively small enrollment you presently have."
- Brack, Reginald K., Jr., '59 BS, Alex., VA (4/13/84) (1p.) P

 Says visit to DC, report on W&L and its future "gave me the first real incentive I have had in 25 years to be enthusiastically in the affairs of the University. I am open on the issue of coed and, in fact, think that like every institution W&L must either change with the times or perish."
- Brawner, James P., '24 BA, Ph.D., Morgantown, WV (3/84) (1p.) P

 Strongly supports coeducation: "to delay enlarging our potential pool of recruits by admitting these future leaders in the interest of maintaining the shibboleths of the past would be a grave mistake."

- Breithaupt, Harry J., Jr., '36 BA, JD, VA Beach, VA (4/2/84) (2p) D
 "If coeducation goes through, I plan to make fundamental changes in my testamentary disposition of whatever assets my estate may encompass."
- Brown, L. Palmer, III, '30 BA, Memphis, TN, (4/24/84) (2pp) BT
 "I do hope that you will conclude that the all-male tradition is one which should be preserved."
- Bruyere, Robert T., '73 BA, MA, Dallas, TX (4/3/84) (2 pp) BT

 Feels tradition important. Should not change. Denies demographics. Simply does not believe we won't be able to attract qualified male applicants.

 Will have to be convinced we won't be able to get them.
- Burkart, Joseph R., '64 BA, NYC, NY (4/26/84) (1p) P

 Looks forward to meeting Pres. Wilson during '84 reunion of his class. "I often felt it was somewhat unusual to have young men, at that very critical time of their life, somewhat isolated from the opposite sex."
- Christie, William M. Jr., '69 BA, Ph.D., Tucson, AZ (4/2/84) (2pp.) P

 Does not state a preference. Wonders if we can legally impose quotas on the number of women admitted. Believes "that action is being taken far too quickly on so important a matter. I would urge that you and the other trustees take to heart the motto Festina lente."
- Commander, Charles E., III, '62 BS, JD, Jacksonville, FL (3/15/84) (1p) P
 Enjoyed Pres. Wilson's visit the Jacksonville. Agrees with Jack Warner's
 letter in Alumni Magazine. "I believe such other action should be tried
 first."
- <u>Daniel, Marvin P</u>, '74 BA, Richmond, VA (4/26/84) (1p) D
 "I am increasing gift owing to John Wilson's willingness to address the thorny issue of coeducation. After completing the coed survey, and asking myself some hard questions, I realized that tradition makes very little sense. I look forward to meeting President Wilson during reunion weekend."
- DeJarnette, J.H., '65 BS, Dayton, OH (4/30/84) (1p) P

 Supports coed. "Mr. Warner's views are both offensive and unrealistic. I am in favor of undergraduate coeducation at W&L. Regardless of the outcome of this debate, I intend to continue to support the University to the best of my ability. Can Jack Warner say the same?"
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 This letter to J. W. Warner, copies to the Board. Opposes coed. Feels that should W&L install a coed program, "it will materially affect the contributions from the alumni group and otherwise alienate alumni, friends, and patrons."
- DuBose, Beverly M., III, '62 BS, Atlanta, GA, (3/21/84) (3 pp) P

 DuBose wrote on 12/21/83 to Pres. Wilson as Pres. of Atlanta alumni opposing coeducation. Reiterates his personal opposition. Feels many "new faces" here do not reflect alumni "points of view." Hopes for increased "marketing" and scholarship endowment to recruit students.

- Dunn, Melville I., Jr., '19-'23, Jensen Beach, FL (4/25/84) (lp.) P
 Wrote Pres. Wilson, 1/3/84, opposing coed. Writes again and states "I sent my Alumni Fund check a few days ago. If W&L remains 'As Is', I will continue to do so. I trust this will be the case."
- Dwyer, Kevin B., '81 BA, Malaysia, (3/19/84) (2 PP) BT
 In Malaysia as a Luce Scholar. Supports coeducation. "A coed W&L is a stronger W&L and it needn't be changed in things that matter honor, relationships, etc. Good luck. I'm rooting for you."
- Elam, Pryse R., '83 BA, Dallas, TX (4/10/84) (2pp) BT

 Opposes coeducation. "Coeducation would change the very fabric, the very strength of the school."
- Evans, M. Alton, Jr., '53 BS, Shreveport, LA (3/31/84) (4pp) P

 Resents the media's distorted involvement in coed issue. Feels we should not change. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Does not feel faculty should be given "weight" in the study process. They should teach, not administer policy.
- Farrar, William W., '55 BS, JD, Caldwell, NJ (4/15/84) (3 pp) P

 Ambivalent on issue. Discusses pros and cons. Points out there could be eventual discrimination suits.
- Foote, Lawrence Y., '30 BA, Hattiesburg, MI (4/27/84) (2 pp) P

 Strongly opposes coed. Fears we would be larger and lose our uniqueness.
- Fowler, William B, '73 BS, Atlanta, GA (4/84) (1p.) P
 "Stop coeducation. It will kill a great institution."
- Friedlander, Charles J., '53 BA, MA, EDD, Wash., DC (4/2/84) (1p) BT
 Opposes coed. "It is absolutely 'beyond me' why W&L feels the need for coeducation." Feels all the traditions would have to be adjusted if we become coeducational.
- Gannaway, Bruce F., '25 BA, BD, DD, Lakeland, FL (3/10/84) (1½ p.) P
 "Personally, I like the idea of W&L standing out very favorably as a male
 University. I don't find any very good arguments for changing our present
 status."
- Gibbs, William J., '60 BA, Charleston, SC (3/1/84) (1½pp) AB, BT

 Agrees with Jack Warner's letters. Feels there is a concern "that the approach to coed was done in an underhanded manner with no publicity to the alumni. Change for change's sake makes no sense. Fellows, there is no need for coeducation." Also a letter of 5/1/84 to Board expressing same sentiment.
- Greener, William I., III, '72 BA, Wash., DC (3/21/84) (1p) P
 "I have strong personal feelings that W&L should remain an all-male University."
 Believes in holding the tradition of all-maleness.
- Griffith, Robert S., '52 BS, Atlanta, GA (4.30.84) (1p) BT
 "Your survey was an insult. It was loaded with biased questions. You're either for it or against it."

- Grobmyer, M.W., '72 BA, Little Rock, AR (4/4/84) (4pp) P

 Has completed questionnaires. Liked it. Does not feel "demographics" justify going coed. Need to heighten "marketing". Women a distraction in class. All male is one our traditions. Feels coeducation would have a damaging effect on surrounding women's colleges.
- Hamilton, John C., '28-'32, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (5/1/84) (1p) BT

 Strongly opposes coed. If the administration is set on changing the traditions of W&L, "I should like to suggest they go elsewhere."
- Harrison, Pegram, '55 BA, JD, Atlanta, GA (4/2/84) (1p) P
 "I feel strongly that coeducation would significantly improve the University.

 If I can help in advocating this minority position, I hope you will give me the opportunity."
- Haynes, Richard D., '58 JD, Dallas, TX (4/18/84) (1½ p) P

 Takes no position, but "I would urge that the emotional reaction of those who love W&L in a deep and heartfelt way not be dismissed out of hand as it may be even more important than all of the other arguments deduced on the subject."
- Holland, J. Gill, '58 BA, Ph.D, Davidson, NC (4/30/84) (1p) BT

 Expresses no opinion, but urges that the Board read recent address at Salem College by alumnus, and Salem President, Tom Litzenburg. Feels it would be of help to Board in its deliberations.
- Jones, John M., III, '37 BA, Greenville, TN (5/3/84) (1p) BT

 Opposes coeducation. Disturbed and feels new administration and faculty taking a position of leadership in what he feels will be a disastrous change in the atmosphere of the University. Would rather see us drop to 1000 or 1200 students than go coed.
- Kay, John F., Jr., '51 BA, '55 JD, Richmond, VA (4/24/84) (3pp) BT

 Opposes coeducation. Agrees with J. W. Warner's November letter. "I hereby record my complete agreement with Mr. Warner."
- Kinkead, John B., '53 BA, St. Paul, MN (4/20/84) (1p) BT
 "Your questionnaire arrived, but it will go unanswered because, frankly, it is so slanted towards coed that it bothers me." Feels we will lose our "uniqueness". Concludes saying "my vote goes to retaining the predominantly all male environment."
- <u>Kuersteiner</u>, Richard L., '61 BA, JD, Hillsborough, CA (3/27/84) (1p) P
 Expresses thanks for Pres. Wilson's California visit. Ambivalent on coed issue.
 Expresses support in the study of coed. "I have every confidence that the
 Trustees will arrive at a well reasoned decision that is in the best interests of the University."
- Kurz, Richard S., '67 BA, Ph.D, St. Louis MO (4/4/84) (1p) P
 "I read your excellent article in our Alumni Magazine regarding the possibility that W&L would become coed. I take this opportunity to write to express my support for such a venture for W&L. The separation of men and women during a college education is somewhat unrealistic. One must learn to work not only with but for women as they seek and achieve equality in the work force."

- Lewis, James W., '57 BA, MEd. Bethesda, MD (4/5/84) (1p) BT

 Strongly supports for the coed study. He's Headmaster at Holton-Arms School.

 Applauds the questionnaire. "I support wholeheartedly the consideration of coeducation for W&L." Offers to help.
- McChesney, Samuel P., Jr., '38 BA., West Indies (4/28/84) (lp) P
 Opposes coed. "W&L is the most significant male University that has remained steadfast. We now have an extra edge. W&L is different."
- McCusty, M. Kevin, '80 BA, Charlottesville, VA (4/4/84) (2 pp) P

 Opposes coed. Feel we should recruit more personally, not lean so much on Student Search. We should stress our "all-maleness". "Coeducation is not necessary to ensure W&L's continued vitality."
- McKell, John J., '83 BA, Palm Harbor, FL (4/84) (1p) BT
 Opposes coed. Would be a mistake to change. We would lose our "uniqueness".
- Martin, Everett A., Jr., '74 AB, '77 JD, Norfolk, VA (4/26/84) (1p) P
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- Matthai, William H., Jr., '80 BS, MD, Baltimore, MD (4/84) (1p) D

 Ambivalent on issue. "I will continue to give the University my full support regardless of the decision made on this issue by the Board."
- Maytham, Walter J. III, '53 BA, MBA, Lakeville, CT (5/1/84) (1p) P
 Had written Alumni Board, 12/28/83, in opposition to coeducation. Now
 writes Pres. Wilson a "resounding NO". Predicts that if W&L goes coed, alumni
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- Owen, Richard G., '83 BA, Richmond, VA (3/14/84) (1p) D
 Opposes coeducation. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

- Page, Rosewell, III, '62 BA, Richmond, VA (3/26/84) (2pp) BT
 Opposes coed. "We are unique." Feels that "making W&L coeducational will rob it of its unique character and make it just another of the many small coeducational institutions that abound in the U.S. today."
- Parsons, George F., '18-'23, Capeville, VA (4/30/84) (1p) BT
 "It is my sincere hope and wish along with many hundreds of others that you and your Board will not do this to a very special and wonderful institution."
- Peabody, Howard B., Jr., '44 BA, Blue Hill, ME (4/28/84) (lp) BT
 "I am still convinced that coeducation is not good for W&L. Our school would
 no longer be unique."
- Perrone, Bruce G., '78 JD, Morgantown, WV (4/17/84) (2pp) BT

 Senior at Davidson in the College's first year of coeducation. "I strongly believe that the simple fact of diversity is a learning experience. It was an environment which I (and, I believe, the majority) found vastly more conclusive to reflective deliberation and learning. And that is why I would support strongly a move in favor of coeducation at Washington and Lee University."
- Prater, Charles A., '38 BA, MD, Jellicoe, TN (4/27/84) (1p) P
 "I strongly oppose coeducation at W&L and urge you to oppose this issue.
 Frankly, I would alter my support and contributions."
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 "I do not share your views nor your concerns and particularly resent your efforts to threaten an economic boycott by the alumni should the decision conflict with your views."
- Rhoads, Paul K., '62 BA, Wash., DC (4/27/84) (1p) BT

 Wrote the Alumni Board on 2/20/84 expressing agreement wiht Jack Warner's letter. "The alumni should and will support your ultimate decision. I urge that this decision be to retain a 235-year tradition unless there are real and verifiable reasons demonstrating that the University's status as one of America's leading institutions of high learning will be harmed."
- Rush, James D., '69 BS, Grand Junction, CO (4/6/84) (1p) P

 Strong support of coeducation. Was saddened when W&L decided against coed in the 70's when the debate was not clouded by economics or demographic issues. "I am ashamed W&L still has not faced its moral quandry." Says that he and his wife "are not interested in funding any institution that denigrates individuals, regardless of the criteria chosen. Depending on your courage and leadership, we may wish to reconsider our position."
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- Schaefer, William W., '60 BA, Memphis, TN (4/25/84) (1p) BT

 Opposes coed. W&L is different. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Does not want to see traditions disappear.
- Sisk, A. Fletcher, Jr., '50 BA, Easton, MD (4/18/84) (1p) BT

 Does not believe that demographics are necessarily accurate. "I certainly do not want to see W&L follow the herd instinct. W&L is unique, and I sincerely hope it will remain the fine institution that it is today."
- Sowell, Jason B., Jr., '54 BA, '56 JD, Dallas, TX (4/17/84) (1p) P

 Opposes coed. Says he has been a continuing Lee Associate since program started. If the Board opts for coeducation "then I feel I may have to reconsider my annual giving program. I hope I will not be forced to this action."
- Sparks, James D., '32 JD, Monroe, LA (4/24/84) (1p) BT

 Wrote Pres. Wilson, 11/1/83, strongly opposing coeducation. Also, four
 letters to Development Office opposing coed (11/1/'83, 11/14/'83, 12/8/'83
 12/20/'83). Feels questionnaire is lengthy and confusing. Has received
 Jack Warner's second letter. "All of this confirms more strongly my original
 beliefs."
- Stafford, John P., '79 BA, Sewickley, PA (3/20/84) (1p) BT
 Opposes coeducation. Feels traditions will fall. "I must cast ny vote against coeducation."
- Tannahill, Samuel B., '58 BS, Princeton, NJ (4/84) (1p) BT
 "I believe, without question, that women should be admitted. I pray the conservative members will keep the faith; I will no matter how the decision goes. Have courage."
- Taylor, John D., Jr., '74 BA, MBA, NYC, NY (3/4/84) (1p) P

 Feels non-alumni Board members and other non-alumni are pressing the issue.

 Denies the "stand" taken on demographics. Says alumni in Jacksonville, Houston,
 Dallas, Richmond, Atlanta, Wash., DC, New orleans, are "up in arms" over the
 issue. Says he was told decision to be delayed until July to avoid "protests"
 if decision favors coeducation.
- Thomas, John H., Jr., '27-'30, MD, Greenville, VA (3/30/84) (2pp) BT Strongly opposes coed. Agrees with Jack Warner's letter.
- Tift, Thomas W., III, '78 BS, Long Leach, CA (4/5/84) (1p) BT
 "I am totally against coeducation at W&L. I will never contribute a dime to W&L should it go coed."
- Tissue, Philip J., '70 BS, JD, Oak Hill, WV (4/13/84) (2pp) BT

 Attended Charleston, WV dinner. Feels demographics not the real reason for coed, but to enlarge the University is the reason. Believes we are "unique". Feels "there is still a place for an all-male institution in the United States."
- Toles, J. Penrod, '52 JD, Roswell, MN, (3/27/84) (1p) D

 Agrees with Upton Beall's letter, to all, opposing coeducation, but does not feel all is lost if W&L becomes coed. "There will be problems, but I expect many good things will also occur."

- Tyson, Robert P., '43 BA, Kennett Square, PA (4/2/84) (1p) BT

 Opposes coed. College students should be offered a choice. All-male is one of our long-standing traditions.
- Van Cleave, James W., III, '58 BS, Cincinnati, OH (3/29/83) (1p) BT

 Strongly supports coeducation. His son turned us down for a coeducational college. "In anticipation that the Board of Trustees will adopt a plan for coeducation, I enclose a check for \$100 for the Alumni Fund."
- Wenderoth, Collier, Jr., '45 BS, Ft. Smith, AR (4/27/84) (1p) P

 Had written Alumni Board, 2/10/84, opposing coed. Writes the President urging we not change.
- White, Robert M., II, '38 BA, Mexico, MO (4/6/84) (2pp) P

 Disappointed in questionnaire "it inferred gender or size is key to the problems of a college like W&L." Opposes coeducation. "I think your Board is taking a short cut, a quick-and-easy cure which will lessen the quality of the product they have to sell W&L traditions."
- Whitman, D. Terrence, '53 BA, San Carlos, CA (4/9/84) (1p) BT

 "May you rest in everlasting misery should you be the body that destroys the traditions of W&L. General Lee's "steadfast to the last" address was forced upon him, you have prerogatives."
- Williamson, Adrian, Jr., '50 BS, Little Rock, AR (5/4/84) (1p) BT

 Urges maximum recruiting effort utilizing alumni before making a decision.

 Regardless of decision, will continue to contribute to W&L.
- Winfree, Peyton B., Jr., '35 ('28-'35) Roanoke, VA (4/84) (1p) P

 "After considerable soul searching, I have decided to oppose coeducation for W&L. It is my sincere hope that you will not take it as a vote of 'no confidence' should the Trustees decide to continue all male. You are well suited for W&L and you will have my support regardless of the outcome."
- Wood, James A., '59 BA, VA. Beach, VA (4/23/84) (1p) P

 Strongly opposes coed. One son is a junior here. Opposes the "quick fix" of coeducation. "If our school decides in favor of coeducation, I will no longer support our school or encourage my younger son to attend."
- Woolfolk, William L., '25 BA, MD, Owensboro, KY (5/3/84) (1p) BT

 Opposes coed. Wrote AB in February. Now writes Board "I wish to inform you of my opposition to coeducation in the undergraduate schools of W&L."
- Zamoiski, John M., '74 BA, NYC, NY (5/84) (1½p) BT

 Opposes coed as did his father, Joe, in February. Does not feel demographics the real problem. Feels "marketing" is. "Retain the services of a top public relations firm that will work with W&L to carry out a strategy designed to make the ideals, advantages, and realities of life at W&L known to the American public."