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June 6, 1984

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of 25 May sharing with me your experience with attempting to recruit top-flight students for Washington and Lee in the Louisville area. I appreciate also having your view that admitting undergraduate women to Washington and Lee is desirable. Since I have received a number of vehement letters on the other side of the question, it is gratifying to have your testimony.

I couldn't agree more with you that academic excellence should continue to be the primary goal of Washington and Lee. It seems dubious that we can maintain that goal as a single-sex, male institution. There is considerable hard evidence that we have been slipping significantly compared to academic institutions with whom we compete.

Again thank you for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

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