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Poll shows 6

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Undergraduates oppose making Washington and Lee a coeducational institution by a nearly two-to-one margin, and a majority is strongly opposed to such a change, according to a poll conducted by the Executive Committee.

The results of Friday's poll show that 61.3 percent of the students responding were against coeducation, while 36.3 percent said they would favor it.

Of those, slightly more than half (50.3 percent) were strongly opposed to admitting women, while 26.7 percent were strongly in favor of coeducation.

"These numbers tell me that students do not want coeduca-tion - period," EC President Robert C. Jenevein said.

"If you look at the two extremes in the response choices, you see that some people really want coeducation, and some really don't. Twice as many people really don't as really do," he said.

"Long ago, the EC came out unanimously against coeducation," Jenevein continued. 'Now we know the students are

Jenevein said computer correlations will be run on the responses to help the EC interpret the data.

"This will show us the validity of the trends we think we've identified, and help us to locate new ones," he said.

The first question simply asked if students "feel W&L should become a coeducational institution."

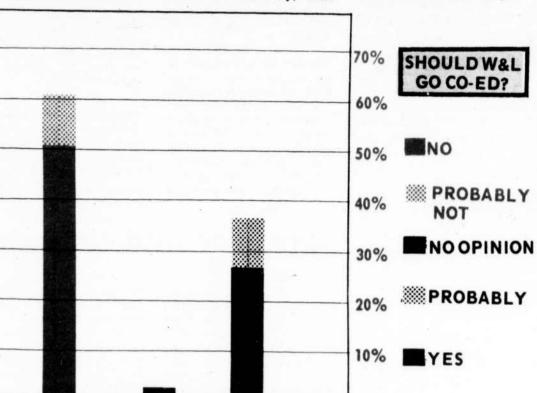
The second asked if respondents "feel coeducation would improve W&L as an academic institution.'

Responses showed that 50.3 percent said coeducation would not or probably would not benefit the University, while

42.4 percent thought it would or probably would help.

The third question asked students how committed they were "to the traditions and ideals of W&L.

Nearly 60 percent said they were "very committed"; another third said they were "somewhat committed"; 4 per-



cent said they were "not very committed"; and only 18 voters out of 798 (2.3 percent) said they were "not at all" committed.

White said there was "a definite trend" in the relationship between an individual's response to the first two questions and how he answered the third.

The fourth, an open-ended question, asked students to "list in order of their importance to you, those traditions and ideals of W&L.'

Although responses to that question have not yet been tabulated, White said the most frequent response was "the honor system.

The poll was designed in consultation with sociology Professor David R. Novack, who has supervised previous coeducation polls at W&L.

"If the majority of students are opposed to coeducation at Washington and Lee, I think the trustees should know about it,' Novack said.

Novack identifies himself as "an advocate of coeducation."

White says the questions were meant to be "flexible," with "a wide range of answers" offered to the three multiple choice questions.

against coeducation, and that enables us to take much more definitive steps toward expressing student views.

This gives us more credibility. We can now be responsive, as well as responsible.'

The number voting was 798, or 59 percent of the undergraduate student body.

'That's a better turnout than we've gotten in any election," said Jenevein. "It's five or ten points higher than anything we've gotten before.'

The poll, which was administered by sophomore EC representative James A. White Jr., consisted of four questions, three of which were multiple choice.

computer department ison plans

By ANDY HOPPES **Staff Reporter**

President John D. Wilson said that he has decided to create a "free-standing" computer science department at W&L.

Wilson made the decision in response to a report issued by a faculty committee, which recommended W&L add a computer science major to the curriculum. The decision as to whether the computer science major would be part of the mathematics department or controlled by an independent

department was made solely by Wilson, he said.

The faculty as a whole must approve the curriculum and degrees, however, Wilson said. The committee's report

recommends that both a B.S. and a B.A. degree in computer science be offered at W&L. The B.A. degree would require fewer credits and would make it easier for students to double major in computer science and a non-science major.

"Someone majoring in computer science and a non-science area might have trouble accumulating the number of credits proposed for the B.S. degree, the committee reported.

Fifty credits of work would be required to receive the B.S. degree in computer science. The B.A. degree could be earned with a minimum of 27 credits in computer science plus two additional math courses and three additional credits from 300-level courses in either physics, computer science or mathematics, according to the committee's proposal.

Five courses in computer

science would be required of all candidates for both the B.A. and the B.S. while the remaining credits in computer science would have to come from 300level courses. Included in both the B.S. and B.A. degree proposals is a new discrete mathematics course the mathematics department is hoping to offer.

The committee recommends that students begin working toward the completion of the major in their freshman year. However, students may begin (continued on page 3)