

July 7, 1964

Dr. J. Morrison Hutcheson
808 Professional Building
5th and Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hutcheson:

We have heard indirectly that the integration of Washington and Lee is being considered by the Board of Trustees and will be acted upon in the near future.

It was our thought that this would never be seriously considered at Washington and Lee, a school rich in Southern tradition and free of any federal, state, or church obligations.

We feel if Washington and Lee should be integrated, much of what it has and stands for will be destroyed and that nothing will be gained.

Respectfully,

George Mercke, Jr., Class '24

Charles D. Mercke, Class '29

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cc: Mr. Homer A. Holt, Attorney
Charleston, West Virginia

Dr. Fred C. Cole, President
Washington and Lee University
Lexington, Virginia

