

December 9, 2006

Dear Alumnae, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Friends,

The Board of Trustees, after adopting the new Strategic Plan in September, established a task force to help select a new name for the College.

The 12-member Naming Advisory Task Force, comprising alumnae, faculty, students, trustees, and staff, solicited input from the entire Randolph-Macon Woman's College community and received more than a thousand suggestions.

Recently, the Board of Trustees convened to consider the group's recommendations. The overwhelming desire of all constituencies to preserve a part of our historic name influenced our decision greatly.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the name Randolph College. We feel, as so many of you do, that this name preserves and honors our legacy, maintains continuity with our storied past, and positions us well for the future.

While the new name will not become official until the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1, 2007, we will use it in admissions communications as we recruit next year's first-year class.

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to those who have shown their depth of devotion to this College.

The very happiest of holidays to all of you,

Jolley Bruce Christman '69

President, R-MWC Board of Trustees

Naming Advisory Task Force:

Lynn Hume Stuart '60, trustee and chair

Alison Buckley '91, alumna

Susan Braselton Fant '84, trustee

Sue-Gray Goller '73, alumna

Peter Dean, trustee

Dr. Marjorie Wheeler-Barclay, Professor of History

Johna Strickland '09, student

Dr. Daniel Raessler, Professor of Music

Molly Robertson '07, student

James Duffy, Senior Associate Director of Admissions

Katelin Shugart-Schmidt '10, student

M.C. Johnson '76, Director of the Ethyl Center