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Davidson, North Carolina 28035

Dear Davidson College Archives & Special Collections,

My name is Maya Halciug. I am a student researcher, heavily interested in historic gender tropes found at Davidson College. In particular, the attempted integration of co-educational facilities, and the transition of the student body. My research investigates the cultural incorporation of women at Davidson College following the decision to become co-educational. I am asking - How did female students assert their voice and agency in a historically male-dominated campus culture?

The purpose of this letter is to seek administrative assistance when it comes to this topic. I am incredibly interested in finding language in *Davidsonian* as it shifted to be co-educational during the first five years. While administrative records document the institutional decision to admit women, they often fail to capture the day-to-day lived experience of the students themselves. Finding the archives is a manner itself, but being there with the scripts would add another layer to my understanding of this topic. I find it to be an incredibly significant research opportunity because it takes a dive into a minority often overlooked. On top of this, I would be interested in comparing other student editorials from other colleges establishing co-educational colleges in similar years, like Dartmouth and Wesleyan College. I would be interested in seeing a similar trend in crude cartoons and a potential response from the women.

Sincerely,

Maya Halciug