Women arrive at Washington & Lee

LEXINGTON — Washington & Lee University, described by a school official as “the caboose on the coeducation train,” will get its first women undergraduates next week.

“I think the guys are going to like it,” said Kim Fainter, 18, of Glasgow, who will be among 115 women entering the Lexington school. “I’ve talked to some of them... I’ve dropped little hints that I’ll be going to W&L in the fall. They said, ‘Well, see you in the fall.’”

Since its founding in 1749, W&L has been a male institution. Women were barred until 1972, when the law school opened its doors to coeducation. Last year, the university’s Board of Trustees decided to enroll women as undergraduates.