Va. College Breaks All-Male Tradition

Washington and Lee University ended a 236-year, all-male tradition yesterday, welcoming female freshmen for the first time.

The Lexington, Va., school decided in July 1984 to open the undergraduate program to women. Women have attended the law school since 1972. With W&L's decision to accept female undergraduates, only four all-male schools are left in the nation. Two are in Virginia: Virginia Military Institute, next door to W&L, and Hampden-Sydney College outside Farmville. The others are the Citadel, a military college in Charleston, S.C., and Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.