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Secretary Gillmore reports:

From post cards mailed to the (alphabetical) latter half of the Class, your secretary can report, first of all, that the Class of '68 overwhelmingly approves of "coeducation of some sort" at Williams. To the question "Coeducation of some sort may be creeping to Williamstown — particularly with the second semester exchange of students with Vassar. Good or bad?", only nine out of over 100 respondents answered "bad." And even some of their reasons (the question also asked "Why?") seem not altogether serious.

One dissenter, Al Mosher, says "I hate girls." Ned Williams writes: "Females have their fine points but outside the classroom is a far better place to share these points." Bill Untereker (who, it must be recalled, is a Sophomore) says he is "against Vassar exchange — it is tokenism. Alumni takeover of Hopkins Hall is only hope for true coeducation." Earl Potter writes: "Now that I'm no longer there, I really cherish those days of sane male society." John Petty claims there is "nothing like a long, cold drive for a blind date." Tad Piper and Jim Roe, obviously disgusted with the whole discussion, didn't offer reasons.

Ned Perry says "Coeducation would hurt social life, as it would make the area a closed system. Keep females out of Billsville." Al Miller thinks "the experience of an all-men educational institution is a more enriching and valuable one. Then you can appreciate women all the more when you graduate!"

The yea-sayers' reasons, however, are also telling. Dwight Schenk says, "Girls would help destroy the unreal men-week, women-weekend atmosphere." Phil Recht: "The Smith exchange last WSP proved to be successful and I'd like to see more experimentation . . ."

Bob Macartney: "The Vassar exchange gives a chance to see what coeducation is like and to try some methods of achieving it." Doug Rae: "I like both indoor and outdoor sports." Tony Suh: "With Nixon as President, what is there left to hope for?"

Chris Owens saw women bringing a "better social situation and a different viewpoint toward life, school, classes and people." Jon Mardrossian: "It makes for a very stimulating environment." Steve Mason: "Now let's get a whole college of women in Williamstown!"

Mark Pearlman: "It gives a female point of view in classes and . . . an opportunity not to have to drive so damn far to get a date!"

Dave Snyderman says girls would "alleviate isolation." Bob Stanton says they would "provide a more natural, relaxed atmosphere for learning and partying." Bob Wall sees the "end of the weekend mentality" and the opportunity "to start a female Gurgle Society for Thursday night parties."

Ed Weeks: "Then guys on the north end of Spencer House won't get ----- over other guys' dates." Mike Yogan: "It will make the college experience more real, less fragmented." Vic Smith: "It will end a feeling of total isolation from humanity." Bill Smith: "It would make the atmosphere more

realistic, true to life, and also would help to avoid the extremes of seeing a female only as an object for weekend use."

Chris Robinson: "Girls have minds, too — which is something we hardly ever find out!" Marty Suda: "'Dating' in itself is a limited way of relating to women. There may be more to them than dancing . . ." Mike Wasserman: "Worth a try. Eventual coeducation is surely a good thing."

Carl Wies: "Wish they had had it when we were there." Dave Redman: "Why say 'creeping?' It ought to be marching in, invading Williamstown. It is great, of course. At last Williams will be a more natural school socially and a finer school intellectually. See the recent Princeton report." David Schulte: (on "Why?"): "Really, Gillsie!"

Joel Morse: "Less time wasted in travel." Dick Rhodes: "Good — my wife is a Vassar graduate." Pete Rice: "More natural surroundings." Bruce Simon: "Women are necessary for young men."

Austin Wand: "Girls on campus would make for a more natural environment. Besides, it can be an educational experience!" Roger Wolmuth: "Makes on-campus roadtrips possible for those of us without cars."

This handful still voted yes but for unusual reasons. Paul Youngs: "Good, since it happened after I left. The Army is the only place left now to avoid women." (Secretary's note: That's a roger.) Walt Schlech (ex-'68): "Good — because I haven't graduated yet!" Jim Pratt: "Vassar's fine, but what about a little of Benn?" Clark McFadden: (Good) "Nevertheless, I question why anyone would want to go to Vassar for academic reasons." Ed Nichols: (Good) for "competition in admissions."

The post cards also revealed that, in Ed Rea's words, "Everyone is at (Navy) OCS!" Apparently it is the thing to do. Dwight Schenk calls Newport a "Williams grad school."

Ed and Pete Sartorius graduated Dec. 20, and Ed will serve on the USS Finch out of Guam. "Of course the place is just lousy with other Eph's — kind of like old-home week."

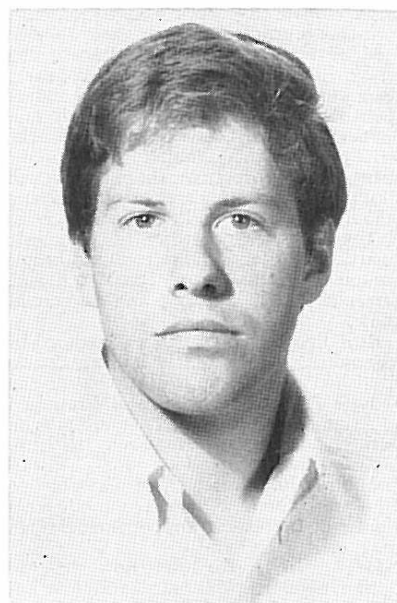
Also in Ed and Pete's company were Pete Naylor, Ned Perry and Jeff Walker. Pete Naylor came late, arriving Nov. 23. He spent nine "exhilarating" weeks this summer in Africa, where he saw Biff Steele '64. Ned Perry says he was awaiting orders — "hopefully for a cruiser out of an East Coast port."

Also at Newport, Jeff Brown, John Davis, Bill Dewart, Dick Dickerson, Bob Lux, Geoff Connor, who, we hear, was able to spend some time on the Cape this summer as well as at Newport, and Bill Calfee, who graduated an assistant company commander.

Al Mosher writes, "I'm being bored silly at OCS, going slowly insane and learning to hate the Navy."

Phil Recht, who was his company's senior section leader, is now in the submarine school at New London and planned to be engaged to Miss Donna Ratchford, Wheaton '69.

Jim Roe, who was commissioned Dec. 20 and reports a "beautiful fall" at Newport, saw Bill Drummond, Tom Ervin and Paul Marquis on a weekend Skid-



Spencer B. Beebe '68 of Portland, Ore., has been named a Peace Corps volunteer and assigned to work in Honduras developing the fish processing and marketing industry.

more roadtrip. His understated comment: "All in good spirits."

Hugh Scott graduated first in his class (Dec. 20, also, I presume) at Newport.

Kent Van Allen, who graduated Dec. 20 from Newport and will be at Navy Supply School, Athens, Ga., until July, recently ran into old roommate Bob Klattell, now at NYU Law.

Bobby West will graduate Feb. 14 from Newport, as will Bill Whitman and Kenny Willecox '67.

Army reports are as follows:

Bill Ronai enlisted for the Intelligence Corps.

Paul Youngs took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "I was afraid to burn my draft card because it would singe my beard. Seriously, there is much in America to save. I am on my way."

Mike Pete blew my mind when he wrote that he is now an "Airborne Ranger Special Forces first lieutenant studying Chinese Mandarin in Arlington, Va." He reports that brother Bill (also '68) took basic training in Fort Lewis, Wash., that "night jumps are bad news," and that brother Jim '73 thinks girls at Williams are a "definite asset."

Nat Batchelder is now serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Several classmates were planning Reserve duty:

Tad Piper, whose wife was expecting a baby in January, was planning to leave his position with a Minneapolis marketing agency to join the six-month Reserve plan. He reported seeing Dodger Newhall and Rich Moore, both at Minnesota Law School, and Warner Fletcher '67 on Naval leave and visiting his girl in Minneapolis.

Class President Tom Demakis says he worked this summer for Boston Mayor Kevin White '52 and dropped out of Columbia Law to report for basic

Roger Wolmuth is working for Time Inc. in New York, sharing an apartment (50 E. 80th, 3A) with Scott Miller, who is teaching elementary school in the Bronx. Randy Hodgson, working for Aetna Insurance in Worcester, "came to New York on a roadtrip," Rog reports.

Robin Norris spent the summer and early fall in Europe and is now with Kuhn, Loeb.

George Schelling, 1-Y (babyhood asthma), is also in New York, a Skiing magazine junior editor.

Hal Marchik signed only his name and an "X" on his card.

Stan Terrell reports he is now living in Perry House, Class of '70.

Dave Todd says only that he is "doing exercises to keep my back in poor

shape." He saw Bob Gault in Pittsburgh last August. Bob, 4-F, is at Michigan Law.

Lloyd Thomas sent a picture postcard: "Tony Bliss and I (both still waiting on CO's) spent a great afternoon in the stacks of Huntington Library — thinking of locking ourselves up in rare-book vault 'for the duration.'"

Al Shoaff ex-'68 is in pre-med at the University of Indiana.

Your secretary bumped into former Record colleague, Rick Yeiser '67, who has a PR assignment here at Fort Benning.

Your secretary has also heard from Washington friends that Bill Bingham and Joe Knowlton, who dropped out several years ago, went through Army

OCS and served much-decorated tours in Vietnam. Joe, we heard, came back with several bronze stars and two Purple Hearts.

Imagine, if you can, the tedium and boredom of your dullest course at Williams. That, at least for me, was basic and advanced infantry training. OCS is more lively, although I would rather read law than field manuals. The best days of the summer and fall were spent sailing, riding and, in general, seeing the most beautiful parts of Washington and northern Virginia with an old Smith friend. OCS graduation, and the beginning of a two-year commission, is Apr. 29.

Thomas C. Demakis has left Columbia Law School for one year to join the Army Reserves. He reported to Ft. Dix on Nov. 26 for a period of 17 weeks.

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*Inside back cover: Proposed alternate routes for the Williamstown by pass. Sections marked Line "A" and Line "B," at northern and southern edges, are to be built regardless of the decision between Line "B," the western route, and Line "A," the eastern route. Also due for construction regardless of the Line "A," Line "B" choice, is the Route 2 connector, crossing the northern edge of Cole Field and joining Route 2 near the Howard Johnson's*

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