

**SMWC Women  
Keep Saint Mary-of-the-Woods a Women's College**

August 3, 2015

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President  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876  
Via facsimile -- 812-535-5224

RE: SMWC Renaissance Plan

Dear Dr. King:

SMWC alumnae throughout the country have said that they have been told that the College has not acknowledged, or otherwise, considered the Renaissance Plan proposed and released by a coalition of SMWC alumnae on June 10, 2015, because the Renaissance Plan, also available at [www.smwcwomen.org](http://www.smwcwomen.org), was not "served" on the College administration or Board of Trustees. I know of no procedural rule for the College or the Board that requires formal service to consider an alternative to the drastic to make the College co-ed. This proposed plan, which allow the College to remain all-women, while building its currently-declining academic reputation, was distributed extensively and discussed at the Alumnae Reunion June 12-14, 2015.

Because the College administration asserts it cannot act on a publicly available proposal offered by its alumnae, without some kind of formal service, you will find attached a copy of the Plan. If some higher degree of formality, such as certified mail or personal service is required to get the College to consider this proposal, please advise and we will ensure that service occurs immediately.

The Plan states that it is a preliminary proposal. It invites discussion with the College administration and Board of Trustees.

Reportedly, a mere two men have registered for the Fall and that the incoming freshmen class is less than seventy. If that is the case, then opening enrollment to men as commuters has done nothing to improve the College's enrollment.

It is not too late to implement the Renaissance Plan. It is my understanding, from my service on the National Alumnae Association Board, that the College has allowed

men to start undergraduate studies at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College as commuters for several years. They just could not graduate from the undergraduate program.. So, reversing the College's co-ed decision will not be difficult.

Under the College's current transition plan, men would not be starting in the residential program until 2016. The College can still change its disastrous course and adopt the Renaissance Plan – or some version of it – and save itself.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Bertrand".

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