

**Subject:** Aycock hall

**Date:** Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 12:36:56 AM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Bullock, William Selden, Jr

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Dear Mr. Morehead,

I am emailing you to express my feelings about the potential renaming of C.B. Aycock hall. As a native North Carolinian I find it very disrespectful to take a mans name off of a building who was a huge advocate for furthering the educational system within the state. East Carolina is a place to receive an education and there is no better way to honor our educators by keeping their names on buildings rather than taking it off because some people could care less about the history of education and of our great state. He served our state well as governor and we owe it to him to continue the legacy, which he established by keeping his name on a building in hopes other students will learn more about our history and want to further themselves as he did.

I really appreciate this email and opportunity to express my feelings. It's a little thing to some but to others it's important. I am very adamant in not forgetting our history and letting it survive as a way to educate future generations.

Sincerely,

Selden Bullock

**Subject:** Fw: Aycock renaming effort

**Date:** Friday, December 5, 2014 at 6:09:23 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** jb37

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Sorry. I omitted the second "a" in your address. Please see below.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [jb37](#)

**To:** [morehead@ecu.edu](mailto:morehead@ecu.edu)

**Sent:** Friday, December 05, 2014 5:55 PM

**Subject:** Aycock renaming effort

Professor Andrew T. Morehead, Jr.

Dear Professor Morehead:

Thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to respond to the issue of removing the name of Charles B. Aycock from one of ECU's residence halls. I personally think that it would be a grave mistake to change the name of that residence hall. As I wrote in a comment on the website, the man was a product of his times. Perhaps certain of his beliefs would be considered politically incorrect these days, but that is no reason to "chuck him out wholesale." He no doubt made some very positive achievements and contributions. We should not take those away from him.

John C. Birmingham, Jr.

A.B., English and Spanish, East Carolina College, 1959;

M.A., Spanish, Middlebury College, 1963;

Ph.D., Spanish and Romance Linguistics, University of Virginia, 1970

**Subject:** Rationale for the Name Change

**Date:** Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:34:11 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Webb, Joseph

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

**Priority:** High

Good Evening,

I have searched through the naming website with great interest and find it to be a fascinating time capsule. I did not, however, find a specific statement or rationale for the name change other than the article about Governor Aycock's racist statements. I find them to be appalling, but if we are going to rename every building at every university in NC or in state government based on racist statements from early 20th century governors or business leaders for that matter; we will have quite a project! The history of NC politics (especially the democratic party's role in post reconstruction NC) is replete with racist policies. Interestingly, many leaders who made significant advances in education such as Governor Aycock were blatantly repressive and brutal in their grab for power. Governor Cameron Morrison is chief among them. The following link points this out clearly: <http://www.northcarolinahistory.org/commentary/131/entry>. A dorm at UNC - CH is named for him. If this is not the rationale, I would love to know what the arguments are for renaming the building. If I have missed the arguments, could you direct me to them so that I can formulate a better response?

Thank you for this opportunity,

Joseph Webb

**Subject:** Re: AYCOCK RESIDENCE HALL RENAMING

**Date:** Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 10:41:11 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** William Reinhart

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

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WLR

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From: Morehead, Andrew <MOREHEADA@ecu.edu>

To: William Reinhart <wreinhart@aol.com>

Cc: MHReinhrt <MHReinhrt@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Dec 7, 2014 10:02 pm

Subject: Re: AYCOCK RESIDENCE HALL RENAMING

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**From:** William Reinhart <[wreinhart@aol.com](mailto:wreinhart@aol.com)>

**Date:** Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:02 PM

**To:** Andrew Morehead <[moreheada@ecu.edu](mailto:moreheada@ecu.edu)>, "[MHReinhrt@aol.com](mailto:MHReinhrt@aol.com)" <[MHReinhrt@aol.com](mailto:MHReinhrt@aol.com)>

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Yours truly,

William L. Reinhart  
(BM 1977)

cc M. H. Reinhart

**Subject:** Changing the name of Aycock dorm

**Date:** Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 2:06:48 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Ifwelty@cox.net

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Dear Professor Morehead,

I have just completed Ms Romary's survey on the aforementioned issue and returned it with my comments.

My wife and I do not support the issue of changing the name of my first ECC dorm (1964).

May we humbly suggest that the ECU Board of Directors and the Chancellor find something more productive to do with their time and with our tax dollars.

Patricia and I are most interested in the outcome of the meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Lester F. Welty  
Lt Col, USAF(Ret)  
(and Elementary School Teacher (Ret))  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Class of 1967

Patricia Hughes Welty  
Elementary School Teacher (Ret)  
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**Subject:** Renaming of Aycock Residence Hall

**Date:** Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:04:47 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Katie Schafer

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Professor Morehead,

I am an Alumni of almost 40 years of the great East Carolina University. I loved my time there and have continued to donate both money and time to the University. I was very distressed to hear about the renaming of Charles B. Aycock Resident Hall. Governor Aycock was a honorable proponent of Education and it is an honor to have his name on one of the leading Education University. So many people are just sick and tired of a small minority bullying their agenda. Please do not cave to this political correctness agenda. What is next? Changing the Jefferson Memorial? Washington Monument. You will create a nightmare scenario by caving to a few agitators.

Please have the courage to drop this. There are so many more important things to worry about and need our attention.

I love East Carolina and want to continue to respect it also.

Katie Kennedy Schafer '76

**Subject:** Survey Link Regarding Aycock Residence Hall  
**Date:** Monday, December 8, 2014 at 9:32:52 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Betz, Jennifer N  
**To:** Morehead, Andrew  
**CC:** rbrinkley@wcsr.com

Dear Dr. Morehead,

My name is Jennifer Betz, and I am currently a junior at East Carolina University. I just wanted to contact you and express my concerns regarding the validity of the results of the survey regarding Aycock residence hall. The survey is open and allows for multiple submissions. There are very strong opinions on both sides of this argument. A survey that allows multiple submissions cannot give accurate results from the concerned parties. It will turn into a contest between who sits at their computer the longest and submits the most surveys, instead of truly reflecting the opinion of each individual in our community. Additionally, the three final questions have a negative bias in the way that they are phrased and could potentially skew the results of the survey. I think that this is something that needs to be addressed before sending a recommendation to the Chancellor on the 12th.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer Betz

**Subject:** Response to Aycock Name Change Issue

**Date:** Monday, December 8, 2014 at 4:05:41 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Thompson, Bob

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Andrew,

So that you can honestly say that not all of the emails you have received were against changing the name of Aycock dorm, I endorse changing the name. Governor Aycock may have been a man of his time, but that does not mean he represented the best of his time and he certainly does not represent the best of our time. I agree names should not be changed frivolously and this is not such a case. Our failure to change this name is like continuing to wave the confederate battle flag or honor the Klu Klux Klan. The message is sends to our future students and donors, many of whom are minorities, is that we do not care about the continuing meaning of such symbols. Failing to change the name would demonstrate a lack of leadership on the part of the Trustees. Their role as trustees is to preserve the heritage of the past as a symbol to be used in enhancing the future of the university. We do not honor the segregation of our past admissions policies and practices. Why should we continue to honor advocates of those same discriminatory practices? Change the name.

Bob

Robert J. Thompson  
Interim Chair and Director, MPA Program  
Brewster A 101, Department of Political Science  
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252-328-5686

**Subject:** Re: AYCOCK RESIDENCE HALL RENAMING

**Date:** Monday, December 8, 2014 at 1:34:11 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** William Reinhart

**To:** Morehead, Andrew

Thank you Dr. Morehead. Your swiftness is remarkable giving your responsibilities as a professor and chairman of this committee.

I am sure much of this difficult question and the long term impact is a weighty issue to deal with . . .especially in the halls of academia where history, facts, transparency and respect for all parties should be paramount.

Steve must release a decision in a very short period of time at a time when anger, confusion and disappointment fills our nation concerning recent events that are tragedies.

Steve is a good, fair, highly intelligent man with well respected credentials and fine record of leadership. He should not be placed in a position of having to take what appears to be a litmus test but as HST once said "The buck stops here". Steve is the man for the task-I doubt if he has faced a tougher one as Chancellor.

I have an idea for a third option, (not compromise-I know what happened with the last one we had in 1788) that may be appealing to all parties.

I recommend that ECU begin plans for a pavilion on the main campus Quad. It will be a covered open air pavilion available to anyone 24 hours a day. It will contain a time line plus exhibits, statuary, and plaques representing the civil rights movement in this country and NC, as well as the horrors of slavery, Jim Crow and the centuries of discrimination of people in the U.S. Outside on a landscaped bluestone terrace, chairs and benches of different shapes, sizes, designs and materials (steel, stone, bronze, marble) would be placed and arranged in different directions (that could change on a yearly basis) that anyone could look at, sit in and contemplate the view or their thoughts. The chairs and benches would be designed and built by ECU students, a new one could be added every few years and then one replaced to a different part of the campus to show how change and diversity grows. An eternal torch might be a good thing. The pavilion could be called "The Chapel of Solace" and I would recommend it be named after someone who is very important to East Carolina...that would be the first African American graduate of the University...whom I believe was a young lady honored several years ago in a ceremony.

Funds for such can be raised from current students, (if every student gave up one cup of Starbucks a week for one academic year that would be 1.5 million-(\$2 x 25,000 x 30 weeks) plus all alumni, the local community and various concerned organization.

Best ...I look forward to meeting you someday.

WLR

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The charge to the renaming committee is to gather information to be used in evaluating whether the change in reputation and continuing association with Gov. Aycock is an issue for ECU's standards, the public trust, or the best interests of the university (i.e. The earlier part of 6.3.4). The accomplishments of Gov. Aycock in the areas of universal education, infrastructure, etc. are not being reevaluated.

I can't answer the second part of your email about the timing, since I was not involved at that point.

Andrew

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