

Subject: Response to Aycock Name Change Issue

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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.

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