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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

MTSU Collegiate Chapter

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As student members of the MTSU Collegiate Chapter of NAACP, we are heavily affected by the presence of Nathan Bedford Forrest's legacy appearing on this diverse campus in this day and age. As noted, Nathan Bedford Forrest was the 1st grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and fought to keep the minority segregated from white privilege: education, finances/economics, proper health care, etc. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is dedicated to civil and economic justice and we feel that is highly inappropriate that a man with an infamous reputation is allowed to be recognized on this campus. Since we are a diverse campus, students of the minority should feel welcomed among all aspects of their educational institution. The fact that the military building was named after Forrest in retaliation of Brown vs. Board Education and the integration of school systems is representative of a past that is not relevant for 2016 where diversity should be revered and respected. It is inappropriate as well as insensitive to honor a person who practiced discrimination and that includes not only the military building at MTSU, but also the Nathan Bedford Forrest bust at the Tennessee State Capitol and any other public monument. We want to be a university that welcomes students, staff and faculty of all backgrounds and ethnicities.