

Editor's Corner- January, 2021

Happy New Year! There is certainly a great deal happening at our university and in our country, not all of it positive. However, we take heart that there is always the possibility of hope and reconciliation within the Washington and Lee community and in our country.

In that vein, we have written an "Open Letter to the Washington and Lee Board and Community" which appears in our Letters Section. This letter was sent privately to the Board of Trustees last week, and we informed them that we would be circulating it more broadly. We believe it is a positive and constructive contribution to the conversation about a change of name to our university. We have tried to make the letter as "data driven" as possible. Of course, we think that Washington and Lee should "maintain the name," and that this is the best way for the university to obtain its goals and be successful in the future.

As we believe that the university Board may make a decision on the naming issue in the not too distant future, we shall be making changes to this website and to "The Editor's Corner" more frequently than usual. We suggest that you check the website once a week or so for the foreseeable future in order to learn what is going on and what our positions are on various issues. At the bottom of this page, we will be listing new articles, essays, videos, etc. on a regular basis. On January 19th, we celebrate Robert E. Lee's birthday and his contributions to our university. In Lee's honor, we have commissioned two videos by noted historian, Philip Leigh. The first focuses on Lee's life and character through the Civil War. The second focuses on his service to the country and to Washington College after the war. The videos are accompanied by an essay by W&L alum, Cameron Smith.

1) January 11, 2021- "Open Letter to the Washington and Lee Board and Community"- Letters section

2) January 21, 2021 - first Philip Leigh podcast on Robert E. Lee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy3OWWWARvw>

3) January 21, 2021 - second Leigh podcast on Robert E. Lee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc6A9WVdyo0&feature=youtu.be>

4) Essay by Washington and Lee alum, Cameron Smith, on "Redemption vs. Revolution at a College in the South."

Sincerely,

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