USC’s tributes reexamined

Campus reckons with homages to racist leaders from its past

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As protests over the police killing of George Floyd raged across the nation, USC removed the name of one of its most influential leaders from a landmark building on campus.

The decision to strip the name of its fifth president, Rufus B. von KleinSmid, a eugenics leader, from among its tallest buildings brought cheers. President Carol Folt said the name removal was necessary because his beliefs were “at direct odds” with the university’s values.

But weeks later, some students and others are raising questions about a host of names and symbols on campus, examining whether they too should be purged at this historic moment of reckoning. The emerging debate is shaping up to be a test of whether the tradition-bound university is willing to break with other [See USC, A12]

USC DEDICATED a statue in 2014 to Judge Robert W. Nitro, a university founder who was involved with a vigilante group in the 1800s.

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USC received tributes from its past racist leaders in various positions. The Los Angeles Times reported on the university's response to these tributes.

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The university's handling of the tributes has been met with criticism from students and alumni. The Los Angeles Times reported that the university's response was too late and did not adequately address the harm caused by the past racism.

The university is under increasing pressure to address its past racism. The Los Angeles Times reported that the university's failure to address the harm caused by the past racism has led to a loss of trust among students and alumni.

The university has promised to improve its handling of such tributes in the future. The Los Angeles Times reported that the university plans to develop a more comprehensive strategy for responding to such tributes.

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