

Changes ahead for this year's Homecoming



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The week-long homecoming celebration will undergo changes compared to previous years with the goal to bring a more inclusive and affordable atmosphere to the festivities.

Homecoming will take place Oct. 6-12 and will feature several events throughout the week for students, alumni and the USF community.



The kickoff and Stampede Comedy Show will be hosted in the Marshall Student Center ballroom instead of the Yuengling Center this year. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

In the past, the Homecoming Ball was famously known for the annual coronation of a homecoming king and queen.

This year, as a way to bring more inclusivity to students, the titles were removed and two homecoming royalty will be

crowned instead.

The Associate Director of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Joshua Wilson said that

removing the titles of king and queen will provide a more inclusive and open environment to all students.

"It's our stance to provide opportunities and to be a university that's as open as possible," Wilson said. "A university, or I should say program, that is truly open to all students, no matter their race, ethnicity or religion."

In addition to the Homecoming Ball, the kickoff and Stampede Comedy Show will also have major changes compared to years prior. Both events will be hosted at the Marshall Student Center (MSC) ballroom instead of the Yuengling Center in an effort to conserve funds.

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USF working to bridge gender gap



Alyssa Stewart

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USF is working to bridge the gap of a growing minority group on college campuses — men.

It has become a national trend over the past decades that fewer men are applying to college.

For every four women who are graduating from four-year colleges and universities, there are only three men, according to Forbes.

This issue is prevalent at USF as well.

The First Time in College (FTIC) enrollment last year for women was 60.3 percent, whereas for men it was 39.7 percent, according to the 2019 Equity Report.

Haywood Brown, vice president of diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity, said USF

has created committees, initiatives and conducted research to help combat this issue.

Former USF President Judy Genshaft developed a male success presidential task force in 2015 which eventually became a permanent advisory committee consisting of eight members.

However, after four years of inactivity, the committee was revived this past year.

"The group had been meeting but membership dropped off and we recently decided to reactivate it," said Paul Dosal, vice president of student success. "The group is

now looking to bring awareness and organize a plan to bridge the gender gap."

The main issue Brown said that deter men from applying to college is taking the initiative. He said women in their adolescence years are more self-sufficient whereas most men need guidance to take the first step.

For most young men, this issue stems from high school.

Brown said "expectation bias" from guidance counselors and the lack of male role models in a young man's life can affect how they plan their futures.

According to an Inside Higher Education article, "High school teachers expect 58 percent of white high school students, but just 37 percent of black high school students, to go on to obtain a four-year college degree." This study was based on data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics and it focused on the demographics of both the students and the teachers.

"The work really starts with high school guidance

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counselors," Brown said. "They are overworked, underpaid and many tend to gravitate toward students who are interested instead of the disinterested students."

Locally, Brown said he is speaking with middle and high schools to educate young men about how to be engaged in their futures. Male professionals such as firefighters, police officers and educators also speak to young males as well.

He said the goal is to target sixth and seventh graders and inform them while they are young.

Brown said this is done because most young males will be disinterested in career goals if they don't see themselves represented in their community.

"Only about 24 percent of all teachers were male in 2012, with just one in 10 men teaching elementary school students," according to a 2017 USA Today article about male teacher shortage.

There is a larger disparity when it comes to male teachers of color. The Department of Education said black men account for only two percent of the U.S. teacher population.

Even though men are not applying to college at the same rate as women, they are graduating at the same rates, according to Brown.

The FTIC retention rates for both males and females in 2017 was 89.2 percent, according to the 2019 Equity Report.

"Once people get into USF, the success is equal to women once they graduate after they surpass their sophomore year," Brown said.

Brown said male students who drop out are often consumed by distractions such as fraternities or more serious issues such as food security and low finances.

So what exactly is helping to retain men those first two years at USF?

Dosal said departments such as Housing and Residential Education and Health and Wellness have introduced

programs to support their success.

Specifically, Housing and Residential Education has a program called Men of Excellence which works to enhance the lives of male students. The men participate in a variety of events that develop their academic and professional skills to prepare them for education, according to the Housing and Residential Education website.

To decrease the stigma of male mental health, Health and Wellness created a program so that men can seek guidance privately from their own homes.

Even with the student success initiatives on campus, Dosal said the work being done to support the success of men at USF cannot be solved overnight.

"It's a national issue and a lot of the issues we are dealing with are outside of our control," Dosal said. "Whether it be societal, cultural — we do what we can for the students at USF and we are beginning to see some of that progress."

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According to Wilson, the money saved from hosting at the MSC ballroom will be used to fund other programs throughout the week.

The MSC ballroom can fit approximately 900-1000 people, according to Wilson. The event will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. In case the event reaches full capacity, an overflow room will be available for students who still want to attend the event.

The Stampede Comedy Show will take place on Oct. 7 and officially mark the beginning of the homecoming celebration, featuring stand-up comedian and actress Michelle Buteau.

"We're not necessarily expecting too much of an overflow for that event. But we do want to be set up in the case that there is," Wilson said.

The event is free for students that have RSVP'd for the event and they are allowed to bring one guest. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:30 p.m.

This year will mark USF President Steve Currall's first Homecoming since he took office July 1. As a way to celebrate, Currall will serve as Grand Marshal during the Running of the Bulls Parade, on Oct. 11.

According to Bill McCausland, vice president and executive director of the Alumni Association, Currall received the title as a way to honor his first year. As Grand Marshal, Currall will lead the parade and be the first figure to greet the crowd.

"Typically, parades have some type of recognized figure who leads the parade and that is an

honorary position," McCausland said. "We felt, given that this is President Currall's first year here in his first Homecoming at USF that it was more than appropriate to have him be the person that leads the parade."

The Running of the Bulls Parade will take place on Oct. 11 and the previous start time has been altered. As a way to use more daylight, the parade will start earlier at 6:30 p.m. compared to 7:00 p.m. last year.

In addition to the Running of the Bulls Parade, Currall will attend the Kickoff and Stampede Comedy Show on Oct. 7, the Homecoming Ball on Oct. 9 and the Alumni Awards on Oct. 10.

Throughout the week-long festivities, the Alumni Association will also be hosting events to welcome back alumni.

The Welcome Home Party will take place on Oct. 11 and will be a pre-parade party featuring games, activities and a live performance by the Matt Winter Band. The event will start at 5 p.m. on the Gibbons Alumni Center front lawn.

Homecoming will be a week full of events and activities focused not only on students but on faculty and the USF community as well. With this year's changes, McCausland hopes to create an inclusive event and continue to build the university's momentum.

"We really have evolved over the years and we're building on the previous years' momentum," McCausland said. "It continues to be an objective of all the folks involved in the planning for Homecoming to make it an inclusive event. That it is not only all of the Tampa campus, but also St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee as well."



Paul Dosal said departments at USF such as Housing and Residential Education and Health and Wellness have introduced programs to support male success. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

FOCAL POINTS

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The Herd is ready for flu season

On Wednesday, USF held its first flu shot competition at the Fall Health Festival against UF, (676) FSU (769) and UCF (about 800). At the end of the event, USF won first place by administering 1,181 flu vaccines to students, beating the other universities.

Photos taken by Multimedia Editor Leda Alvim.



ABOVE: Students line up outside Student Health Services to get a flu shot during the Fall Health Festival. **ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM**



ABOVE: As a way to encourage students to get vaccinated through a friendly competition, USF ended up winning first place and will receive a golden trophy for providing the most vaccines. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/LEDA ALVIM**



ABOVE: The event was sponsored by Bulls Country Pharmacy, the Center for Student Well-Being, Campus Recreation and Dining Services. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/LEDA ALVIM**



RIGHT: Despite the long lines, students guaranteed their spot on the fight against the flu. **ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM**

CONSOLIDATION

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will continue. The CCA is only mentioned five times in the 813-page consolidation plan, primarily in public comments.

A consolidated university structure should embrace innovative efforts like the CCA and allow each campus to pursue initiatives that work best for their local circumstances. Without a solid framework for balancing local control with system-wide priorities, such efforts might not be possible.

A range of options under the current consolidation plan offers opportunities to enhance branch campuses' voices. St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee have Campus Boards (similar to the system-wide Board of Trustees) that are currently only slated to hold an advisory role. The plan also calls for regional chancellors on each branch campus and "operational

deans" in each branch school who will focus on non-academic activities.

Developing a process where any of these offices have some say in academics would help give branch campuses more autonomy.

Regardless of the exact mechanism, each branch campus must develop a plan to meet preeminence benchmarks. Those decisions should be made in collaboration with leaders, faculty and staff at USF St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee, rather than going over their heads.

Diverse approaches to consolidation across campuses are assets, not liabilities. A balanced consolidation plan is one that empowers branch campuses to play to their strengths and meet preeminent standards in a way that works best for them.

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Body cameras are needed to keep the police force accountable to the public. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE

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at various police departments across the country and not one resulted in the release of any video.

Tampa Mayor Jane Castor invoked public records requests when discussing the cost of the program. "You have to look

at public records requests," Castor said. "Those increase dramatically because people want to see that video as well."

This comment implies that the police force and the city will make an effort to honor the public's ability to access some of the body-camera footage when requested.

While the Tampa Police

Department made an important step this month, it is up to them to continue to maintain a culture of transparency by allowing access to footage at times of controversy in order to further promote citizen trust in the police department.

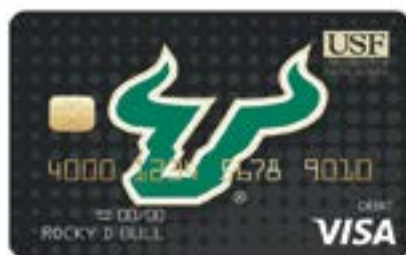
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Consolidation should not overshadow branch campuses



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On September 10th, USF System President Steven Currall released an update detailing major steps in the process of consolidating USF's three campuses—Tampa, St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee.

The overarching theme of the update was collaboration and sharing.

Merging the campuses offers an opportunity to bust down internal walls of policy, practice and financing that have limited the full scope of resources USF students can access — a commendable achievement if carried out effectively.

The devil, however, is in the details. Under the preliminary plan revealed at the September Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, branch colleges would be shepherded underneath Tampa campus colleges to create system-wide colleges. For example, St. Pete's Tiedemann College of Business would become a school underneath Tampa's Muma College of Business, with a "campus operational dean" located on the branch campus to oversee the school's day-to-day needs,



Under the preliminary plan revealed at the September Board of Trustees meeting, branch campuses would be heavily supervised by the Tampa campus. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

according to USF's consolidation implementation plan.

In simpler terms, the branch campuses would have some governance over their respective colleges, but ultimate authority on academics would rest with Tampa campus.

This structure change, while relatively simple in concept, leaves stakeholders concerned. Per the Tampa Bay Times, state lawmakers like Rep. Ben Diamond (D-FL) and Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-FL) were dissatisfied with the framework upon its announcement, arguing it gives too much power to the Tampa campus.

Brandes went so far as to say it violates the intent of HB 7071, a state law signed this spring that required branch campuses to keep control of their activities. Faculty across campuses, meanwhile, have expressed their desires for clarity on what the changes will mean for their goals, roles and decision-making power.

One key element in the process involves matching admission standards and graduation rates

across the three campuses. In the university's consolidation plan, the BOT implies that both metrics will likely need improvement on the St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee campuses for USF to maintain its preeminent status—and the millions of research dollars that accompany it—after consolidation.

It makes sense, then, why system leaders would put branch campuses' academic departments under direct supervision from Tampa. A heavy-handed approach, however, runs the risk of alienating faculty and quashing local innovations.

USF Sarasota-Manatee, for instance, offers cross-registration with three local colleges in the Sarasota-Bradenton area through the Cross College Alliance (CCA), including New College of Florida and the Ringling College of Art and Design.

Projects like these fulfill consolidation's overall goals by providing new learning experiences for USF students, yet it is unclear if the program

Tampa police take steps toward transparency



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

Tampa will be receiving \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Justice in order to expand the city's program to outfit police officers with body cameras. This grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance adds to the \$600,000 already approved for the program by the Tampa City Council.

Increasing the amount of body cameras is an important step toward police transparency, which is necessary to make sure the community has trust in their police force. However, the cameras will only be effective if they are actually implemented in a way that makes the police force accountable to the public. The Tampa Police Department is set to begin the process of outfitting 600 police officers with body-worn cameras this month.

When asked about when the cameras will record, Deputy Chief Lee Bercaw said, "Not all of the time, but the majority of the time, most of the encounters that we're in."

Bercaw went on to explain the inclusion of bluetooth technology in the cameras. "For

example, if I were to pull out my taser, that would automatically have [the body-worn-camera] go off," Bercaw said.

This decision comes after a decades-long push to implement these kinds of technologies nationwide. For many years, body cameras were described as a solution to problems with police transparency. In 2015, a poll from the Cato Institute found that 92 percent of Americans supported these efforts to implement body cameras.

An analysis from George Mason University included 70 different studies around the world related to body-worn cameras found that citizen complaints about police officers went down after body-worn camera programs were implemented. One study in the analysis cited a 93% reduction in police complaints.

However, the implementation of body-worn cameras did not necessarily increase police transparency. Co-author of the analysis Cynthia Lum explains that "the culture and other aspects of the agencies will really determine how it is used."

One possible explanation of how body-worn cameras have not increased trust in the public may be because some cities do not allow citizens to access the body camera footage. An investigation from the Associated Press said they filed 20 open records requests

NCAA

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For the better, too.

It's ridiculous that a college athlete is unable to use their likenesses to make money in the first place. Every other student on campus can do so.

Now, whether any other student is popular enough to do so is a different topic — but the select few who play varsity sports can't.

Meanwhile, universities and other NCAA partners are free to use player likenesses to promote upcoming games and broadcasts. The NCAA itself is a billion-dollar industry.

That's not to say players get absolutely nothing in return from the schools now.

Athletes on full scholarships get free education, boarding and meal stipends — though it took UConn's Shabazz Napier saying he went to bed "starving" some nights during the 2014 Final Four before the stipends were introduced in September 2015.

Plus, there are perks to playing one of the revenue sports, such as the national exposure that comes with being an FBS quarterback or a starting power forward at Duke.

But, in both sports, athletes are basically forced to play in college. In basketball, it's only a season. Though in football, a player must be removed from high school for three years before they are eligible for the NFL Draft.

Players with ambitions of playing professionally are, for the most part, forced into playing in college, even if they don't care about the education that comes with it.

Being a college athlete and a full-time student are both major commitments on their own. So forget about making a few extra bucks bagging groceries at Publix — your life starts and ends with your university.

There's valid concern that this might create an unfair playing field. UF and FSU donors/fans/sponsors may be able to entice athletes into coming to their school more than USF's equivalents.

But it might also eliminate the shadiness and drama that come with

it.

Reggie Bush gave up the 2005 Heisman Trophy in 2010 because of improper benefits he allegedly received from sports marketing agents during his time at Southern California.

Bush never admitted guilt, even after giving back the trophy, but it's still ludicrous to think there is no official winner of the 2005 Heisman Trophy because that season starts and ends with Bush.

USC also vacated 14 wins — including the 2005 BCS National Championship. The Trojans lost the Rose Bowl to Texas in 2006, but had they won, there would have been no national champion two years in a row — at least that's what the official records would say today.

If the new California law were in effect at the time, it's likely Bush is still the 2005 Heisman winner and USC still has all 12 of its wins from 2005. Of course, there's no telling what the playing field would have been like that season had all FBS teams been acting the same.

Bush's story is the highest-profile case of backroom dealing — although how backroom it actually was can be debated as the NCAA eventually punished USC for a lack of "institutional control."

But it'd be ignorant to think that doesn't go on all the time, even still. All it does is reward those who are smart enough to cheat without getting caught and punish those who don't. It also impacts the record books when it happens in such a high-profile case as Bush and USC.

There's something to be said about amateurism, but most amateurs are such because no one will pay them for their talents, not because they're prohibited from being paid.

So let the players make a few bucks, especially if it's from other people — not the university itself — putting up the money.

Most importantly, it's good states are leading the fight to change this, because the NCAA would never have done it on its own.

What they said

USF football coaches were asked their thoughts on the California bill that would allow athletes to profit off their likeness this week.

Head coach Charlie Strong on the AAC's weekly conference call Monday

"Well, we knew at some point that was going to happen. Now that California's passed that bill, it will eventually just go across the other states.

"If a young man has done enough, and that's what they look at now, for their likeness, and how much they have helped that program, because the program is making money and it's something we are not going to be able to stop now that California's done it, it's probably going to sweep across this country."

Defensive coordinator Brian Jean-Mary

"Sometimes you've got to know when to turn in your chips in a certain type of game. I'm not going to speak on the particulars. I know, as a whole, us as coaches, we want the players to be able to benefit because we really feel like they have given us their all. You've got guys that have career-changing injuries, and we try to get as much out of them.

"[The NCAA] is trying methods, but, obviously, some kids in some places feel like there's more. So I hope they come to a happy medium. That would be my goal."

Offensive coordinator Kerwin Bell

"I'm an old-school guy, you know. I believe an athlete — he gets a lot. Now, he works his butt off and he has got unbelievable ability. But listen,

he gets a full ride. He gets more than that a lot of times when he has cost of living, and he gets money here at the university. But listen, I'm all about athletes and them guys — if everybody's on the same playing field, if everybody can afford that — you've got to look at those things. Can all the universities afford to do those things? And will it be a level playing field if some do and some don't?

"This is one of the greatest sports in the history of mankind — it's college football — just the way the people buy into it because these kids are here on college education, they're student athletes. That's the great thing about it, and they go out and perform in front of thousands, thousands of people and people love that and people buy into that and we don't need to mess that up."

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for us."

There is a quarterback plan in place, but Bell said there will be some personnel changes to his offense, specifically with his receivers.

He mentioned sophomore walk-on wide receiver Bryce Miller would start on Saturday. Miller caught one of the three touchdown passes against SMU, his first with USF.

"He's a hard-nosed football player, just good at football," Bell said. "Not the biggest, not the fastest, but man, he gets open."

Bell said he was frustrated with the way his offense has played so far and he wants to make the changes needed

— whether it's personnel or tactics.

The coaching staff, however, needs to work with the personnel in order to be successful, according to Bell.

"As a coach, what you've got to do is fit that personnel," Bell said. "And the great thing about this system is it's so varied. We don't have to just stay with eight little plays. We can vary to more of a spread or more of a pro-style type."

Defensive coordinator Brian Jean-Mary is also rethinking his approach to his tactics.

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting the same result," Jean-Mary said. "We didn't like the way we came out and performed, so we switched up a few things

in practice."

He said he changed the way his team has practiced this week — an increased level of competition while reducing the number of reps. Jean-Mary said he wanted his defense to be fresh for Saturday.

Overall, the general consensus from the USF coaching staff is to expect to see a different USF team against UConn. It's all a matter of getting done what's necessary before Saturday, according to Strong.

"We're not concerned," Strong said. "We know what we've got to get done and just get our team ready to go play."

InBrief

Pair of Bulls called up for national duty

Two USF women's soccer players have been called up to their respective national teams.

Freshman defender Lucy Roberts was selected by England U-19 and junior goalkeeper Ricquelle Farquharson was called up to the Jamaican national team.

Roberts has previous experience at the international level, as she was a part of the England U-17 team that reached the semifinals of the 2018 UEFA Women's U-17 Championship.

A consistent starter for the Bulls all season, Roberts will be participating in qualifiers for the 2020 UEFA Women's U-19 Championship.

Roberts scored a stoppage-time goal Wednesday to top off England's 8-0 victory over Cyprus.

England will play Belarus on Saturday and Serbia on Tuesday.

Farquharson was called up by Jamaica for the 2020 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship qualifiers.

A native of Davie, Farquharson previously represented Jamaica U-20 in 2015 and 2016.

Jamaica opened the qualifiers with a 12-1 victory over Cuba on Monday and will play Barbados on Friday, followed by Saint Lucia on Sunday and the U.S. Virgin Islands on Tuesday.

Football

Another week of looking to bounce back



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

USF is facing a team this weekend that has historically performed poorly. UConn is currently 1-3, and the Huskies are coming off of a 1-11 season last year.

The Bulls have a chance to extend UConn's misery Saturday at Rentschler Field (TV: CBS Sports streaming — CBSSN tape delay/Radio: WDAE-AM 620). Saturday's game has been moved to noon instead of the original 7 p.m. kickoff time.

But it won't be an easy task for USF due to its current run against FBS teams.

The Bulls, also 1-3, are coming off a 48-21 defeat to SMU. USF has a nine-game losing streak

against FBS opponents.

As it stands now, the team is in a poor position, according to offensive coordinator Kerwin Bell.

"We are who we are right now. We're not a very good football team, I'm going to say it up front," Bell said. "We're not going to sit around and continue to be the way we are. These are the worst four games I've been through as an offensive coordinator."

Already struggling on the field, USF also has two quarterbacks whose statuses are not 100 percent due to injury.

Senior quarterback Blake Barnett, who threw for three touchdowns against SMU, has not been able to practice this week due to a high-ankle sprain suffered in the game against the Mustangs.

Freshman quarterback Jordan McCloud, who came off with a wrist contusion against SMU, is expected to start against UConn.

"He's tough enough and he wants to go do it," coach Charlie Strong said. "He'll be able to go



Both Blake Barnett (pictured) and Jordan McCloud are not 100 percent heading into Saturday's game at UConn. **ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM**

get it done."

But there is no guarantee that either of the quarterbacks will be fully fit. Bell said sophomore quarterback Kirk Rygol will most likely be the emergency third choice in the chance that neither Barnett or McCloud are able to

go.

"Kirk is a guy we have a lot of confidence in," Bell said. "Kid can really throw it, he can really spin it and he's got a great feel for the game...so we feel good about him going in as a guy available

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Commentary

California bill is a step forward



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

Government involvement in sports is usually not a good thing.

The net result is typically a shiny, new taxpayer-funded

stadium to the tune of several hundred million dollars.

California proved that there is an exception to the rule this week, and Florida could be next.

Gov. Gavin Newsom (D-CA) signed a bill Monday that would allow college athletes in the state to profit from their own likenesses — whether that's signing endorsement deals, selling jerseys or signing with agents.

If the California bill survives

the legal challenges by the NCAA, it would go into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

Closer to home, Rep. Kionne McGhee (D-FL) has filed a similar bill that would go into effect next July.

House Bill 251 calls for "students participating in intercollegiate athletics to receive specified compensation" and creates a "Florida College System Athlete Name, Image, & Likeness Task Force."

It's different from the

California bill in that it doesn't call for schools to pay players themselves, but rather allows for outside endorsements, selling autographs or signing with agents.

Similar bills have been filed in South Carolina and New York.

As Bob Dylan once said, the times they are a-changin'.

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