

## The Currall era commences



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History will be made today. Steven Currall will be officially sworn in as USF's seventh president during his inauguration ceremony in the Yuengling Center at 2 p.m.

The investiture ceremony will consist of a formal installation, where Currall will be presented with the symbolic presidential chain of office by Board of Trustees Chair Jordan Zimmerman.

The chain includes engravings of the university's former presidents and their terms in office with a medallion of the university seal.

Currall's goals and visions for the university's success will be outlined in his inaugural address.

In 2001, when former President Judy Genshaft took office, her 30-minute inauguration speech outlined her many goals and aspirations for the university, including leading USF to achieve preeminence. Now,



About 791 guests, 206 faculty and administrators and more than 150 delegates will be in attendance for Currall's inauguration ceremony. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

almost two decades after her address, the university has been granted that status.

While the Yuengling Center has a capacity to hold up to 10,411 people, about 791 people — including students, faculty, staff

and the general public — have RSVP'd to attend the ceremony, according to USF spokesperson Althea Paul.

Genshaft's inauguration garnered an audience of about 1,200.

About 206 faculty

and administrators will participate as processional participants and will be dressed in traditional academic regalia.

The ceremony will feature speakers who have had an

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## From one Netflix star to another



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"Orange is the New Black" actress Laverne Cox will no longer be closing out the University Lecture Series (ULS) this semester. However, another Netflix star will be taking her place.

David Harbour will be stepping out of his "Stranger Things" police uniform and on to the ULS stage on Nov. 20 in the Marshall Student Center (MSC) Oval Theater.

The Campus Activities Board announced in an Instagram post on Nov. 13 that Cox will no longer be able to speak at the lecture due to "filming conflicts."

However, ULS Student Programs Coordinator Isabelle Arroyo-Acevedo said the team was told that there was a general scheduling issue.

"The reason could really range from anything," Arroyo-Acevedo said. "It could be because of filming conflicts, they could have been picked up for a new project or family conflicts."

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Center for Student Involvement Associate Director Josh Wilson said that ULS was notified of Cox's cancelation Oct. 31 and quickly had to seek out other potential speakers. Luckily, he said the experience went smoothly because of the middle agent.

"We have a pretty good relationship with the agency who booked the act so they were honest about the situation and wanted us to still have someone that would have the students' interest," Wilson said.

Harbour's contract was officialized last Friday, Nov. 8. He will be paid \$39,700 for the lecture, whereas Cox was expected to be paid \$40,000, according to Arroyo-Acevedo.

As of right now, it is unsure if Cox will reschedule the lecture in the future.

"We aren't sure if the scheduling conflict will last for a long while or if it's



David Harbour is a mental health advocate who openly speaks about his depression and bipolar disorder as well as the stigma surrounding mental illness. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

temporary," Arroyo-Acevedo said. "Hopefully, we will be able to figure that out soon."

Even though students were initially excited to hear about Cox's experiences,

Arroyo-Acevedo said Harbour's announcement has been equally accepted.

The RSVP link was opened the day of the announcement and within hours it was close to its capacity. The Oval Theatre can hold up to 700 people.

Even if ULS reaches its RSVP limit, Wilson said students are still welcome to attend the event, but they won't be guaranteed a seat.

"We offer the RSVP to people who want to have an easier process, but that doesn't mean people can't show up the day of if they are interested."

Harbour was ranked No. 2 — Cox ranked No. 1 — on the ULS survey that was sent out at the beginning of the semester. The survey provided a list of celebrities and topics that students would be interested in. One such topic was mental health, which Harbour is an advocate of.

Although Harbour is

well-known for his role as emotionally detached Chief Hopper on "Stranger Things," he openly speaks about his depression and bipolar disorder as well as the stigma surrounding mental illness.

"He's a large mental health advocate and is very expressive on that topic so we believe students will be interested in hearing his story," Arroyo-Acevedo said.

Even with the popularity Harbour has garnered, Wilson said he does not think ULS will need an additional room to livestream the event.

The doors to the Oval Theater will open at 7:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 8 p.m. Students can start joining the line at 5:30 p.m.

"We are excited that David [Harbour] was able to work out and provide students with the opportunity to learn about his experiences," Wilson said.

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impact in shaping the new president's career, including Malcolm Grant, former president and provost of the University College London, where Currall has previously held leadership roles. During the ceremony, Grant will introduce the new president to the USF community.

A campus and community inauguration reception will be held at 4 p.m., following the inauguration ceremony, at the Muma College of Business Atrium.

Although Currall took office on July 1, inauguration ceremonies are usually scheduled months after a president assumes office. The reason behind the tradition is to allow the new president to tackle existing university initiatives and to

ease into their new role.

Among the guest list, more than 150 delegates from colleges and universities around the world, including Maria Dixon Hall from the Southern Methodist University and Jack M. Gill from the Gill Foundation of Texas, will attend the ceremony. The investiture ceremony will be livestreamed on USF's website.

The academic ceremonial

mace, a ceremonial staff used during graduation commencements by the president of the faculty senate, will also be featured during today's ceremonies.

The mace symbolizes the authority of the chief executive officer for the university. A gold pine cone at its top is a representation of USF's growth and continuity, and eight semicircles along the staff stand for USF's eight colleges. When not in

use, the mace is displayed inside a case in the Office of the President.

Dressed in the president's gown — four bars on the sleeve — and the presidential chain around his neck, Currall will leave center stage as USF's seventh president.

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## Supreme Court should protect DACA program, not rescind it



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

This past Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on whether to allow the Trump administration to take away protections for nearly 700,000 undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an executive order implemented by the Obama administration that gave those children, also known as DREAMers, the ability to work and be protected from deportation.

The program has been under fire by the Trump administration despite the president's assurances that he would maintain the program. The Supreme Court is expected to rule on the issue in spring 2020, and with a conservative majority on the bench the fate of DACA hangs in the balance.

Undocumented students should feel welcome in the USF community. It is important that the Supreme Court upholds DACA and administrations at the state, local and campus levels should uphold policies that protect DREAMers.

If DACA is rescinded it will have a huge impact on the lives of undocumented USF students who rely on the program to continue their education.



Administrations at the state, local and campus levels should uphold policies that protect DREAMers. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

Revoking the program would result in the cancellation of their driver's licenses, could potentially diminish their job opportunities and could subject them to deportation.

According to Heide Castañeda, a USF associate professor and co-facilitator of the organization, UndocuALLY, the looming DACA decision has created some stress for students.

"There is a lot of anxiety that comes along with the rescission of DACA," Castañeda said. "They have paid a good amount of money to be a part of this program, they've given their biometrics, their fingerprints, all of their personal information is on file with the federal government."

It is easy to imagine how the federal government may misuse this personal information to target DREAMers. At a time in which the rhetoric around immigration is often inflammatory, the concerns of these students are well-founded.

Undocumented students should know that even if the Supreme Court allows DACA to be rescinded, there are still

Florida laws that assist them in paying for higher education.

Florida passed a tuition equity bill in 2014 that allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition. That resource is not dependent on DACA.

However, considering that undocumented students do not have student loans or pell grants as a resource, it is even more important for those students to have access to a work permit, which DACA provides.

"Basically, what the end of DACA means for them is that they're going to get their work permits taken away and without a work permit you really are more likely to not finish your college degree because you can't afford it," Castañeda said. "They are going to find it increasingly difficult to work to put themselves through college."

If the Supreme Court rescinds DACA, it will be more important than ever for institutions all over the country, including USF, to do everything it can to protect undocumented students.

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## 'OK Boomer' is a funny but misleading retort



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OPINION EDITOR

After spreading like wildfire on social media, the phrase "OK boomer" has become young people's favorite response to the old and outdated.

Taylor Lorenz, writer for the New York Times, described the phrase as retaliation against years of millennial bashing, in which America's youth has been generalized as irresponsible, narcissistic and tech-addicted. In a context where young people are frequently maligned by their elders, "OK boomer" is a satisfying rejoinder.

To some, however, the phrase also holds a social and political valence. More than just old-fashioned thoughts and habits, the stereotypical "boomer mindset" is sometimes thought of as synonymous with political and cultural conservatism.

This secondary meaning, funny as it is, ultimately conceals more than it reveals about our country's political disputes and social divides.

The boomer generation, for instance, came of age in the '60s and '70s, which were periods of substantial social upheaval and massive inequality along lines of race and gender. Black baby boomers are the children of the civil rights and black power movements, while many boomer

women fought for gender equality in the home and in the workplace. Others participated in protests against the Vietnam War and in favor of LGBTQ rights.

Associating the boomer generation with conservative politics erases these struggles for social equality across generations.

Just the same, young people have political and racial divisions of their own. Rather than a unified bloc of liberals, millennials are similarly multifaceted in their political beliefs.

According to a 2018 survey by the Pew Research Center, about a third of millennials lean Republican — a relative minority, but still amounting to millions of young conservatives.

White millennials are particularly politically divided: while the overwhelming majority of millennials of color lean Democratic, 41 percent of white millennials lean Republican.

Rather than a pure function of age, then, the proverbial "boomer mindset" can be found in both young people and old.

"OK boomer" will continue to be an entertaining retort both online and offline. Nevertheless, we should be careful not to let generational stereotypes cloud our understanding of real divides in American society — class, race, gender and sexuality — that cross generations.

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quarterback Jordan McCloud was sacked nine times against Temple last Thursday.

Sophomore offensive tackle Donovan Jennings, who Bell called one of the best tackles in the league, is out with an ankle injury he suffered in that same game.

Jennings' absence will shift the way the offensive line shapes up, according to Bell.

"Marcus Norman might go over and play some of the left side a little bit," Bell said. "We've got [Jarrett] Hopple ... he'll play some. We're just trying to find the right combination."

Another player who may sit Saturday out is freshman quarterback Jah'Quez Evans, who is still out with a concussion he suffered before halftime against East Carolina on Oct. 26.

Evans ran for 99 yards and two touchdowns in the 45-20 victory and has become an essential part of the Bulls' offense.

"We're hopeful that if they clear him [Wednesday] or [Thursday], then we might still have a chance at him," Bell said. "He's another one that adds something to us on the offensive side of the ball, so we're hoping to get him out there, but ... he didn't practice [Wednesday]."

Injury woes cut deep, but junior tight end Jacob Mathis is fully healthy after missing last Thursday's game with the flu. His return is vital, according to Bell.

"We sort of had that combination with him and [Mitch] Wilcox ... they sort of complement each other," Bell said. "[Mathis] lost some weight, but he's running really well. He's back at full strength so it's going to be good to have him back."

The Bulls' offense will have to be at its best against the Bearcats' defense, which is ranked third in the conference.

Junior safety Darrick Forrest

leads the Bearcats and is fourth in the conference in total tackles (73). Another defensive threat is sophomore safety Ja'von Hicks, who leads the conference with four interceptions.

"All three levels of their defense are pretty good," Bell said. "Their front seven is really good, their linebackers play fast and their secondary really gets up and pressures you.

"We've got our work cut out for us."

The key to combating the Bearcats' beastly defense is to efficiently and conservatively move the ball down the field, according to Bell.

"Listen, we've got to come out and be as physical as we can. We've got to stay at a good down and distance against these guys because they're really good," Bell said. "If we stay in good down and distance then we have a chance to stay balanced and move the football."

USF's struggling offense could face a daunting challenge against one of the best defensive teams the Bulls have faced all season.

With six being the magic number for bowl eligibility, the Bulls must win at least two out of their final three games.

The odds are statistically against the Bulls, but Strong's goal persists — to get the players, namely the seniors, to a bowl game.

"We've got to get to a bowl game," Strong said. "They see that in front of them and they'll come back to work."

The Bulls and Bearcats kick off Saturday from Raymond James Stadium at 7 p.m. The game will be televised on CBS Sports Network and broadcast on WDAE-AM 620.

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trailed by two at the half and, in the final 20 minutes, the Jaguars went cold from long range, only going 2-of-7.

But it wasn't enough.

"Even with the 3s — it was some of those other backbreaking plays," Gregory said. "When you give up some open drives to the basket, when you give up those back cuts — those are big plays. Those are big plays, because they didn't have to work for that."

The Bulls' woes didn't start with Tuesday's game, though, according to Gregory.

"It's no secret if you're playing like that, what would you assume?" Gregory asked reporters in the Yuengling Center

Considering it started with the women's pregame hype video being shown initially, Tuesday was bad all around, according to Gregory.

"Today was a bad day from the start," Gregory said. "Starting lineups, they've got the women's thing going. So it was s\*\*t from the start. Excuse my language."

While the game ended poorly, the Bulls' day started out well enough.

USF announced four-start recruit Caleb Murphy (Youngstown, Ohio) signed a National Letter of Intent during the first day of the early signing period.

Murphy, who picked the Bulls over powerhouse programs like Florida, Clemson, Missouri and



Coach Brian Gregory said the Bulls haven't been practicing well after Tuesday's loss to IUPUI. ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

media room.

"We're not practicing well," Gregory followed up. "If you see it in the game, you see it in practice. And we're not practicing very well right now, and you've seen it in the game. That's just something that we need to get back to being who we are when it comes to our practice habits, our defensive habits and getting better on the offensive end as well."

Georgia, ranks as Rivals' No. 55 player and the 13th-best prospect at his position of combo guard in his class.

"Caleb is a playmaker, has a tremendous feel for the game and possesses a high basketball IQ," Gregory said in a release. "We want to recruit high-level talent that are high-character kids and Caleb Murphy is definitely one of those."

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## InBrief

### Bulls fall to SMU in 2OT in AAC Tourney

Despite an eight-save effort by senior goalkeeper Harrison Devenish-Mearns, USF men's soccer fell 2-1 in double overtime to No. 11 SMU in the semifinals of the AAC Tournament on Wednesday night in Orlando.

The loss was not without controversy, as SMU's game-winner by defender Brandon Terwege in the 106th minute appeared to come off a hand ball. Terwege played the ball in off a corner kick from what video appears to show as his arm, then subsequently kicked the ball into the net.

Despite protests from USF, no review was ever conducted and the game was over.

The Mustangs got on the board early with a goal by midfielder Nicky Hernandez in the 15th minute, but the Bulls held on from there, not allowing SMU anything for more than 90 minutes afterward — including on a penalty kick saved by Devenish-Mearns in the 83rd minute.

Just minutes before Devenish-Mearns' penalty save, forward Adrian Billhardt leveled the game on a penalty of his own in the 77th minute. Billhardt left the game and did not return after sustaining an apparent knee injury in the first overtime.

USF's season isn't necessarily over with the loss. The Bulls, No. 30 in RPI, remain eligible for an at-large bid to the 48-team NCAA Tournament and find out their fate Monday.

## Football

### Bulls' offense gets set for showdown with Cincinnati



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

It's safe to say USF's offense hasn't been what it set out to be at the beginning of the season.

The promise of an offense reborn under first-year coordinator Kerwin Bell is a distant echo.

Now, in the heart of a November gauntlet, the Bulls are second-to-last in total offense in the AAC, with an average of 346 yards per game. They sit ahead of UConn, which is 0-6 in the conference.

With an underperforming



Jordan McCloud was sacked nine times against Temple last Thursday. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

offense, USF (4-5, 2-3) faces potentially its biggest challenge this season — AAC East-leading No. 17 Cincinnati (8-1, 5-0). The Bearcats' only loss this season came against now-No. 2 Ohio State.

"If we can block the box and give our quarterback a chance and give our running game a chance to get established, then we're going to have a chance," coach Charlie Strong said.

But blocking is something the

Bulls have failed to do well this season.

USF is 128-of-130 in the country for sacks allowed, with an average of more than four per game. Redshirt freshman

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## Men's Basketball

### Bulls fall to IUPUI; Kiir moving on from program



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

Thanks to 23 turnovers, an 8-of-18 performance from the free-throw line and a miserable 7-of-26 performance from the field in the second half, USF fell 70-53 to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

(IUPUI) (2-2) on Tuesday night at the Yuengling Center.

But the biggest loss Tuesday may have come off the court.

As The Oracle first reported on Twitter, 6-foot-9-inch guard Mayan Kiir is moving on from the program, coach Brian Gregory announced after the game.

Kiir, who had been out indefinitely for undisclosed personal reasons, played in all 38 games last season, shooting 45 percent from the field.

"I met with him earlier this week, and just kind of a mutual decision," Gregory said. "He's going to look at some different

options — either go play professionally, or possibly look at going to another school. He's going to finish out this semester ... he's getting our unwavering support and everything."

As for the game itself, while guards Laquincy Rideau and Rashun Williams led the Bulls with 15 and 11 points, respectively, IUPUI was simply explosive from 3-point range in the first half, going 8-of-12 from beyond the arc.

IUPUI guards Isaiah Williams and Jaylen Minnett led all scorers with 26 and 17 points each, and the duo was aided largely by

subpar defending from USF, according to Gregory.

"I think we gave some easy ones early," Gregory said. "When you have guys that have the freedom to take those shots, then all of a sudden, even some tough ones go in ... and then, all of a sudden, every scramble, every loose ball, all of a sudden, the ball ends up in their hands. It's like a perfect storm when you're in that situation. And we didn't have the grit to stick with what we needed to do and try to grind one out."

Despite this, the Bulls only

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