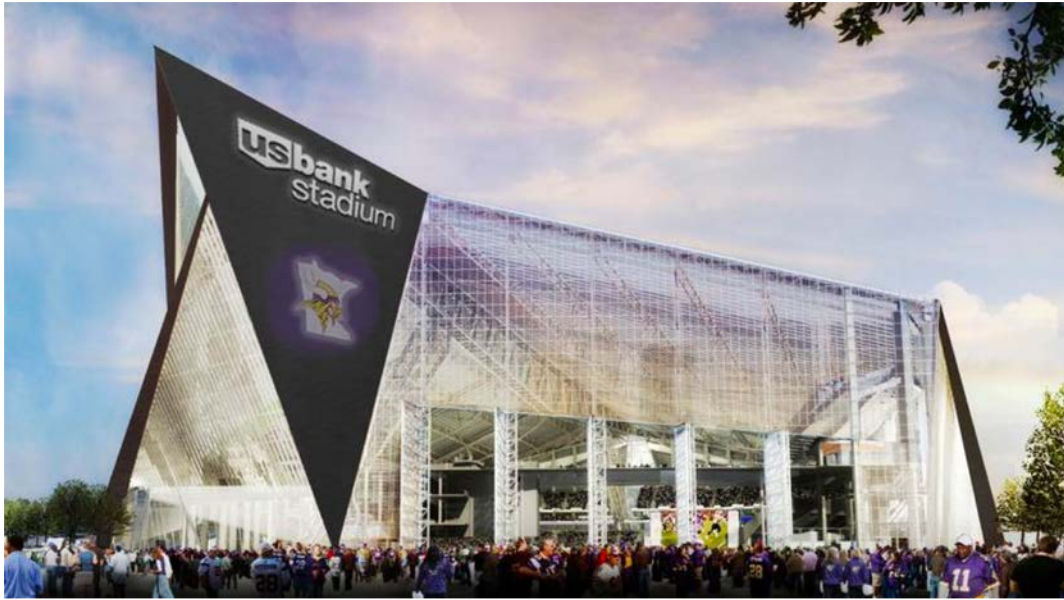


Communication and Sport: Athletes and Social Justice

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Why the Study of Sport Matters



Sport as Communication



Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid NFL



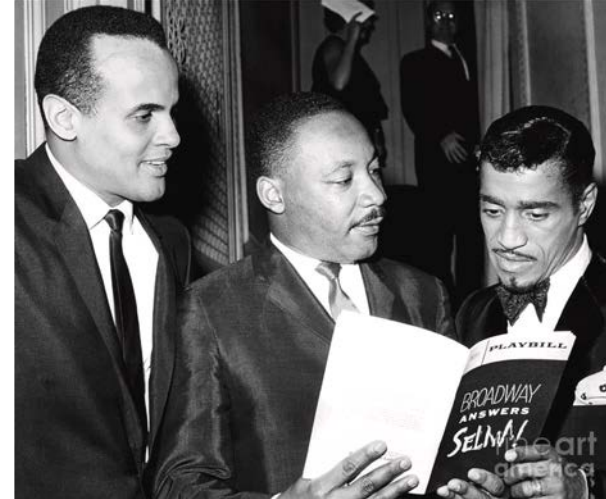
Using Your Position to Share Your Voice



Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner,
1955 Rally for Adlai Stevenson (D)



Ronald Reagan, Actor
Governor, President



Harry Belafonte,
Martin Luther King,
And Sammy Davis, Jr.,
Selma Benefit, 1965



Charlton Heston and wife, Lydia Clarke,
1972 Republican National Convention



Willie Nelson at 1986 Farm Aid Concert



Angelina Jolie, special envoy,
UNHRC—UN Refugee Agency

Risk of Speaking Out



Hollywood 10 prior to being booked in 1947

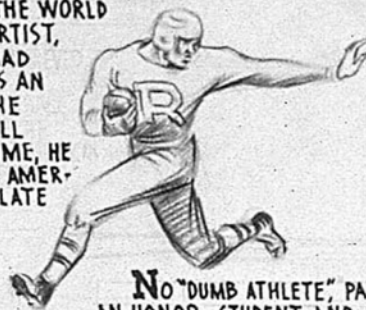
What do you believe in so much that you would risk your career, your income, or even just access to something that you enjoy or perhaps love?

First Amendment

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”



LONG BEFORE THE WORLD KNEW HIM AS AN ARTIST, YOUNG ROBESON HAD ACHIEVED FAME AS AN ATHLETE. ONE OF THE GREATEST FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF ALL TIME, HE WAS SELECTED ALL AMERICAN END BY THE LATE WALTER CAMP.



NO "DUMB ATHLETE," PAUL WAS AN HONOR STUDENT, AND PHI BETA KAPPA MAN AT RUTGERS!

PAUL ROBESON

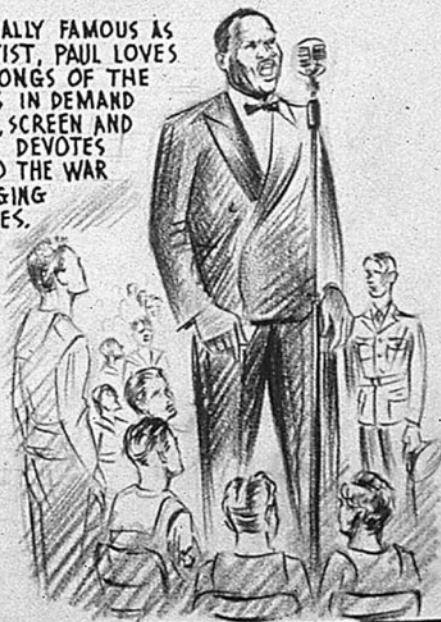
ACTOR, ARTIST, ATHLETE.



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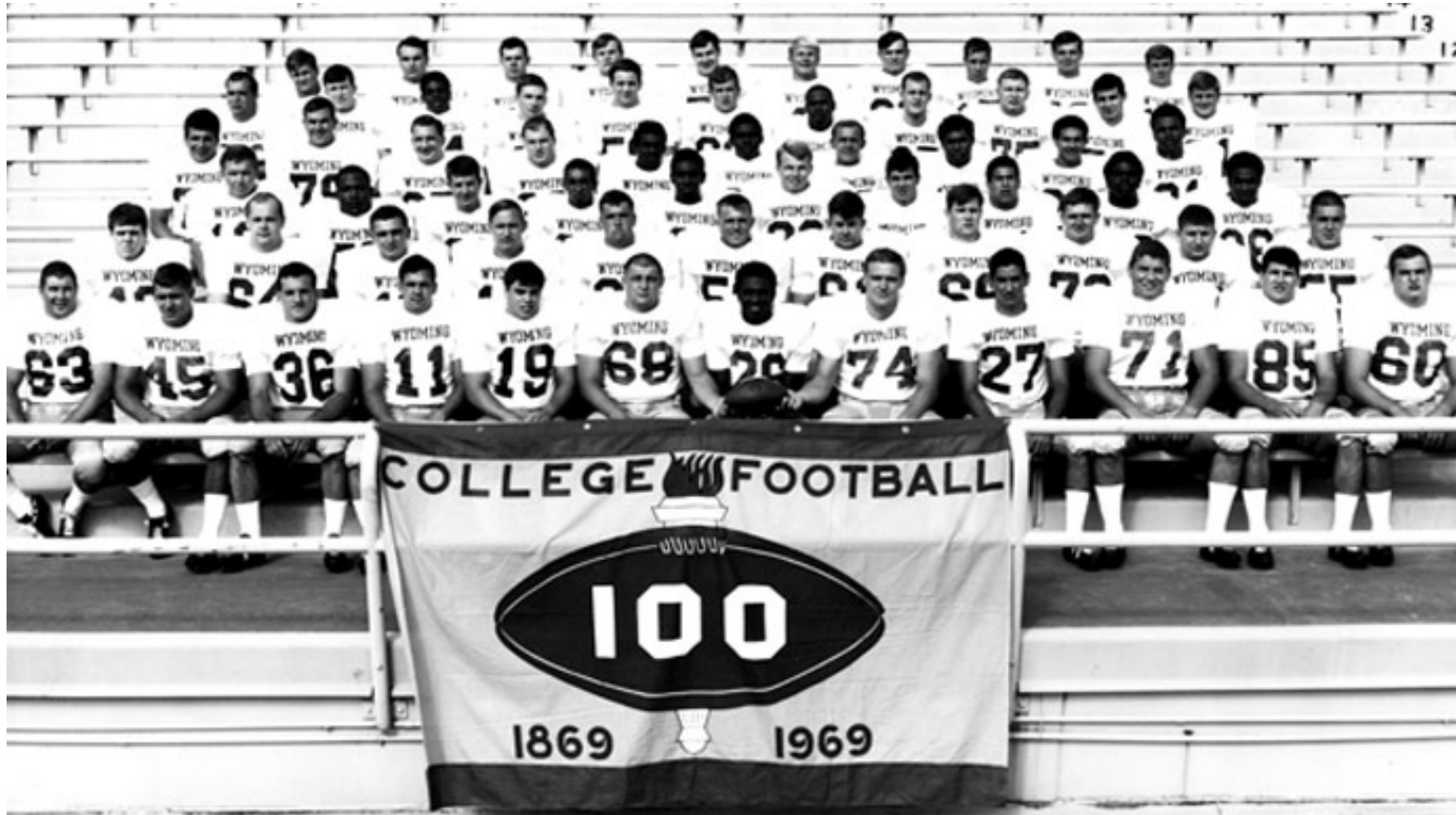
PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR HIS BRILLIANT PORTRAYAL OF THE MAD RULER, IN O'NEILL'S "EMPEROR JONES," ROBESON HAS LONG BEEN A GREAT FAVORITE ON THE STAGE AND SCREEN.

INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS AS A CONCERT ARTIST, PAUL LOVES TO SING THE SONGS OF THE PEOPLE. ALWAYS IN DEMAND FOR THE STAGE, SCREEN AND RADIO, HE NOW DEVOTES HIS TALENTS TO THE WAR EFFORT, BY SINGING AT BOND RALLIES, AND FOR THE BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES.





The Black 14 of Wyoming



Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf



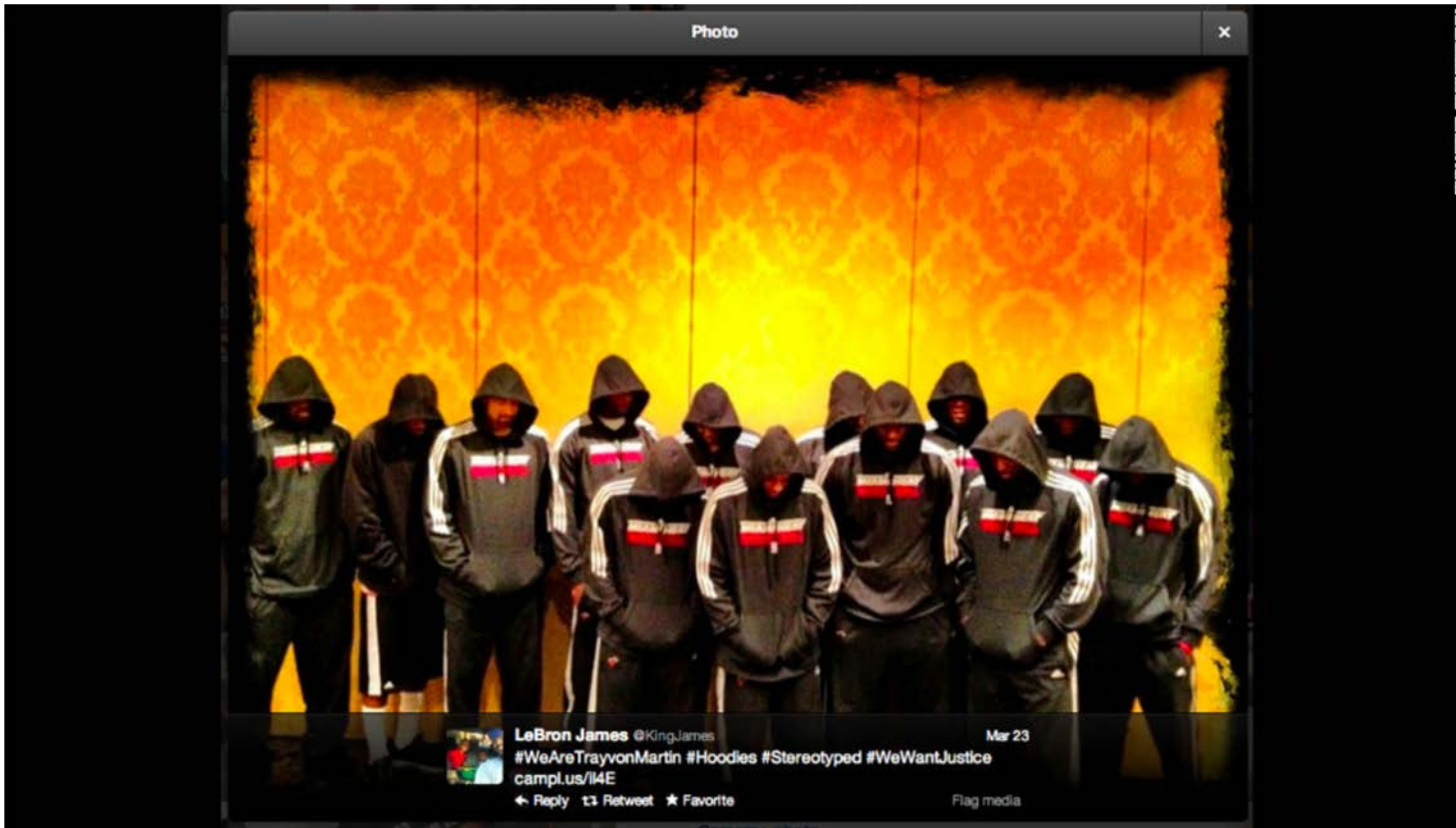
Flags, Anthems, and Sport



Toni Smith in 2003



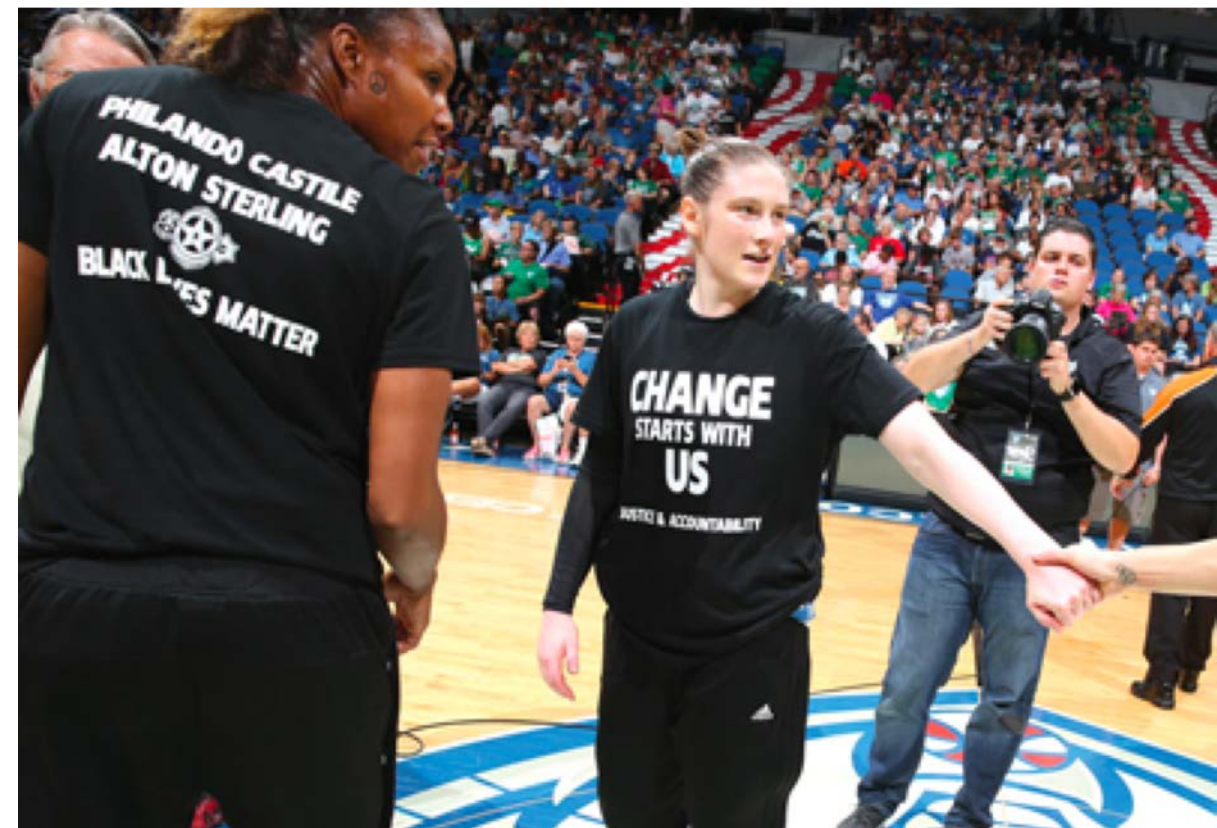
LeBron James and Friends in the NBA



NFL Protests



WNBA players



Colin Kaepernick



Megan Rapinoe (USA Soccer)



Brandon Marshall



Garfield High School (Seattle, WA)



Indiana Fever



Broncos in 2017 Season



Public College Sport Athletes



Gyree Duarte





PARKWAY HIGH SCHOOL

BECKY GRAY, *Assistant Principal*

WAYLON BATES, *Principal*

JUSTIN JAMES, *Assistant Principal*

September 28, 2017

Re: Extracurricular Events

To: Student Athletes and Parents

The LHSAA (Louisiana High School Athletic Association) allows school principals to make decisions regarding student participation in the National Anthem while competing in athletic contests and games. Parkway High School requires student athletes to stand in a respectful manner throughout the National Anthem during any sporting event in which their team is participating. Failure to comply will result in loss of playing time and/or participation as directed by the head coach and principal. Continued failure to comply will result in removal from the team. Parkway High School is committed to creating a positive environment for sporting events that is free of disruption to the athletic contest or game.

Sincerely,

Waylon Bates

Principal

Parkway High School

Students and First Amendment

Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Com.

S.D. (1969): Balancing rights of student/staff with obligation of school to keep order

- No viewpoint discrimination
- No well-founded expectation of disruption



Athletes in School Limitations

- Participation in sport a privilege not a right
- Athletes subject themselves to different rules and expectations as athletes
- Can be interpreted as fewer Constitutional protections

Youth Athletes



2018





Believe in something. Even if it
means sacrificing everything.

Thank you!
Questions?