

USD To Work On Cultural Sensitivity After Incident

VERMILLION (AP) — University of South Dakota officials have said they plan to strengthen student conduct policies and do more work on cultural sensitivity after an incident involving an American Indian student during the school's homecoming parade.

Alexis Oskolkoff, 30, a senior majoring in anthropology and Native studies, told the *Argus Leader* newspaper that she and her 10-year-old son, who were dressed in tribal regalia for the Oct. 5 parade, were taunted by other students who made an inappropriate comment and gestures regarding their race.

"He was really upset," Oskolkoff said of her son. "You could tell it hurt his feelings. I shouted at them so they stopped. I mean, I'm used to having racial things said to me. But when it comes to my son, I put my foot down."

Dean of Students Kim Grieve called the incident "very, very disappointing, very troubling," and university spokeswoman Tena Haraldson said the university prides itself on being inclusive of people from all cultures.

"It's always going to be an ongoing process of education and enlightening people," Haraldson said. "Sometimes people say and do stupid things."

Representatives from Strollers, the university's oldest student-run organization and the group responsible for the float from which the taunts came, apologized verbally and in writing to Oskolkoff and her son.

"I was shocked and horrified when I heard about the event," Strollers President Chris Jahr said. "The situation was very disappointing, and I am glad to have had a chance to rectify it for all parties."

Strollers adviser Lindsay Sparks said the perpetrators have not been identified. Jahr said members of Strollers, which performs sketch comedy, would be happy to work with Oskolkoff to bring more cultural awareness to the campus. Grieve plans to work with student organizations and the Student Government Association to institute stronger sanctions against students or groups who violate school policies.

"We want to make sure that it's a student organization policy that ... they could lose their organization membership. They could also lose funding," Grieve said. "There is going to be a zero tolerance policy, and it will be a much stricter policy."

Oskolkoff said the apologies from Strollers seemed sincere and meant a lot to her son, but that more needs to be done or she will not return to the university next semester.

"I want the institution to enforce ... guidelines that have consequences for their no tolerance policy," she said. "I want the institution to implement cultural sensitivity programs, to make organizations be required to attend cultural or diversity events and provide better support for students who are from diverse backgrounds."

Kicking Cancer



The Yankton Gazelles Soccer Team purchased and wore pink "kicking cancer" warm up T-shirts for their play in game to the state championship that was played on Saturday, Oct. 12.

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Y.C. To Confer Honorary Doctorate Degrees On Two At Spring Meeting

The members of the Yankton College Board of Trustees, at the regular Fall Meeting held on Sept. 20-21, unanimously approved the bestowing of Honorary Degrees upon two long-time trustees who have set examples for support of their alma mater both by the dedication of their time to the continuation of the YC legacy and by their consistently generous financial support.

Charley Trantina, a native of Wagner and 1951 graduate of Yankton College with a degree in Economics, Business Administration and History, lives in Sun City West, Ariz., with his wife, Linda. Soon after graduation he made a professional commitment to the sale and brokerage of insurance products and was highly successful in that

arena, garnering many professional awards and accolades. He was consistently recognized for meeting and setting new goals and he was a member of the Phoenix Executives' Club, the Toastmasters Organization, Rotary and Civitan International. He also made a commitment to his alma mater: he has served on the Board of Trustees for 36 years; he has been President of the Alumni Council; he has been awarded the Alumni Service Award and he has been in the forefront of those who have financially supported the institution. At every turn, when asked, Trantina has given and continues



Trantina



Neubauer

to give, raising the bar ever higher for those who aspire to be like him. Trantina will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa, designed for those who have made exceptional contributions to scholarship and the arts, during the Spring Board Meeting weekend of April 25-26, 2014.

Joan Bunnell Neubauer grew up in Yankton and graduated from Yankton College in 1957 with a BA in English and Speech. After graduation she located in California where she specialized in elementary education, then earned a Master's Degree in Speech Rehabilitation which served as an entry to the areas of special education and administration. Her professional career was accompanied with one in performance arts; she was an award-winning actress in stage, film and TV before

returning to live in Yankton in 2007. She has been given the Yankton College Service Award, was elected to the Yankton High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame and was recently named Arts Advocate of the Year. As a member of the Board of Trustees since 1994 and Chair of that group since 1998, Neubauer has helped direct the destinies of the College for 19 years. Her financial support has been deep and unending; her vision has kept alive the mantra, "Yankton College Forever," and her work in the Yankton community is exemplary. Neubauer will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Literature and Letters Honoris Causa, designed for those who have made significant contributions to the humanities and society. Her award will be bestowed, as well, in April 2014.

The awards will be conferred in ceremonies to which the public is invited. More information will be forthcoming.

OBITUARIES

Cole Nelson

Cole Charles Nelson, 9 of Colome, South Dakota passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at his home near Colome.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Colome High School Gymnasium. Burial will follow in the Winner City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 20, at the First Christian Church in Winner from 4-6 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Cole Charles Nelson was born to Clint and Robin on June 3rd, 2004.

On December 17th, 2012 we discovered Cole had a mass on his brain. Two days later, he had surgery to remove the mass and the doctors diagnosed Cole with an aggressive brain cancer. After a ten-month courageous battle with cancer, on October 15, at the age of 9 years, 4 months and 12 days our Hero's spirit went to Heaven and he gained his angel wings.

At an early age, Cole showed great interest in trains. His first engine was Thomas and his collection grew from there.

Cole also loved being outside. You could find him riding in the tractor with his dad, mowing, riding bike or playing in the dirt with his



Nelson

tractors and pay loaders and right alongside him was his sister Lilly. They both loved being outside together.

If Cole could have, he would have lived at a campground every summer. Our whole family loved to camp and go fishing. Clint bought a boat because Cole said "shore fishing is so boring, daddy." Cole loved to fish and was very good at it. You did not bother him when he was fishing so he would not miss his "big" catch.

Cole tried AAU wrestling and baseball but Cole told us that he thought basketball was going to be his sport.

He was always the center of attention in the room. He always made everyone laugh and he always enjoyed life.

Cole is survived by his parents Clint and Robin, his sister Lilly, grandparents Stanley and Karen Schaeffer of Menno, SD; Warren Nelson and special friend Gloria Martin both of Sioux Falls, SD and Charlene Nelson of Winner, SD, great grandmother Mabel Mayes of Winner, SD. Aunts and uncles Renee and Dan Harter of Minatare, NE, David and Katie Schaeffer of Yankton, SD, Sarah and Chance Tucker of Welch, OK, Gerrad and Lucinda Nelson of Sioux Falls, SD. Cousins Dalton,

Daci and Dani Harter, Anjeliena Schaeffer, Dalani Tucker, Wesley and Grant Nelson. Along with numerous great aunts and uncles, distant cousins and numerous friends.

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Elsie Heisinger

Elsie Heisinger, 95, of Yankton died at her residence at Walnut Village.

Funeral arrangements are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Deloris Hochstein

Deloris Mae Hochstein, 78 of Hartington, Neb., died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, at her residence after a brief illness.

Mass of Christian Burial

is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley, with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Hartington.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church with a rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday one hour prior to services in Bow Valley.

Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, is in charge of arrangements.

Adam Bender Sr.

Adam Bender Sr., 70, of Yankton died unexpectedly at his residence.

Pending arrangements are with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory of Yankton.

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Tami Keller
Funeral Director

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