

# Grieve 'energized' by USD student body



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## Spotlight On

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It's been an exciting five months for USD's new dean of students.

That's how long Kimberly Grieve, Ph.D., has served in that role, and she said she's looking to the future.

"This is a very, very exciting time at the university," she said. "We're adding to the MUC, and we're also adding more and more programming for students."

"We're also working on a diversity initiative that I'm really excited about," she said. "That's been one of my passions for the past 25 years in higher ed."

Grieve came to USD

from Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH, where she most recently served as assistant vice president, dean of students and retention.

She started at USD July 20, 2012.

"I've really enjoyed moving to Vermillion," Grieve said. "People are very friendly and students are wonderful. I just can't believe how active the students are, how polite they are, and just how open to new ideas they are."

Grieve interacts with more students than some university employees, as Student Services oversees such a range of organizations and activities, from housing and international student services to cheerleaders and Charlie Coyote.

"It's a really, really large division," she said. "We have a large staff,

and we're all pretty busy. ...

"I'm fortunate in my position that I work with almost all the entities on campus, so it's been fun to get to know who the people in the sports are, the academic area and all the other areas," she said.

In addition to her duties as dean of students, Grieve also has plans to serve as an instructor, teaching student development theory in the fall and law and higher ed in the spring.

"In the past I've taught statistics and leadership courses, and the first-year experience courses," she said. "I think having that experience has really augmented my experience with student services, and allowed me to really feel competent and comfortable as the

dean of students."

Grieve also is active on several boards and is a member of the Association on Higher Education and Disability, as well as the Students Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

She received a Ph.D. in leadership in higher education and a master's degree in education from the University of Toledo, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University.

When she's not working, Grieve enjoys running, biking, doing yoga, reading, spending time with her family and traveling.

"My children live all over the country," she said. "My oldest daughter is in Austin, TX, my youngest is in Cleveland, OH, and my son just recently moved north of Anchorage, AK."

Grieve said working with the students is her favorite part of the job.

"Students really bring an energy lift," she said. "(Wednesday) I just felt like a whole new person because the students were coming back to campus. You get so energized. I really love working with them."

## 5 VHS grapplers place at Saturday invite

**By Parker Knox**  
Sportswriter

Seven Tanagers wrestled at the Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational hosted by Brandon Valley High School Saturday, and five of them came home with places, including two thirds, a fifth, a sixth and an eighth place.

As a team Vermillion accumulated 64 points, good for 14th among the 16 competing schools. Huron won the team title, followed by Canton and Brandon Valley.

Regan Bye went 4-1 en route to his third-place medal at 145 pounds. He took only 44 seconds to nail Flandreau's Elliot Amdahl in the first round, then won by major decision, 11-2, over Grant Dougherty, Brandon Valley, to reach the semifinals. There he lost to the eventual champion, Canton's Alex Davies, 5-1. Bye bounced back strongly with an 11-1 major decision over Jordan Clarke of Fulda-Murray County Central. He climaxed his day with a 3:43 pin over Tri-Valley's Derek Eldeen in the third-place go. Bye is now 17-5 for the season.

The price one pays for being one of the state's very best wrestlers is that it becomes bigger news when

he loses than when he wins. Such was the case for Vermillion's 152-pounder, Brett Bye, who entered the tournament unbeaten at 15-0. After a first-round bye, he decided Canton's Gabe Plueger, 5-0, but in the semifinals Bye, rated No. 1 in Class "A" going in, faced the top wrestler in Class "B" circles, Tri-Valley's Zach Schuman, who came in with a 23-1 record. Schuman edged Bye, 9-7, to hand Brett his first loss. He responded, however, with a 4-2 decision over Flandreau's Jake Scofield and a 5-3 decision in the third-place match over Tyler Gee of Dell Rapids. Bye now stands at 18-1.

After a first-round bye, Alex Osborne at 170 pounds lost by major decision, 14-0, to Francis Boehmer, Sioux Falls Roosevelt. He stayed alive with a 12-3 major decision over Canton's Josh Lasley and a 3-1 win over Riley Miller, Dell Rapids. Osborne lost 3-0 to Caleb VanWyhe, Canton, then won an 8-3 overtime decision over Huron's Connor Gose in the fifth-place match. Osborne takes an 11-9 record into further competition.

At 132 pounds eighth grader Carter Kratz had a

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## Goal of league, parents is sanctioned high school soccer in Vermillion

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It's been less than two months since a state organization made a decision to no longer sponsor high school soccer activities after the end of the 2014 season.

Local high school soccer enthusiasts wasted no time in making sure that the Vermillion School Board is aware of that change.

A standing-room-only crowd was in the audience for the beginning of Monday, Dec. 10 board meeting in the Al Neuharth Media Center, making a pitch for Tanager boys and girls soccer to be elevated from its present club sport status to that of an activity formally sanctioned by the Vermillion School District.

"Although I do not have children in high school at this point in time, I am a Vermillion resident with three young kids who I hope will someday have the opportunity to be able to decide what sport or activity they will participate in while in Vermillion High School, including soccer," said Pat Cross, the new president of the Vermillion Youth Soccer League.

On behalf of the league, he made a formal request to the school board to sanction both girls' and boys' soccer. The league also presented a petition signed by over 600 registered voters in Vermillion requesting soccer be a sanctioned sport at VHS.

"We understand the

complexity of the budget at this point in time, but we believe with collaboration as well as creative financing and fundraising, this goal can become a reality," Cross said.

He noted that for years, the Vermillion Soccer League in collaboration with the South Dakota State Soccer Association has run Vermillion's high school soccer teams.

The state association, in late November 2012, agreed to end its sponsorship of high school soccer activities after the 2014 season ends. At that point, the only high school soccer available in South Dakota will be that sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

"In 2011, South Dakota became the last state in the

United States to sanction high school soccer," Cross said. "But time was allowed to determine whether soccer was going to be sanctioned at the high school level or not. So what you had last year were some teams that went sanctioned, and some teams that didn't."

Approximately half of the Class A schools in South Dakota – a total of nine – sanctioned their high school soccer teams last year, he said.

"This led to an interesting situation where there were two championships per gender and per class," Cross said, referring to separate tournaments for non-sanctioned and sanctioned teams.

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