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## Combating racism and intolerance on the college campus

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*The Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at the University of Oklahoma on Monday, March. 9, 2015 in Norman, Oklahoma. The SAE fraternity has been banned from campus after a video surfaced of members shouting and singing racial slurs. Nick Oxford/AP*

Investigations continue Wednesday at the University of Oklahoma after a video surfaced of fraternity members singing a racist chant.

Two members of the U of O's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity said to be leading the chant were expelled Tuesday. One of those students has apologized, as did the parents of the other.

The ugly behavior showcased on that brief video has sparked a lot of conversation. While many

would like to believe this was an isolated incident, stereotyping and other racist beliefs and behaviors persist across college campuses in this country.

Belinda Tucker, vice provost of the UCLA Institute of American Cultures, says colleges can try to foster more awareness of cultural diversity by adding it to curriculum. She says UCLA is attempting to add a diversity requirement for undergraduate students in the College of Letters and Science, following the lead of universities around the country and in the UC system.

Tucker says the effort stems from trying to prevent OU's exact situation from happening elsewhere.

"Of course, no one can prevent intolerance, but we believe that you can create a climate at a university that is more accepting of difference," she said.