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Scholarship applications coming in at good pace

May meeting planned to name recipients

Six applications have been received so far for scholarships that will be awarded this spring by the OU Club of Austin.

President Fred Dupy said he expects more applications will be coming in as the deadline approaches next Monday, Apr. 30.

Fred adds that he will be calling a meeting of the Board of Directors in early May to consider the applications. He notes that all members of the club — not just those on the Board — who are interested in participating in the process are invited to do so.

An email announcing the date, time and place of the May meeting will be sent out. You also can check the club website in the days ahead on that.

Applications are available on the club's website. In the list at the left of the home page, click on "OU Scholarship Awards." The website is at: www.ouclubofaustin.com/oucoa

Downtown watch party site being sought

Club leaders are working these days to secure a downtown site for our watch parties this fall.

They think they've found a good place and are exploring that now.

A growing number of our members of late have said they would appreciate a central Austin location, so work is proceeding on that basis.

We'll keep you posted on developments.



— *The Oklahoma Daily*

UP, UP AND AWAY! — OU student Lindsay Sawyer, left, stars as pioneering Oklahoma astronaut Geraldyn "Jerrie" Cobb. She is shown "flying" during rehearsal with Connor Konz, who is portraying an early-day Norman mayor.

Play's world premiere at OU notes Norman astronaut's life

In 1960 Norman-born "Jerrie" Cobb became America's first woman astronaut trainee who would fly in space.

However, three years later the National Aeronautics and Space Administration decided against sending women into space, at least during the early years of the U.S. space program.

A half-century later, a Los Angeles playwright, Laurel Ollstein, accepted a fellowship at the University of Oklahoma's School of Drama as playwright in residence.

A requirement of the fellowship was that Ms. Ollstein teach playwriting at OU and have one of her plays performed by students at the University.

This month, the world premiere run of Ollstein's "They Promised Her the

Moon" was staged several evenings at OU, portraying Cobb's life.

Cobb was born in Norman to OU alumni Harvey and Helena (Stone) Cobb in 1931, *The Norman Transcript* reports, and grew up in Oklahoma City.

She took her first flight at age 12 and began soloing on her 16th birthday.

Cobb earned her commercial license on her 18th birthday, then was hired to ferry planes to South America, Asia and Europe.

She set the world speed record in 1959 and was named aviation's "Woman of the Year."

Now 80, Cobb lives in South America, where she continues into her fourth decade of flying humanitarian supplies to Amazon natives.

'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Twister misses campus but does some damage to the rest of Norman

The Good Friday tornado that struck Norman missed the campus of the University of Oklahoma. But not by much.

A map in *The Daily Oklahoman* shows the storm striking ground first just south of Lindsey St. a bit west of I-35, then moving northeast across town. That path took it through downtown, generally along Tonhawa St., two blocks north of Main St.

That put the twister about a half-mile north of Campus Corner. A front page picture in *The Oklahoman* showing the skies over the dorms along Lindsey revealed a menacing cloud over OU as well as a stretch of blue sky just south of the cloud.

No damage was reported on the campus. And Norman suffered no casualties except for some bruises and scratches. There were some roofs stripped and other damage but, overall, things could have been much

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worse, even for a storm rated at EF-1, the least-menacing of tornadoes.

Accreditation sought at Tulsa OU's School of Community Medicine at Tulsa has begun work to obtain national accreditation.

Plans are to have the school offer a four-year course of study. Its goal is to address a growing physician shortage in Oklahoma. More specifically, the school seeks to ease the shortage of doctors in small towns and rural areas of the state.

Well, why not? For some years now, the University has been sponsoring group tours of foreign lands but the latest offering takes the cake.

This fall and winter two tours are being offered via private jet. Stops will include sites in Peru, Easter Island, Samoa, Australia, Cambodia, India, Tanzania, Egypt and Morocco.

Featured will be stops at Machu Picchu, the big heads of the moai, the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, Serengeti National Park and the Great Barrier Reef.

Those on the tour will fly aboard a private Boeing 757 jet, "delight in sumptuous banquets accompanied by traditional entertainment, and unwind in the world's finest accommodations."

Trip sponsors are the OU Alumni Assn. and the President's Associates. The fee: \$67,950.

All aboard!

Debaters no. 1 A two-member team from the University recently won a national championship. Students R.J. Giglio and Chris Leonardi took top honors in the Cross Examination Debate Assn.'s national championship.

The title is the fourth national championship for an OU debate team in the last six years.

Busy bunnies OU and Norman held three Easter egg hunts for local kids during the holiday weekend.

Staff members at OU's Sam Noble

Oklahoma Museum of Natural History somehow found room to hide some 4,000 eggs on the museum grounds.

Also, egg hunts were held the day before Easter at Lake Thunderbird State Park, and the city sponsored an egg hunt at Andrews Park.

Bedlam rivalry spreads The Veterans Center in Norman once had a lounge for military vets that was decorated in OU's red and white — uh, sorry, crimson and cream.

But a contingent of OSU fans at the center began to lobby for a lounge that more adequately suited their needs. Something featuring OSU memorabilia and the colors — ugh! — orange and black were proposed.

The Veterans Assn. caved recently. Now there are two lounges at the center on Robinson St.

Sigh.

Frankoma exhibit An exhibition of Frankoma pottery opened this month at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

OU's first lady, Molly Shi Boren, provided financial backing for the display.

Featured are work from the Oklahoma pottery once based at Sapulpa, founded by John Frank, who established the University's ceramics department in 1927. Clay from a hill near Sapulpa was used in the pottery's offerings.

The exhibition will run through Sept. 16.

Prehistoric bones found? Oklahoma anthropologists have become intrigued lately by the find of what may be prehistoric human remains in the northeastern part of the state.

A man who was hunting for arrowheads near the Pensacola Dam at Langley made the discovery and notified authorities.

An anthropologist from the state Medical Examiner's Office was to check out the find.

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Sooner spring game showcases Metoyer and Bell; defense keeps it plain vanilla, for now, nearly wins

The Oklahoma Sooners' annual spring game proved a showcase for the chatter that has developed in recent weeks about freshman receiver Trey Metoyer.

He caught six passes for 72 yards and at one point particularly wowed the crowd with a spectacular grab of a high toss.

Head Coach Bob Stoops proclaimed the game "a good day."

Quarterback Landry Jones played only the opening possession, looking good, then yielded most of the rest of the afternoon to backup Blake Bell, who completed 14 of 19 passes for 179 yards and a touchdown, a 60-yarder to Jaz Reynolds, abetted by a blown coverage.

There were some dropped passes but generally the receivers did well.

As for the defense, they kept it simple as newly returned coach Mike Stoops and his unit get acquainted. Besides, Stoops said, he didn't want to tip future opponents to the schemes the Sooners might employ this fall.

Spring games now draw big Fans are increasingly interested in attending the spring football games, *The Tulsa World* noted recently.

At least in the major programs across the land, crowds have grown markedly in recent years.

Alabama in particular has been leading the way in this, drawing better than 90,000 for their game the last few years. But the record is held by Ohio St., which drew 95,722 to its game in 2009.

OU usually is in the 20,000 range of late, with Oklahoma St. a few thousand back of that. Mid-major programs such as Tulsa still are trailing with a couple of thousand each year.

Weather cuts attendance OU's crowd this year was 20,509 and might have been larger had it not been for the weather forecast, which was calling for an extensive tornado outbreak.

The outbreak did strike the Woodward area, where six people died, including three children. But the storms that day mostly were in Kansas and

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Nebraska.

The day before the game, a twister did hit Norman, but no casualties were reported despite some significant property damage.

2013 spring game on TV? Chances seem good that next year's spring football game will be on TV.

Such, at least, was the comment in a recent *Daily Oklahoman* article, which noted that OU and Fox Sports appear near to closing a deal that will produce some 1,000 hours of OU programming per year.

Softball success The Sooner softball team is having a good season. Ranked 5th and 6th in national polls and leading the Big XII, OU sports the nation's top earned-run average, 0.92.

The likely showdown for the season will be May 4-6, when Texas goes to Norman.

Baseball is showing some signs of improvement of late. OU swept Missouri in its most recent Big XII series.

The Sooner nine has now won nine in a row after last weekend's sweep of Alabama St.

Pitching and defense are OK

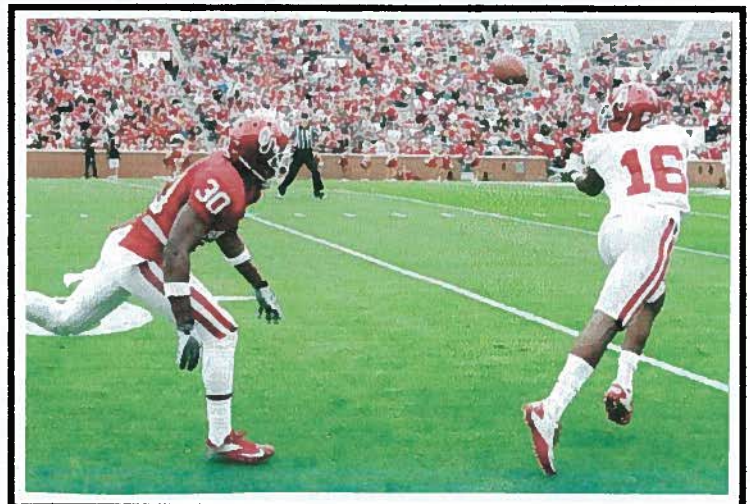
but some more offense is needed.

Two more books The lives of two former OU coaches Billy Tubbs (men's basketball) and Bennie Owen (football) are to be the subject of biographies being published by the Oklahoma Heritage Assn.

The association is conducting a fund-raising effort to help finance the works. Contact Gini Campbell, 405-532-3202 or gmc@oklahomaheritage.com



— *The Oklahoman*
TREY METOYER does his thing against Joe Powell in this year's spring football game at Norman.



— *The Oklahoman*
JAZ REYNOLDS makes the catch in a 60-yard play, longest of the day during the spring game.

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Adrian Peterson donates \$1 million for new dorm

Former Sooner running back Adrian Peterson, now starring for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, has contributed \$1 million to the University to

help fund the new Headington Hall dormitory being built just across Lindsey St. from Owen Field.

"I always hoped to be in a position

to be able to donate back to the University of Oklahoma," Peterson said, "and make it an even better place, do whatever I could to help the university that did so much for me.

"There just came a time when I got established and comfortable enough to make it happen," he said of his donation.

"It was a no-brainer to do it and I am thankful that I'm in a position to give back to OU and to show my appreciation," Peterson added.

Calendar of events

Event/(TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Deadline to apply for club scholarship (see p. 1)	Apr. 30 Mon.		Mail application to: Fred Dupy, 1905 Shadow Brook Circle, Round Rock
Pre-season kickoff dinner	Aug. 30 Thur.	TBA	TBA
Football watch party OU @ UT-El Paso	Sept. 1 Sat.	TBA	TBA



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