

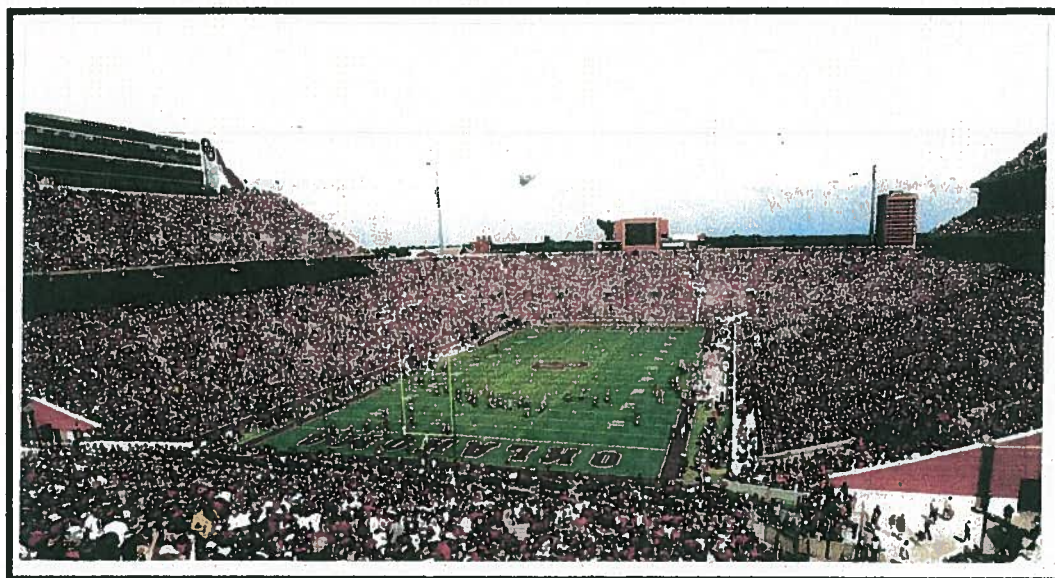
# THE BAJA OKLAHOMAN

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## It's football time in Oklahoma

*Barbecue and  
season's  
first watch  
party  
set Sept. 1, 3*



Just in the nick of time, here comes Sooner football once again.

OU Club of Austin members will gather in the first week of September to usher in OU's 116th season of intercollegiate football.

First, next Thursday, Sept. 1, we'll

convene at PoK-e-Jo's Smokehouse, 2121 W. Parmer Lane, for barbecue. That will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Then Saturday it's kickoff time when, at 7 p.m., the Sooners host Tulsa at Owen Field.

We'll watch the Fox Southwest

telecast at the usual place, the Marriott in Round Rock.

So put on something crimson and let's do it up right.

The club still is scouting out possible sites for a second watch party site in Central or South Austin. TBA.

*Cool, man. Cool*

### Pool party attracts Sooner faithful

Well, we bill it as a "pool party" each year but this year? Not so much. But a social gathering there was, as members of the OU Club of Austin convened in the delightfully air-conditioned home of Fred and Monica Dupy.

Not far away was the pool but most if not all those attending seemed to enjoy staying in the Dupy home for the afternoon. Something to do with high temperatures outside, 'twas said.

No matter. The 25 or so who were on hand had a fine time, visiting and looking ahead to September, when things really pick up for the club.

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# 'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Another round of OU building dedications coming up in the weeks ahead at Norman, Tulsa

Dedication ceremonies for new buildings at the University of Oklahoma are becoming almost commonplace.

Beginning this week, several more buildings will be formally opened.

The first is Anne and Henry Zarrow Hall for the School of Social Work. Soon following will be ceremonies for Gould Hall for the College of Architecture, the Stuart Wing of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art and, in Tulsa, the Schusterman Center Library.

**Zarrow cost \$12 million** Zarrow Hall is a \$12 million, 30,000-square-foot, three-story building, completed this summer. The Zarrow's foundation has often made donations to the University.

These have also helped fund the OU Health Sciences Centers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center in Oklahoma City and the OU Wayman Tisdale Health Center in

## Campus notes

Tulsa and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

The Zarrow's also have contributed to several campus beautification projects, scholarships and endowments.

**Art collection's new home** The new wing on the Jones art museum will feature a new gallery that will showcase the Adkins Collection of Taos Colony art, the Bialac Collection of Native American paintings and the Sandor Collection of photography.

The addition to the Jones building also involved modernizing and beautifying all of the original 1971 museum structure.

Also, a mezzanine gallery now will allow the University to display more of its photo collection. The new wing will be opened to the public on Oct. 23-25, the weekend of the Texas Tech football game.

The Jones museum ranks in the top five nationally among university art museums in strength and value of its collections.

**Largest freshman class enters** Some 4,000 freshman are enrolling this fall at the University, the largest in school history.

President David Boren recalled that as recently as 1995, the figure was 2,600.

This year's freshman class is also expected to be highly ranked academically and to maintain OU's Number 1 national ranking in National Merit Scholars enrolled, Dr. Boren notes.

**OU center top ranked** The OU Medical Center has been ranked the no. 1 hospital among 38 in the Oklahoma City area by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The center, now housed in four buildings — Children's Hospital, the Stephenson Cancer Center, the Hamm Diabetes Center and the Physicians

Specialty Clinic — was recognized for its work in research, education and patient-centered clinical care.

Cited in particular were the center's high performance in five specialties: cancer, urology, gynecology, nephrology and ear, nose and throat.

**103 years later: a BA** Oklahoma's first Rhodes Scholar, who later taught English more than 40 years at OU, recently received his bachelor's degree — 103 years after he completed undergraduate studies at what now is Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford.

SOSU granted the degree recently to Walter Stanley Campbell, who died at 70 in 1957.

Campbell also wrote some two dozen historical books under the name Stanley Vestal.

**OU grad/actor dies** G.D. Spradlin, who went on from OU to become well-established in Hollywood, died last month at 90.

Born near Pauls Valley, he earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University, then was a lawyer for Phillips Petroleum, then an independent oilman, retiring in 1960.

Three years later, while accompanying his daughter Wendy to one of her acting classes at the Mummer's Theater in Oklahoma City, Spradlin was persuaded to read for a role in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and won the part.

After an unsuccessful run for mayor of Oklahoma City, Spradlin and his family moved to Los Angeles in 1966 and began work in TV before he landed a movie role in "Will Penny."

He also appeared in such films as "North Dallas Forty," "MacArthur," "The Formula," "The War of the Roses" and "Ed Wood."

**OU 3rd in US tribal grads** The University graduated 241 Native Americans last year, third nationally.

That was seven per cent of the degrees granted.

The state had six universities ranked among the top 12 in the nation in graduating Native Americans.

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### Club officers — 2010-11

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# TV or not TV?

*That is the question as Big XII schools ponder whether they can have their own stations*

As the fussing persists in the Big XII Conference about the University of Texas' new TV channel, the University of Oklahoma continues to pursue plans for its own channel.

Similar reports have come in recent weeks from Kansas St. and Missouri. And, of course, Texas A&M officials are so upset about UT's plans, they're talking about jumping to the Southeast Conference.

OU athletic director Joe Castiglione said last month that OU is moving ahead on its plans but the suggestion, made earlier this year, that the Sooner channel might be on the air this year seems unlikely at this point.

**Round-the-clock TV** Castiglione said last month that plans are being explored for a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week TV channel.

And, he points out, much of the production equipment the University will need already is in use at Norman. This was put a dozen years ago at Owen Field, and today includes a control room, cameras and upgrades.

The issue now is finding the right arrangement for putting a sustainable product on the air, Castiglione said, stressing the issue of sustainability.

"You've got to remember, we have had a network for 12 years and we still have a network," he said. He was referring to the online services the studio has been providing.

**Finding the right partner** A key to this might be finding an established cable outlet that will sign on to help OU with its venture. It is this factor that enabled Texas to go ahead — ESPN gives UT expertise and help with startup costs.

What's being envisioned at Norman, Castiglione said — a TV cable channel — is a different kind of outlet from the present Internet channel. But, he indicated, the Internet channel offers OU a head start towards a TV.

*Daily Oklahoman* sportswriter Berry

## Sports notes

Tramel wrote a few days after Castiglione spoke that the amount of time OU is taking to get onto TV is traceable to two things:

1) whether OU would find that financially viable over the months and years ahead and

2) that the venture not end up being "a money pit."

Meantime, Sooner fans will be content with checking out the University's programming on the website.

Stay tuned.

**Meet the Sooners in the shade** It is usually held out in the open each August but this year the Oklahoma sun has been working even harder than usual.

That led OU athletic officials to move the annual Meet the Sooners autograph session into the somewhat less oppressive conditions under the stands.

Likewise, OU head coach Bob Stoops moved several of the first fall practice sessions to the early morning, beginning at 6:45.

Mostly, it was the heat that caused the rescheduling but some players still were finishing up classwork the week that football practice began.

**Okie now ESPN's man host** The new primary anchor of ESPN is OU graduate Darl Nowkhah.

Nowkhah moves into his new job after serving as an anchor at ESPN. He

succeeds Lowell Galindo, who is moving to the new Longhorn Network.

**Don Key flourishing** Former OU lineman Don Key was interviewed recently by Berry Tramel of *The Daily Oklahoman*. Key, of course, is the player whose football career was cut short by kidney injury and cancer some 30 years ago when he was a starting guard for the Sooners.

Key, now a resident of Fort Smith, Ark., is the man in whose name an award is given each year to a Sooner football player who best exemplifies the many superior qualities of Key, both on the field and in the classroom.

This month, he recalled how resistant his mother was to his playing at OU — too far from his home in Texas, his mother believed.

Then, Key said, Coach Barry Switzer came visiting in the Key home one day. Mrs. Key changed her mind.

**Women's basketball set for '12** Two national powers will visit Norman when women's basketball season begins this fall. Ohio St. and Connecticut will come to town.

And OU will host some first- and second-round games in the NCAA tournament next spring.

**Selmon statues proposed** Former OU football coach Barry Switzer recently told a crowd in Oklahoma City he believes statues of the three Selmon brothers — Lucious, Dewey and Lee Roy — should be erected on campus.

Switzer offered his proposal while introducing Lucious Selmon at the installation banquet of the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

## There's still time to pay those 2011 dues

We pay dues each year during the summer. Notices were sent out a few weeks back and the response was good.

If you haven't tended to that chore yet, please send a check to:

OU Club of Austin, 1905 Shadow Brook Circle, Round Rock 78681.

Hope to see you at the barbecue on Thursday, Sept. 1, and the first watch party of 2011 two days later, when the Sooners host Tulsa at 7 p.m.

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### Calendar of events

Event/(TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Pre-season kickoff dinner	Sept. 1 Thurs.	6 p.m.	PoK-e-Jo's Smokehouse 2121 W. Parmer Lane
Football watch party Tulsa @ OU (FoxSW)	Sept. 3 Sat.	7 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera (near Tx 45, between MoPac and I-35)
Football watch party OU @ Florida St. (ABC)	Sept. 17 Sat.	7 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera
Football watch party Missouri @ OU (FoxSW)	Sept. 24 Sat.	7 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera
Big XII Happy Hour	Sept. 29 Thurs.	TBA	TBA
Football watch party Ball St. @ OU (PPView)	Oct. 1 Sat.	6 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera

### Florida St. game will kick off at 7 p.m. on ABC

The Sooners will be needing night vision glasses this year, it appears.

ABC recently decided to air the Sooners' visit to Florida St. at 7 p.m.

That will make the OU's first four games this season night affairs. The string will be broken against Texas, when a morning kickoff is planned at Dallas, 11 a.m.



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