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Fiesta watch party

It's Fiesta time for Sooner fans this Saturday as the OU football team will meet the Huskies of the University of Connecticut in the Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.

OU fans from Austin and Central Texas will convene for a watch party at the Marriott Hotel in Round Rock, 2600 La Frontera Blvd., for the game, which will kick off a little after the 7:30 airtime on ESPN.

Lee Lanham, our club's watch party impressario,

will have the lathstring out that evening. We hope you will be there to join the fun.

And if you haven't made one of our watch parties yet, this might be a good time to give it a try. It's good fun and fine fellowship. And the Marriott's River City Grille has a good selection of food and drink and pronto service.

See you there!

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 • 7:30 p.m. • the Marriott in Round Rock

OU will send its 28th Rhodes scholar to Oxford this fall

A prospective physician from Sioux Falls, S.D., has become the 28th student at the University of Oklahoma to be named a Rhodes scholar.

She is Sarah Swenson, who will graduate summa cum laude next spring with a bachelor's degree from the University in zoology and biomedical sciences.

"Sarah has brought great pride to

the University of Oklahoma by winning the Rhodes scholarship," said David Boren, OU president. Dr. Boren was named a Rhodes scholar while attending Yale in 1965.

Though she intends to become a physician, Swenson plans to study literature at Oxford and incorporate lessons learned from great writers into her pursuit of medicine and with patient care.

"I really value travel and cultural experiences," she said.

She added that she wants to broaden her studies in humanities, which she thinks will make her a better physician.

After Oxford, she will enter medical school at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

One of Swenson's high school classmates, who attends the University of Iowa, also was named one of the nation's 32 Rhodes winners this year.

Two OU presidents, Boren and Joseph Brandt, were Rhodes scholars, as were Carl Albert, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Savoie Lottinville, longtime director of the OU Press.

OU's Rhodes scholars — 1904-2010

William L. Kendall	1904	Jack M. Luttrell	1938
E.K. Kline	1907	J. Raymond Hinshaw	1947
W.J. Holleman	1920	William L. Howard	1948
Joseph A. Brandt	1921	Lewis Salter Jr.	1949
W.E. Robertson	1924	Aldon D. Bell	1951
Charles E. Springer	1927	Guy W.H. Parkhurst Jr.	1964
Savoie Lottinville	1929	Jack S. Dennis	1965
Carl Albert	1931	William C. McGrew III	1965
Willmoore Kendall	1932	Pete Kyle McCarter Jr.	1967
John Fischer	1933	Phillip L. Jackson	1973
David St. Clair	1933	Timothy L. Tabor	1975
George C. McGhee	1934	Jason R. Sanders	2000
J. Richard Carpenter	1935	Andrea M. DenHoed	2008
Leroy W. Earley	1938	Sarah Swenson	2010

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Sooner rookies wowing the pro sports world

Sam Bradford, Blake Griffin causing a stir, onfield and oncourt

Not often do rookies make a huge splash during their first years in professional sports leagues. But two exceptions from the University of Oklahoma are making lots of waves these days.

Football quarterback Sam Bradford and basketball power forward Blake Griffin were both the No. 1 draft choices coming out of Norman. They were the subjects of cover stories in *USA Today* this month. And that's just part of the notice the two athletes have stirred.

Bradford has led the St. Louis Rams to six wins so far this season as they contend for a division title. That's as many wins as the Rams earned in the past three years.

And Griffin is one of just three NBA players who are averaging more than 20 points and 11 rebounds a game.

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Sports notes

And not only are the two former Sooners getting the job done on the field and on the court, they're wowing fans and media reporters with their modesty and approachability.

The Four B's being honored Two of four statues, nearly twice life-size, planned on the OU campus to honor the University's four football coaches who have presided over more than 100 victories have been dedicated.

The monuments to Bennie Owen (1905-26) and Bud Wilkinson (1947-1963) were dedicated before the Texas Tech game last month.

Two other statues, to Barry Switzer (1973-87) and to Bob Stoops (1999-present), will be dedicated next fall.

The statues stand in the courtyard of Bud Wilkinson House, across the street to the east of Memorial Stadium.

Their granite bases came from Granite, Okla.; the statues, done in bronze, were produced in Del City.

OU hockey (yes, hockey) Bet you didn't know OU has a hockey team. Well, they're ranked 9th among the nation's hockey-playing colleges and

have compiled a 17-8-1 record so far.

The season will conclude in February. The national championship will be determined by a tournament in Newark, Del., in early March.

Hockey is not an NCAA event; it's considered a club sport in college, governed by the American Collegiate Hockey Assn.

OU plays its hockey in Oklahoma City, on the minor league Blazers' rink.

Footballers top list Oklahoma's football teams have posted the most 11-win seasons among the nation's college teams. *The Daily Oklahoman's* Barry Tramel compiled the list and reported the Sooners' 20 11-win seasons topped them all.

Others with 10 such seasons or more were: Penn St., 15; Alabama, 14; Nebraska and Southern California, 13; Florida St. and Ohio St., 11, and Texas and Miami (Fla.), 10.

Some mid-term grads Eight current and three former OU football players received their degrees at the end of this fall semester.

They are Jeremy Beal, Cory Brandon, Emmanuel Jones, Brian Lepak, Mossis Madu, Eric Mensik, DeMarco Murray and former Sooners Vince Carter, Cory Heinecke and J.D. Runnels.

Sherri Coale one of 7 nominees for the first UN Peace Award

OU women's basketball coach Sherri Coale is among seven coaches named this month for the inaugural 2010 United Nations NGO Positive Peace Award.

Named in the sports-coach category, the nomination notes that Coale encouraged members of her team and staff to visit earthquake-shattered Haiti this past summer.

She also led local fund-raising drives to build a hospital in Haiti.

Coale was nominated for the award by her pastor in Norman, Adam Barnett, of Journey Church.

Who Sherri is "is far more important, as far as her investment in her community and the development of leadership, character and integrity of those she's able to influence through basketball," said Barnett.

He added that Coale urges her players to excel in the classroom and each year helps her team members select a local organization at which to volunteer.

This year the team is assisting the work of East Main Place, a transitional living facility for homeless and poverty-stricken people.

'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: The search for Amelia Earhart comes to OU; DNA extraction attempt planned

For decades the fate of noted aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart has plagued and intrigued people. Now, a find of three bone fragments near where the Earhart plane is believed to have disappeared in 1937 has raised hopes that more may be known.

Taken from a small, deserted island in the Pacific Ocean, the fragments are now being studied by OU scientists. The hope is that the fragments may yield DNA evidence that will prove that Earhart and her flight navigator Fred Noonan crashed some 1,800 miles south of Hawaii while on the homeward leg of a round-the-world trip.

Scientists at the University's Molecular Anthropology Laboratory will try to extract DNA from the fragments for comparison to genetic material donated by a member of the

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Earhart family.

Cecil Lewis, assistant anthropology professor at the OU lab, said a little more than a gram of the bone fragments was received earlier this month.

Heupel's good works Assistant coach Josh Heupel's 14 Foundation raised some \$34,500 during its annual Holiday Food Drive before the Texas Tech game last month.

This will provide some 45,000 meals to assist families in Ada, Ardmore, Enid, Kingfisher, Lawton, Norman, Oklahoma City, Sand Springs and Stillwater.

A record 160 volunteers collected

cash donations during the drive.

The foundation also conducts a summer camp for kids which emphasizes development of a sense of self worth, goal setting and achievement. The foundation also provides Christmas gifts for needy children, as well as raising money for meals.

This and that Regents have completed purchase of the block where the original O'Connell's stands. Athletic department housing and retail is planned. . . . President David Boren says a 5% budget cut may be necessary for OU in the year ahead. . . . OU's School of Community Medicine graduated its first class of physicians this month in Tulsa. . . . OU now has some 43,000 alums living in Texas. Enrollment of students from Texas at OU now is just under 4,000.

\$12 million gift will enable completion of OU Cancer Center

The largest single donation in the history of the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City will enable completion of the new Oklahoma Cancer Center.

Peggy and Charles Stephenson, Tulsa, contributed \$12 million. The money will provide \$5.5 million for completion of the seven-story hospital, a half million for a healing garden and \$6 million to endow two positions on the hospital staff.

The gift "will make it possible for Oklahomans to receive world-class cancer treatment while remaining in their home state close to supportive family members and friends," said David Boren, OU president.

The center, scheduled to be completed in 2011, is the largest public-private biosciences initiative in Oklahoma history.

Treatment, clinical research, support programs and education will be aspects of the center's work.

The Stephensons, both originally from Antlers, also have helped fuel OU's rapidly growing Research Campus in Norman.

Their \$6 million gift to OU in 2002 helped build the Stephenson Research and Technology Center, completed in 2004, which transformed an empty field into the OU's burgeoning Research Campus.

In 2006, they made another \$18 million gift to help OU build a second

major research building.

The Stephenson Life Sciences Research Center, completed in 2010 immediately north of the SRTC, houses the Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry as well as visiting researchers from companies and other universities.



OPENING NEXT YEAR — A \$12 million donation from Peggy and Charles Stephenson, Tulsa, will enable opening next year of the Oklahoma Cancer Center on the campus of the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

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Board of directors will consider revised bylaws

The OU Club of Austin Board of Directors will consider revising the organization's bylaws at its quarterly meeting on Jan. 20.

Proposed updates and other

changes were distributed to the directors last month for their study and for any recommendations.

OU Club members are invited to attend any of the board meetings. And

if you would like the board to take up some subject, please contact Fred Dupy, president, 255-6402, and ask that your idea be put on the agenda.

A particular interest of the board lately has been to see about bringing speakers from OU to Austin. In the past, such programs have proven popular with members and been well attended.

Also, the board has been considering whether and where to have a second site for our watch parties.

Some club members have suggested a location in south Austin or downtown, since many now live well south of the usual watch-party site, the Marriott hotel in Round Rock.

Calendar of events

Event/(TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Watch party (ESPN) Oklahoma-UConn	Jan. 1 Sat.	7:30 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Oklahoma @ Texas men's basketball	Jan. 15 Sat.	3 p.m.	Frank Erwin Center 17th and Red River Sts.
Oklahoma @ Texas women's basketball	Jan. 16 Sun.	12:30 p.m.	Frank Erwin Center
Board meeting (all club members welcome)	Jan. 20 Thurs.	6 p.m.	301 Congress Ave. ste. 2000
Sooner-Bound Texans dinner and program	Feb. 23 (date tent.)	TBA	Iron Cactus Inn 10001 Stonelake Blvd.
Sooner Sendoff dinner and program	May 3 or 4 (date tent.)	TBA	TBA



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