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## Cotton Bowl watch parties set

*We'll gather at the two usual sites on Jan. 4*

OU Club of Austin fans will gather on Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m., for the football season's final watch parties when the Sooners take on Texas A&M in

the annual Cotton Bowl.

We'll gather at the usual two sites — the Round Rock Marriott and at Fado's in downtown Austin.

## Student earns OU's 29th Rhodes Scholarship

Mubeen Shakir, a senior biochemistry major from Oklahoma City, has become the 29th student from the University of Oklahoma to earn a Rhodes Scholarship to attend

England's Oxford University.

He is planning a career in oncology.

OU's first Rhodes was won back in 1904. This is the fourth such scholar-

ship earned by OU students since 2000.

Also, two other OU students have earned prestigious grants this semester.

Jerod Coker of McKinney, Tex., has been named winner of one of 40 Marshall Scholarships granted nationally this year. He plans to attend the London School of Economics for two years.

And Robin Tipps of Ardmore won one of the nation's 12 Mitchell Scholarships awarded this year. A member of the Quapaw tribe, he is planning to become a tribal attorney.

He has studied in Ireland at University College Cork and now will study public law at National University Ireland Galway.

## Stilettoes gather at Mo's



Mo Anderson, longtime member of the OU Club of Austin, hosts a gathering at her home in Oklahoma City. The occasion was the tipoff of the Sooner women's basketball season. Mo, holding the basketball, welcomes Coach Sherri Coale and other coaches and players. The event was sponsored by the Sooner Stilettoes, booster group for the team. Story, page 2.

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# Austin's Mo Anderson hosts Stilettoes

*OU women's basketball team and supporters gather at Mo's OKC home*

Mo Anderson, OU Club of Austin member, hosted the season-opening event for the University's women's basketball team recently.

Mo, who works and lives in Austin, also has a home in Oklahoma City. It was in the OKC residence that coaches and players for the Sooners gathered.

As explained in an article in a recent issue of *The Norman Transcript's* monthly magazine, OU Coach Sherri Coale decided it would be a good idea for form not only fan club but also an organization that would serve as mentors and role models.

Not only does the organization support the team on court but its members also work to represent the strong, confident professionals that Coale seeks to groom her players to become.

The Stilettoes serve in numerous

ways. They host watch parties and attend games, lead mentoring sessions and, through their membership dues, help fund the Marita Hynes Scholarship Endowment, one of the 15 fully endowed scholarships created by private donors for the women's basketball team.

Through their interaction with

players, Stiletto members help shape the development of OU's female student-athletes and guide their journey in becoming the next generation of business, community and philanthropic leaders.

To join the Sooner Stilettoes or for more information about the group, long on to [www.soonerstilettoes.com](http://www.soonerstilettoes.com)

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Mary Lou Stone enjoys time with senior player and captain Whitney Hand at the pre-season gathering.



Coach Sherri Coale with Richard and Mo Anderson in the Andersons' Oklahoma City home.

# 'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Research Campus grows fast in its first decade; links public and private inquiry

The explosion of growth experienced by the University of Oklahoma's Research Campus in Norman was noted recently in *The Daily Oklahoman*.

Just a decade ago, the newspaper observed, the land on which the future research campus stands today was an empty field next to Lloyd Noble Center.

"Today, the area is home to a burgeoning community of university researchers, government agencies and private industry partners," as *The Oklahoman* puts it.

The Research Campus is home to seven buildings devoted to research, and two more buildings are planned.

Originally, OU officials did not envision much overlap between governmental and private research groups. As plans developed, however, University officials began to recognize the value of encouraging interaction between the

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public, private and academic sectors represented on campus. This vision is in practice now and will be as the campus develops further.

OU alum now chief justice A University of Oklahoma College of Law graduate has become the first African-American chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Tom Colbert, since 2004 a justice of the court, will assume his new post on Jan. 1. In 2000 he was named to the state's Court of Criminal Appeals.

Before becoming a lawyer, Colbert taught in the Chicago public schools, earned his law degree from OU in 1982 and was assistant dean at Marquette University Law School from 1982 un-

til 1984, when he became an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County, then went into private practice.

OU-Tulsa building cited The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture has honored the work done on the University's Tulsa campus.

The foundation cited the conversion of a former petroleum research building on what has become the OU campus in Tulsa.

Longtime prof dead at 86 Services were held last month for Leo Whinery Sr., 86, who taught more than 40 years at the OU College of Law.

He joined the faculty in 1959 and retired from full-time status in 2003.

David Boren, OU president, recalled that even after his retirement, Whinery and his wife Doris continued to host the annual OU Cousins picnic, a gathering of U.S. and international students.

# Key women's basketball player out for season

Whitney Hand, the Sooner women's basketball star, has been sidelined after tearing a knee ligament during a game against North Texas this month.

The first person to rush to Hand's side was North Texas coach Mike Petersen, in front of whose bench Hand fell.

Hand, attempting a shot during a fast break, came to a sudden stop to shoot, then fell to the floor, crying out.

"I told her 'Hang in there,'" Petersen said. "When that kind of competitor makes that noise, you know something's wrong."

Sooner coach Sherri Coale said after the game "We're devastated. Nobody loves to play basketball more than Whitney Hand."

Hand suffered a similar injury three years ago in the other knee and was unable to play or practice basketball for 401 days.

Fan misses Bedlam For just the third time, Sooner football fan Dwight Maulding of Sapulpa missed the Bedlam football game between OU and Oklahoma St.

That may not sound like much until

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one hears that it's just the third time in 64 years that he didn't make the game.

Still intact in those 64 years, however, is the former bank president's record of not missing the Red River Shootout against Texas.

AARP solicits input Fans attending the OU-Baylor game last month were invited to drop by a tent operated by the American Assn. of Retired People.

AARP was asking people to offer their ideas about ways in which to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

Aikman honored Former OU quarterback Troy Aikman was honored recently at Henryetta, where he played high school football.

Every year since 1990 Aikman has awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship to a graduating senior at Henryetta High School.

The occasion was the presentation of a plaque to Henryetta High School by

the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The plaque notes Aikman's background and, in particular, his generosity towards students at his former high school.

The plaque will be placed in the high school.

Sooners mourn DKR Three OU people of note were on hand when the memorial service was held for Darrell Royal in Austin recently.

Present were OU athletic director Joe Castiglione, former running back Joe Washington and former coach Barry Switzer.

Switzer life to be film topic At last report, it appeared that former OU football coach Barry Switzer's life will be the subject of a movie.

Switzer has indicated he wants to proceed with the plans outlined by filmmaker Molly Smith, who was executive producer of "The Blind Side," a film starring Sandra Bullock.

That film was about a Memphis family that takes in a young, homeless teenager, sees him through high school and helps him win a college football scholarship.

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**Bedlam tix winner:  
Chuck Grady**

Chuck Grady was the winner of the two Bedlam tickets offered in a drawing offered by *Baja* last month.

In future, we'll be having additional drawings, so stay tuned.

**Calendar of events**

| Event (TV channel)                           | Day/date            | Time   | Where                            |
|--|---------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Football watch <i>parties</i>                | Jan. 4              | 7 p.m. | Round Rock Marriott, 2600 La     |
| OU vs. Texas A&M (Fox)                       | Fri.                |        | Frontera, and Fado's, 214 W. 4th |
| OU Club of Austin board of directors meeting | TBA (prob. in Jan.) | TBA    | TBA                              |



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