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Boomer Sooner Book Signing

*OU football scene is background for two new books about life;
Authors will be hosted by the OU Club of Austin on Feb. 28*

Two recently published books written by three men who have Oklahoma football in their backgrounds will be celebrated in Austin on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The OU Club of Austin will host Jay Wilkinson, Danny Bradley and Mark Bradley for a book signing party. The event will be held downtown at the Hyatt Regency hotel, 208 Barton Springs Road, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Wilkinson, the son of Sooner football coaching great Bud Wilkinson, has

authored (with Mike Krzyzewski) *Dear Jay, Love Dad: Bud Wilkinson's Letters to His Son*.

And Danny Bradley, OU quarterback of 1981-84, and his son Mark, OU wide receiver of 2003-04, have written *Inseparable: Faith, Family, Fatherhood*.

Jay Wilkinson was in Austin a few days ago and discussed his book with Fred Dupy, OU Club president. He asked Fred if some sort of gathering might be arranged in Austin.

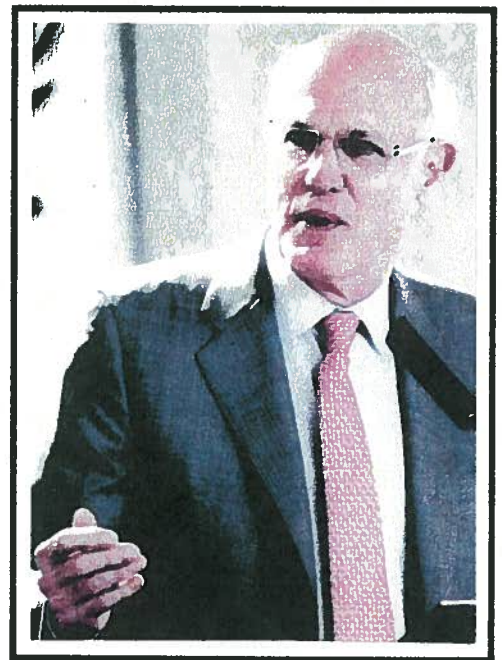
Jay had appeared here in 1994, when his first book, *Bud Wilkinson, An Intimate Portrait of An American Legend*, was published.

Sooner All American and former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal was on hand for that event 18 years ago.

The final manuscript of *Dear Jay* was reviewed by an OU Club of Austin member, Mo Anderson before publication.

When word was received about the Bradleys' book, Fred contacted them and arranged for the evening in Austin to have both books as the evening's centerpieces.

As described in the December *Baja* (page 3), the Wilkinson book is a



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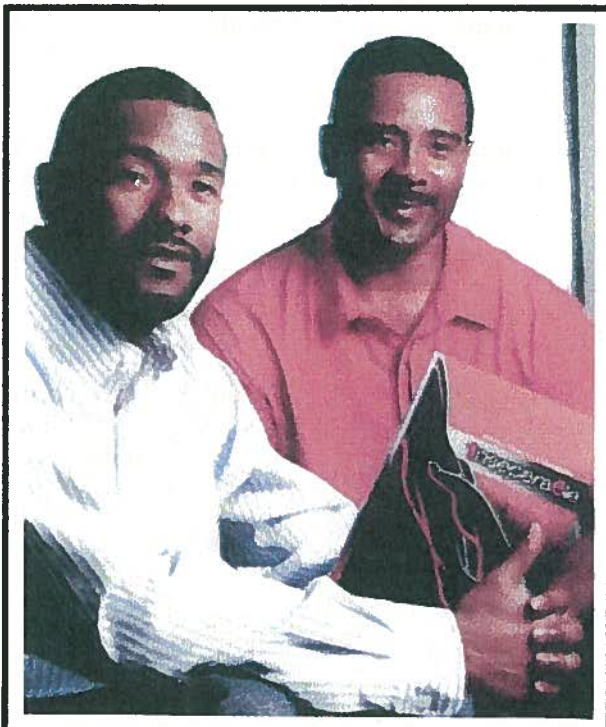
JAY WILKINSON

... coming here Feb. 28

series of letters that the coach wrote Jay at Duke where the son went on to All America honors in football after graduating from Norman High School.

The Bradley book is about the struggles of a father and son to become aware of each other's existence, then to forge a lasting bond after years of separation.

Both books are available online at Amazon.com.



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DANNY AND MARK BRADLEY

... father-son Sooner football players

**Book on Lee Roy Selmon
due out in June — p. 2**

OU, Fox Sports nearing agreement on Sooner TV network that will serve 8.6 million homes

A national publication this month reported that the University of Oklahoma is close to signing a contract that will enable OU to air more than 1,000 hours yearly of Sooner programming on the Fox Sports Southwest channel.

Sports Business Daily said the OU network will reach some 8.6 million homes.

Daily Oklahoman sportswriter Mel Bracht observed that that will be a significantly larger potential audience than now available to Texas' recently opened network.

However, Bracht continues, the length of OU's arrangement with Fox and its annual income from the network will be considerably less than provided in UT's pact with ESPN.

OU officials have said they won't comment on the network until contracts are signed. It appears that that may not be much longer, though Uni-

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versity officials have declined to speculate on when that might be.

Shifts in OU football The move by Sooner offensive coordinator Brent Venables to the staff at Clemson evidently will pave the way for Mike Stoops, until recently the head coach at Arizona, to become the new OU coordinator.

And not long before that change, secondary coach Willie Martinez announced his resignation from the Sooner staff.

Head coach Bob Stoops has not yet announced his plans for the job assignments for the altered staff but that probably will be coming soon, too.

Good news from Jones Some good news was heard this month when veteran quarterback Landry Jones announced he will return for his senior year.

That stands as particularly good news against the background of more than a dozen players leaving the program early in the past year.

"I want to accomplish the goals that I set before I got here, and there is still a lot more to do," Jones said.

Meanwhile, in basketball The OU women's team is dealing admirably with a key loss in the Jan. 14 Bedlam game at Stillwater.

In that game the Sooners lost their leading rebounder, Joanna McFarland, with a broken jaw. But coach Sherri Coale's team has reacted well, winning three of four games since then — losing to nationally top-ranked Baylor, then winning on the road at Kansas St. and Missouri and at Lloyd Noble against Texas.

In these games, the Sooner women have held their own in rebounding, as the rest of the team has stepped up.

Women getting good wins Retooling after key losses to graduation a year ago, the Sooner women have done

some good work in the early days of conference play.

They have beaten two nationally ranked teams, handing 10th-ranked Texas Tech its first loss of the season and winning at Kansas St. (no. 23).

Men's team As anticipated, the Sooner men, also rebuilding, under first-year coach Lon Kruger, have had some rough sledding as Big 12 play has begun.

The Sooners were blitzed at Missouri. However, since then they have kept things close, and have won a couple of conference games in Norman, as well as one on the road last Saturday over a good Kansas St. team.

Scott Hill heads non-profit Former Sooner footballer Scott Hill now is serving as executive director of the Oklahoma affiliate Access Sports. The Philadelphia-based organization assists underprivileged children and children with disabilities through physical activity programs.

This month the group hosted a fund-raising luncheon at which Jay Wilkinson, son of former OU football coach Bud Wilkinson, spoke.

Head coaches now Two former OU quarterbacks have been named head coaches recently.

Garrick McGee has taken the top job at Alabama-Birmingham, while Justin Fuente will guide Memphis. Both schools are in Conference USA.

Meantime, Indiana has hired former Arizona offensive coordinator and ex-OU running back Seth Littrell to guide its offense.

Men's gymnasts no. 1 A win at Ohio St., ranked second in the nation, has put OU gymnastics atop the most recent national poll.

Meanwhile, the Sooner women's team is ranked 10th nationally.

Selmon book coming A June publication date has been announced for a book of interest to Sooner fans, *Lee Roy Selmon — The Gentle Giant*.

Originally set for release before Christmas, the book will be published in time for Father's Day this June.

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'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Health Sciences Center will get latest innovation in anti-cancer therapy

A new type of treatment for a variety of cancers will be added this year at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

ProCure Proton Therapy Centers will locate a unit at the OU campus.

The firm's chief executive, Rob Lake, says people are becoming aware of the benefits of proton beam therapy which, unlike conventional radiation, targets tumors so there are virtually no side effects to surrounding healthy tissue.

ProCure, based in New York City, opened its first treatment center three years ago in far north Oklahoma City and is expanding nationally as well as around the world.

Since then, several hundred patients from a number of states have been treated at ProCure's north Oklahoma City facility.

Campus smoking ban set Smoking on OU's Norman campus will be banned effective July 1, except for two locations.

The University's regents, meeting in Oklahoma City last week, accepted the recommendations of OU president David Boren.

When the policy goes into effect, it will prohibit most all smoking on campus, including such sports venues as the Oklahoma Memorial Stadium and Lloyd Noble Center.

However, smoking still will be allowed in the parking lots of Dale Hall and the Noble Center.

Other regents' actions And, according to *The Norman Transcript*, regents at their January meeting also:

- Approved Gregg Garn as the new dean of the College of Education.
- OK'd the purchase a \$2.1 million cluster supercomputer for the OU Supercomputing Center for Education and Research.
- Voted to provide new maintenance equipment, new service vehicles and golf carts for the OU golf course.
- And added a 24,000-square-foot practice facility for the women's intercollegiate rowing team to the Campus Master Plan of capital improvement projects for the Norman campus.

Eye center fully funded now A \$2 mil-

Campus notes

lion donation from Devon Energy Corp., Oklahoma City, has assured full funding for the Dean McGee Eye Institute at OU's Health Sciences Center campus in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Gregory Skuta, president and chief executive of the institute and chair of the Dept. of Ophthalmology at OU's College of Medicine, expressed gratitude to private individuals and organizations who contributed to make the center possible.

The new facility will make it possible for the institute to consolidate all clinical, vision research, teaching and administrative functions into one location.

Leaders in economic growth A report issued this month by the Brookings Institution lists the world's top metropolitan areas in economic growth during 2010-11.

Three Texas cities and two in Oklahoma are among the world's 100 leading cities in this regard.

Houston led the U.S. in economic growth for 2010-11, standing at 19th worldwide (no. 1 was Shanghai, China).

Following were Dallas (36th), Tulsa (73rd), Austin (74th) and Oklahoma City (82nd).

Billy's BBQ and Ike's Chili Heisman winner Billy Sims' growing chain of bar-

becue restaurants recently entered into a partnership with Ike's Chili.

The newly minted Billy & Ike's opened this past weekend in Tulsa.

Ike's was opened in Tulsa in 1936 and has developed a wide following. Similar success is greeting Billy Sims Barbecue, which now has outlets in 20 cities and towns in Oklahoma and Missouri.

Engineering: new approach The approach to training new engineers at the University of Oklahoma has been revised in an interesting way the last couple of years

In many instances, graduates were going to work in developing countries. Often, the students found they didn't have sufficient training to work in such environments.

David Sabatini, a professor at the school, explained to *The Daily Oklahoman* that students who signed up after graduation with the Peace Corps or other agencies that work in developing nations didn't have the resources available in the U.S.

In response, OU's Engineering school plans to launch a three-week, six-hours-a-day course during the May intersession.

Students will learn how to build above-ground composting latrines, drill wells by hand and test for contaminants in a stream. They'll also learn to build a water filtration system that uses a layer of bacteria to remove contaminants from water.

Spring football game set Apr. 14

The annual Red-White spring football game has been scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 14. Kickoff time is not yet set.

Tickets will go on sale online Wednesday of this week at: <http://www.soonersports.com/tickets>

Meantime, the Sooner athletic department, as others in the Big 12, is awaiting a decision on whether West Virginia will join the conference for football play this fall.

For OU, the question is whether the Sooners need to book two more non-conference games for this fall, or three, so as to play a 12-game regular season schedule. At present, the only non-conference game set is for Notre Dame to visit on Oct. 27.

OU has been talking lately with Rutgers about a game this fall in MetLife Stadium, where the NFL Giants and Jets play.

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Plans being made to sit together for OU-UT on Feb. 25

Austin area fans of the University of Oklahoma will be attending the Feb. 25 appearance of the Sooner women's basketball team in Austin.

Tickets will be \$6 each and will enable OU fans to sit in a group at the Frank Erwin Center.

Arrangements must be completed in advance of game day. So if you are interested in attending, please call Fred Dupy, president, 431-2069 or 255-6402.

We understand that two or three busloads of Sooner fans are planning to come down to Austin from Okla-

homa for the game. That should assure us of a good rooting section.

Got family news? Please share

We'd like to hear it if you have some news from your home or job that would be of interest to the rest of us.

We recently managed to pry a bit of such news out of our president, Fred Dupy. Turns out he and Monica will be in New Orleans this weekend, so Fred can pick up two awards from the American Rentals Assn.

We hope to have more details in the next *Baja*. Meantime, let us hear from you. It's no time to be shy or overly modest. Please email: gold@s@austin.rr.com

Calendar of events

| Event/(TV channel) | Day/date | Time | Where |
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| Women's basketball OU @ Texas (FSN) | Feb. 25 Sat. | 5 p.m. | Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St.: (story, this page) |
| Boomer Sooner Book Signing party | Feb. 28 Tues. | 5:30- 8:30 p.m. | Hyatt Regency, 208 Barton Spgs. Rd. (story, page 1) |
| Men's basketball OU @ Texas (ESPN2) | Feb. 29 Wed. | 8 p.m. | Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St.: |
| Red-White spring football game | Apr. 14 Sat. | TBA | Owen Field, Norman (story, page 3) |



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