

# THE BAJA OKLAHOMAN

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## Scholarship applications now being sought

*Club planning to again offer four grants  
for \$5,500 each; application form online*

Since 1998 the OU Club of Austin has been awarding scholarships to Central Texas students to assist them in attending the University of Oklahoma.

It's now time once again for students who are considering an OU education to decide whether to apply for one of our grants.

The application form is on the club's website:

<http://www.ouclubofaustin.com>

The deadline for applying is April 30 but it's not too early to begin checking out the application form

One form already has been submitted to the club.

## An OU first in scholarships

For the first time in OU history, Sooner students have won three of the most prestigious scholarships — the Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell.

Mubeen A. Shakir of Oklahoma City, the Rhodes winner, will study two years

at Oxford University and plans to become an oncologist and cancer researcher.

The Marshall winner, Jerod Coker of McKinney, Tex., will study two years at the London School of Economics.

And Robin Tipps, from Ardmore, will study public law at National University Ireland. He hopes to become a tribal attorney of the Quapaw nation, of which he is a member.

### *OU's Rhodes scholars — 1904-2012*

William L. Kendall	1904	J. Raymond Hinshaw	1947
E.K. Kline	1907	William L. Howard	1948
W.J. Holleman	1920	Lewis Salter Jr.	1949
Joseph A. Brandt	1921	Aldon D. Bell	1951
W.E. Robertson	1924	Guy W.H. Parkhurst Jr.	1964
Charles E. Springer	1927	Jack S. Dennis	1965
Savoie Lottinville	1929	William C. McGrew III	1965
Carl Albert	1931	Pete Kyle McCarter Jr.	1967
Willmoore Kendall	1932	Phillip L. Jackson	1973
John Fischer	1933	Timothy L. Tabor	1975
David St. Clair	1933	Jason R. Sanders	2000
George C. McGhee	1934	Andrea M. DenHoed	2008
J. Richard Carpenter	1935	Sarah Swenson	2010
Leroy W. Earley	1938	Mubeen A. Shakir	2012
Jack M. Luttrell	1938		



— *The Tulsa World*

OU BOWL WINNER — Kelsie Burg, an OU student from Broken Arrow, has won a \$100,000 scholarship. The grant was presented during halftime of the national collegiate championship football game this month. Contestants threw footballs at a giant Dr Pepper can, the winner putting the most footballs into the can.

# 'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: University will become completely wind powered this year in move to green

The University of Oklahoma will become completely wind powered later this year.

In 2008, the University partnered with Oklahoma Gas & Electric to enable construction of the OU Spirit Wind Farm in northwestern Oklahoma.

OU Spirit will feature 44 Siemens 2.3-megawatt turbines.

Nearly a decade ago, OU researchers created the Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative. Today, wind energy has the potential to create more than 15,000 new jobs and \$500 million a year in property tax revenues in Oklahoma with appropriate investments in research and job training.

OU is the fourth largest university in the country with wind power.

**Hester Hall work due** For the second time in six years, regents of the University of Oklahoma have ap-

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## Club officers — 2012-13

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## Campus notes

proved construction work at Hester Hall, home of the University's newly created College of International Studies.

The \$13.5 million project will be funded by private money.

Expansion will include a single-story addition to the west side of the building, creating a new front entrance and lobby for the college. And the existing three-story building will be renovated to house the office of the college dean, staff offices and study areas, with seminar rooms on the second and third floors.

**\$1 million grant for OU-Italy** The University has received its largest one-time gift in scholarship support for OU students to study abroad at the new OU campus in Arezzo, Italy.

Making the contribution was the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation of Tulsa. One of the foundation's members is Kathy Taylor, a former Tulsa mayor, who serves on OU's College of International Studies board.

The gift brings to more than \$211.7 million raised so far in the University's campaign to raise more scholarship money.

In the past 10 years the percentage of OU students studying abroad has risen from 2 per cent to almost 25 per cent.

With private support, OU bought

the former Santa Chiara Monastery in Arezzo in 2010 as the base for its study-abroad program.

**Tuition, student debt soar** A recent study by *The Tulsa World* reveals that a student at the University of Oklahoma is paying 12 times the in-state tuition than would have been paid in 1980-81.

It follows, then, that student debt on leaving college has likewise shot up sharply. In the last year for which figures are available, 2009-10, 52 per cent of OU graduates had incurred debt. That debt averaged \$21,517.

In the 1980-81 academic year in-state tuition was \$613, compared to \$7,341 in the current year.

Figures were similar for students being charged out-of-state tuition — \$1,681 in 1980-81, and \$18,978 now.

The *World* survey was based on figures provided by Oklahoma universities and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, among others.

**Museum: free admission** The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art on the OU campus is admission-free to all visitors, thanks to an annual \$60,000 gift from the University of Oklahoma Athletics Department.



— Jordan Roby/Sooner Magazine/OU Foundation

**BACK AGAIN** — For the third consecutive year, Sooner athletes were in Haiti to help people in the impoverished nation that was struck by a severe earthquake three years ago this month. Ten OU women's basketball players and nine Sooner footballers went to Haiti this time. Here, Whitney Hand, basketball captain, visits with a new friend.



# Basketball teams off to good starts in 2012-13

The Sooner women's basketball team is playing nobly this winter after the season-ending loss of star Whitney Hand.

Since Hand injured a knee in a Dec. 6 win over North Texas, the Sooners have gone 6-1, including their first four conference games, hosting West Virginia and Texas Tech and winning in Austin and Waco.

Hand, interviewed by *The Tulsa World*, said "To say I'm done with basketball is too strong. But my playing career? Yes.

"I'm not sure my body could have taken much more anyway. I'm pretty peaceful with that. I'm excited about moving on and getting to be a wife and finding my career," she said.

**OU men: road warriors** Meanwhile, the men's basketball team has run up a 11-3 record in Coach Lon Kruger's second year of rebuilding the OU program.

With three true road wins and three triumphs at neutral-court sites, Oklahoma entered the week of Jan. 6 with six victories away from home, the most of any Big 12 school. Those six wins are one of the big reasons the Sooners' RPI stands at No. 19 nationally. They are also why many postseason prognosticators have OU pegged as an NCAA tournament participant.

OU's 6-2 record away from home is in stark contrast to recent seasons. Last year the Sooners posted a 4-11 mark away from Lloyd Noble Center, and two years ago they went 2-14. They still have at least nine more opportunities for road wins.

**Plan ahead** In case you're looking ahead to the 2013 football season, here's the schedule:

Aug. 31 — Louisiana-Monroe.  
Sept. 7 — West Virginia, 14 — Tulsa, 28 — at Notre Dame.  
Oct. 5 — TCU, 12 — Texas (at Dallas), 19 — at Kansas, 26 — Texas Tech.  
Nov. 9 — at Baylor, 16 — Iowa St., 23 — at Kansas St.  
Dec. 7 — at Oklahoma St.

**Future football games** Non-conference football games the Sooner football team is scheduled to date for fu-

## Sports notes

ture play have been announced:

2014 — Tennessee, at Tulsa.

2015 — at Tennessee, Tulsa.

2016 — Ohio St.

2017 — at Ohio St.

2018 — LSU, Army.

2019 — at LSU.

2020 — at Army.

2021 — Nebraska.

2022 — at Nebraska.

**WVU gets the prize** The 2013 football season will have only a few marquee non-conference games for Big XII teams.

OU's trip to Notre Dame is rivaled only by TCU meeting LSU in Cowboys Stadium at Arlington. Most Big XII teams will fatten up on lesser fare come September.

Usually, Kansas St. has built up confidence in pre-conference games by feasting on minnows. And it's worked. But the Wildcats must look to their laurels this fall if claiming the league's softest non-conference schedule. The 'Cats will have games with North Da-

kota St., Louisiana-Lafayette and Massachusetts.

K-State is challenged, however, by Texas Tech, which will have games with Stephen F. Austin, Texas State and SMU.

But the Big XII champions of soft scheduling this fall is West Virginia, which will play William and Mary (both of them), Georgia St. and Maryland-Baltimore.

**Correction, please** In November's sports notes, *Baja* wrongly said that Bennie Owen was second among Sooner football coaches in wins at Norman.

We said Owen had 152 wins; the figure is 122, compiled in 1905-26. That puts him fourth on the all-time list, behind Barry Switzer (157 wins, 1973-88), current coach Bob Stoops (149, 1999-2012) and Bud Wilkinson (145, 1947-63).

**OU 14th in baseball poll** The OU baseball team ranks 14th in a pre-season poll conducted by *Collegiate Baseball's Newspaper*.

OU regents recently approved more improvements to the OU baseball park. The work will total \$850,000 — all from private contributions.

## OU's leadership: a paradigm all universities should emulate

*Tulsa World* sportswriter John Hoover recently summed up a basic, if not critical, ingredient for the University of Oklahoma's success in intercollegiate athletics, particularly football.

"No Division I-A school," Hoover writes in his column, "has had in place its football coach, its athletic director and its president longer than Oklahoma.

"No one.

"David Boren signed up in 1994, Joe Castiglione in 1998 and Bob Stoops in 1999. . . .

"Despite what so many think, Stoops is not the most powerful man on the OU campus. And he knows it. Not only does he know it, he's fine with it because it's a model that works brilliantly. Stoops answers to Castiglione. Likewise, Castiglione knows he answers to Boren.

"The OU trinity has been outrageously successful. When it comes to consistent winning, playing for championships, avoiding NCAA trouble and making everyone a whole bunch of money, nobody has done it better than Oklahoma."

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Event (TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
OU Club of Austin board of directors meeting	TBA	TBA	TBA



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