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Watch-party volunteers!

Scholarships awarded to four CenTexans headed now to OU

Winners of four scholarships awarded by the OU Club of Austin to Central Texas students to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall have been announced.

Recipients of the grants, for \$5,500 each, are:

- Amelia M. Ginac, Georgetown High School, the daughter of William and Deborah Ginac, who will major in petroleum engineering.

- Gretchen F. Hahn, Round Rock McNeil High School, daughter of Anne and Michael Hahn, theatre/acting.

- Austin D. Lucas, Austin Bowie High School, son of Barry and Vanessa Lucas, film studies, and

- Bracken Marburger, Academy High School, Temple, son of Gary and Shannon Marburger, aviation management.

Fred Dupy, president, noted that

this is the largest number of scholarships the club has granted in its 24-year history, and the largest dollar amount of each grant.

The University provides \$2,500 of the total in tuition discounts; the OU Club of Austin chips in the rest.

The club's share is made possible by contributions made to the OU Foundation through the local club.

To contribute, please email our treasurer, Jessica Benedict:

jbenedict@trvodo.com

7 club members step forward to help at TWO sites

Seven OU Club of Austin members have answered the call put out last month for volunteers to handle the festivities at our football watch parties.

Additional help is still needed, so if you think you might join in on the fun, please contact Fred Dupy, president, at 512-431-2069.

For the first time in our history, we'll have two watch-party sites. There'll be the good old standby at the Marriott in Round Rock and the recently added site in downtown Austin, Fado's Irish Pub, 214 West 4th.

Even though our first game, at UT-El Paso, has a late start (9:30 p.m.), Round Rock Marriott people have said they'll be glad to have us there for that. Be advised that "last call" is at midnight.

Our second game, against Florida A&M, will likely be available only on pay-per-view, so we'll probably have no party.

Then, on Sept. 22, when the Sooners play Kansas St. in Norman, and thereafter we'll gather at both Fado's and the Round Rock Marriott.

Past winners of our scholarships

Year	Recipient	School district (high school)
2012	Amelia J. Ginac	Georgetown
	Gretchen F. Hahn	Round Rock (McNeil)
	Austin D. Lucas	Austin (Bowie)
2011	Bracken Marburger	Temple (Academy)
	Kristin Kohlmeyer	Lake Travis
	Wolfgang Hanft	NYOS Charter School
2010	Jacob Sexton	Lake Travis
	Katelyn Kimble	Georgetown
	Samantha Purcell	Leander (Vista Ridge)
2009	Raymond White	Pflugerville (John Connally)
	Kaleb Parks	Belton
	Lauren Harris	Dripping Springs
2008	Callie Yarbrough	Eanes (Westlake)
2007	Megan LeConte	Round Rock (Westwood)
	Aaron Treadway	Bastrop
2006	Meredith Willinger	Lake Travis
	David Peeples	Lake Travis
2005	Heather Otis	Pflugerville
	Andrew Barnes	Pflugerville
2004	Ben Strickland	Round Rock (McNeil)
2003	Chris Lewis	Round Rock (Westwood)
2002	Gabe Sartin	Round Rock (Westwood)
2001	Andrea Maynard	Round Rock
2000	Kevin Wooddall	Killeen
1999	Aaron Reddell	Belton
1998	Jenny Derland	Round Rock
	Aaron Reddell	Belton

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'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: OU faculty and students at work sharing their knowledge

On several fronts lately faculty members as well as students at the University of Oklahoma are being credited with using their knowledge for the betterment of society.

For example, the current issue of *Sooner Magazine*, published by the University's alumni association, tells of faculty members helping conceive and design the newly opened 197-foot-tall SkyDance bridge at Oklahoma City.

And a *Tulsa World* story relates that several scientists from OU were involved in the recent search in Switzerland for the Higgs boson (the "God particle").

Next there is the account of some OU engineering students who are helping the state Transportatin Dept. rehabilitate or replace deteriorating bridges across the state.

The OU Bridge Squad, as the group is known, works as interns with state

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agency engineers.

And an OU Health Sciences professor, Isaac Rutel, has teamed with an Edmond detective and bomb technician, Marion Cain, to develop a means of detecting bombs surgically implanted in a person's body.

The device uses low-grade digital x-rays to detect any explosives thus con-

cealed.

Cain says the device might well have defused several instances in recent years where suspects had bombs implanted on themselves, or claimed to.

OU Daily still in print We reported in this space last month that University officials had decided to experiment by publishing *The Oklahoma Daily* only online this summer. No print editions were planned.

But it was decided a bit later to continue with the usual print editions.

Call from the Board: we need College Fair, scholarship chair(s)

OU Club of Austin's board of directors were clearly impressed when the recent call for volunteers to staff our watch parties triggered such a prompt and full response. (Story, page 1.)

Seven members volunteered to help guide the events this fall and interest has also been expressed by some others.

This was a source of considerable pleasure at the July meeting of the club's board of directors.

However, board members noted, one big vacancy in the club's leadership still exists. Two, actually.

We need a chair for our scholarship committee.

And we need a College Fairs chair, as well.

It's conceivable that both jobs could be handled by one person. The scholarship committee's work is done mostly in the first half of the year. The College Fairs we staff normally are in the fall.

If there's even the slightest chance you could take on one or both of these jobs, you'd find a grateful bunch of people waiting to help you.

If you might be able to help, please phone Fred Dupy, president, 512-431-2069.

And both committees — College Fair and scholarship — can also use a few more members.

So, whether considering a position

as chair, or as a committee member, please give Fred a call.

There's valuable work to be done and you just might be what we're looking for.

Website to handle dues and contributions soon

The board discussed plans to have the club's website capable of accepting online contributions, as well as membership-dues payments. A PayPal connection is planned.

Club's financial status continues to be strong

Even after paying the scholarships granted this year (story, page 1), the club will have a balance of around \$80,000 at the end of the year in its account with the OU Foundation.

Treasurer Jessica Benedict offered the estimate to the board this month. The OU account in Norman had risen to \$91,365 this year.

That included \$11,700 of contributions made by OU Club of Austin members in the club's behalf to the Foundation in the past year.

Most of that account is used for club scholarships. The grants to CenTex students to help them attend OU have risen significantly in amounts and in the numbers of scholarships granted in recent years as support from Central Texas Sooners for the effort has risen sharply.

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Club officers — 2011-12

President	Fred Dupy
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Oklahoma sportswriter lists top games

Big 12's 75 games for 2012 rated in fan appeal, importance

The top game in Big 12 football in 2012?

Well, for once, it isn't going to be Oklahoma vs. Texas.

That's according to veteran sportswriter Barry Tramel of *The Daily Oklahoman*.

Tramel rated the importance and fan appeal of the 75 conference and non-conference games that Big 12 teams will play this fall.

OU-Texas came in fourth.

Don't sound right, somehow.

Anyway, the top game? Oklahoma at West Virginia, followed in order by Notre Dame at OU and West Virginia at Texas.

Ranked last at no. 75: Savannah St. at Oklahoma St. — not that far behind two OU games: Kansas and Florida A&M.

Castiglione's proteges Barry Tramel, in another *Oklahoman* column, notes that four of OU athletic director Joe Castiglione's former associates have taken jobs now as AD's at other schools.

The latest is Rick Hart, SMU's new director, who spent the last six years as AD at Chattanooga.

Others were Kirby Hocutt, now at Texas Tech; Jeff Long, Arkansas, and Keith Gill, American University.

First two kickoff times Starting times for the first two OU football games this fall have now been announced.

The opener at UT-El Paso will begin at 9:30 p.m., Central time. The Florida A&M game will kick off at 6 in Norman.

Eight Sooners to Olympics Eight OU athletes have been named to the

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U.S. Olympics team that will compete this summer in London.

And three other Sooners were named alternates to the American team.

They are Brittany Borman, javelin; Tia Brooks, shot put; Latoya Greaves, 100-meter hurdles; Laverne Jones-Ferrette, 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Also, Jared Frayer and Sam Hazewinkel, wrestling, and Jonathan Horton and Jake Dalton, both gymnasts.

Basketball player Blake Griffin was a likely ninth OU athlete to be named to the U.S. team but he suffered a knee injury this summer and had to withdraw from consideration.

Also, three other OU athletes were named as alternates to the U.S. team: gymnasts Chris Brooks, Steven Legendre and Alex Naddour.

Switzer in the mountains Former OU football coach Barry Switzer was a big hit when he appeared recently at a gathering of West Virginia fans looking forward to playing in the Big 12 this fall.

"We had a heckuva a time," recalled WVU athletic director Oliver Luck. "Barry talked about the traditions, and our fans gobbled it up. They loved it.

"Envision 500 Mountaineers fans in a ballroom in Wheeling, West Virginia. I spoke, our coaches spoke. But Barry stole the show."

Jamelle jammin' at kids' camp OU's star quarterback of the 1985 national championship team is finding satisfac-

tion in the hills of Eastern Oklahoma these days.

For the second straight year, he's conducting a football camp in Weleetka for kids. The camp is an offering of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

He told *The Daily Oklahoman* that he has found a good deal of comfort in his task, a respite from bad times he



— *The Daily Oklahoman*
JAMELLE HOLIEWAY
... at football camp

has put behind him after run-ins with the law.

He, his wife and two children live at nearby McAlester. Holieway has been an Oklahoma resident since first coming to

Norman from California.

"The opportunity the Creeks have given me," he said, "I want to take advantage of it, let it snowball into more positive things."

He graduated in four years from OU with a political science degree. But he recently obtained certification as a wastewater regulator, and has a good job.

It's annual dues renewal time; notices to be sent

This time of year is membership-renewal time for OU Club of Austin members.

Reminders will be mailed out soon to let members know they should renew.

The rates remain the same: \$35 for a family, \$25 for individuals.

The club presently has 191 members, Janet Atwood, membership chair, reports.

LETTERS: Thanks for your help

Thank you so much for awarding me one of your scholarships! It will help me concentrate on my school work.

Thank you again!

AMELIA GINAC
Georgetown

I am honored to be the recipient of one of your scholarships.

More importantly, part of the Sooner Family.

Boomer!

BRACKEN MARBURGER
Temple

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OU alum James McPherson, 81, of Georgetown dies

James Irving McPherson, 81, of Georgetown, an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, passed away on June 25.

He was born Feb. 18, 1931, to Irving and Edith McPherson in Herrick Center, Penn. He married Carol Formanek July 11, 1953, in San Francisco.

James received a BS from OU and an

MS from New Mexico, both in mechanical engineering. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. James retired from Boeing as a mechanical engineer.

He was a happy-go-lucky person with a quick wit. He highly valued education for himself as well as his family. James was a real gentleman who always

was thinking about tomorrow. His hobbies include computer programming, engineering, science, learning and teaching, cars (especially his 1967 Mustang) and racing, astronomy, exploration, photography and reading his favorite magazine Discover. He was a member of the Elks and Mustang Clubs.

He is survived by his wife Carol McPherson; children, Colleen Richer (Julio), Peggy Rothstein (Steve) and Darryl McPherson (Yvonne); nine grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and another great-granddaughter on the way; and brothers, Edward, Harlan, and Dale McPherson.

A funeral mass was held at St. Helen Catholic Church in Georgetown. Interment was at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville.

Calendar of events

Event (TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Football watch party OU @ UT-El Paso	Sept. 1 Sat.	9:30 p.m.	Round Rock Marriott 2600 La Frontera
Football watch party Kansas St. @ OU	Sept. 22 Sat.	TBA	Fado's, 214 West 4th, and Round Rock Marriott, 2600 La Frontera
Football watch parties OU @ Texas Tech	Oct. 6 Sat.	TBA	Fado's, 214 West 4th, and Round Rock Marriott, 2600 La Frontera
OU class reunions, esp. classes of 1962-2002	Oct. 19-20 Fri.-Sat.		OU campus. Contact: Jill Stephens 405-366-2056 or jills@ou.edu



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