

# THE BAJA OKLAHOMAN

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*From the president*

## While sipping some Crimson Kool-Aid . . .

By FRED DUPY, President

I've been enjoying reading and hearing much about the coming football season. A consensus has developed that this might be one of our more special teams.

Well aware that summer's imaginings can turn into autumn disappointment, let me turn, for now, to a few other thoughts of late.

For one, I'm deeply impressed (also with a couple of recent mailings from the University of Oklahoma Foundation. These trace the remarkable progress this group has made in supporting our University — in particular, offering lots of scholarship money to students.

The foundation was incorporated in 1955, a few years after being established.

By 1959 the group's assets amounted to \$1 million. In 1987, the figure hit \$100 million; in 1999, it was \$500 million, and this year the assets total passed the billion dollar mark.

Through these years the foundation has distributed some \$1.2 billion in behalf of the University.

You might keep the OU Foundation in mind when considering your estate planning, as well as chipping in regularly when possible for a wonderful cause.

**On page four** of this issue are details of something else I'm looking forward to, a pool party on Aug. 6. We may tend to some club business that afternoon but mostly it'll be a day for family fun.

Also, we'll soon be mailing out membership renewal notices, so please be on the lookout for that.

See you in August!

## Club names three winners of \$5,500 scholarships for '11

Two Lake Travis students and one from a charter school in Pflugerville have been named recipients of \$5,500 scholarships to begin studies at the University of Oklahoma this fall.

They are Kristin Kohlmeyer and Jacob Sexton of Lake Travis and Wolfgang Hanft of NYOS charter school.

The awards, made annually by the OU Club of Austin, were announced this month by Alisa Macy, scholarship chair.

Eleven applications for this year's grants were received and reviewed by the club board. Applicants were evaluated on academic performance to date, achievements, honors, activities and personal recommendations.

And each was asked to answer a hypothetical question: If cast away on a desert island and provided with basic necessities of food, water, shelter and clothing, what three other items would the applicant want, and why?

Ms. Kohlmeyer, the daughter of Leslie and Tabb Dye in Lakeway, plans to major in journalism at OU.

Mr. Sexton will

major in finance at the University. He's the son of Tim and Anita Sexton, Austin.

Mr. Hanft, the son of Laurel and Fred Hanft, Austin, will major in meteorology at OU.

This year's grants are significantly above those of previous years. Recognizing the effects of rising tuition and other expenses, the OU Club of Austin and the University itself have increased the amounts of such aid.

Alisa is retiring from the scholarship chair, a position she has held the last nine years. We're deeply in your debt, Alisa.

### *Past winners of our scholarships*

Year	Recipient	School district (high school)
2011	Kristin Kohlmeyer	Lake Travis
	Wolfgang Hanft	NYOS Charter School
	Jacob Sexton	Lake Travis
2010	Katelyn Kimble	Georgetown
	Samantha Purcell	Leander (Vista Ridge)
	Raymond White	Pflugerville (John Connally)
2009	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 Peebles	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

# NCAA report: Sooners rank high in academic progress

*OU ranks second in Big XII — Lady Sooners basketball team has a perfect score*

OU ranked 2nd among Big 12 schools in the academic progress rates (APRs) compiled by the NCAA for the 2009-10 academic year.

Measured are eligibility to participate in varsity sports and retention. Missouri led the way in the report for the Big 12 with a rating of 967.

After MU, in order, were: OU (960), Nebraska, Kansas, Baylor, Texas Tech, Oklahoma St., Texas, Kansas St., Texas A&M, Iowa St. and Colorado (929).

A school with a score below 925 risks losing scholarships or having other penalties imposed by the NCAA. The maximum possible score is 1,000.

**Lady Sooners perfect** And 1,000 is just what the OU's women's basketball team scored on the APR rankings for the four years ending in 2010.

Only 14 of 343 women's basketball programs achieved this score. Of the 14, the Sooner women were one of just

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two teams ranked in the final top 25 poll, along with DePaul.

**Caravan draws big** The OU Sooner Caravan stop at Tulsa attracted some 1,200 people this month to the University campus there.

A few days before, at another good turnout for the Caravan, in Dallas, Sooner coaches offered public praise to OU athletes who, for the second year, visited Haiti, offering relief and encouragement. (Story, page 3).

**Rent a house on game weekends** We mentioned in the April issue that it might be possible for OU fans traveling to Norman to rent rooms in the U.S. Postal Service's 968-room hotel.

There's also another option. It isn't cheap but it might be something you'd like to consider.

A website is offering OU fans rentals of homes on football game weekends. Places to rent for a football — or any other kind of weekend in Norman — are available.

Rentals are in the \$1,000 range, so you might want to take lots of friends, or find one good and rich one.

Check out the website at:

[www.norman.weekendhousing.com/findahouse.php](http://www.norman.weekendhousing.com/findahouse.php)

**First three kickoff times set** The first three football games this fall will be under the lights. The Tulsa, Florida St. and Missouri games will begin at 7 p.m., with the possible exception of a 6:30 kickoff at Tallahassee.

Fox Sports will air the Tulsa and Missouri games. Either ABC or ESPN will have the Florida St. contest.

**Gerald McCoy's generosity** Former Sooner star Gerald McCoy did some giving back recently. Appearing at a gathering in his former high school gym at Oklahoma City Southeast, he told a cheering crowd he was presenting the school four new bass drums and new uniforms for the band.

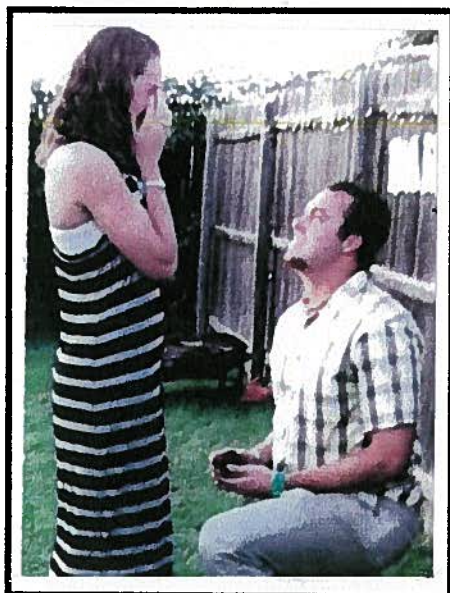
McCoy, now in the NFL, was a

drum captain in the Southeast band.

**Toby Keith does it again** The remarkable fund raising country singer and Sooner fan Toby Keith has been undertaking in behalf of state kids who are battling cancer has come into view again.

His spring fund raising effort — golf tourney, dinner and auction — produced another \$650,000 for the OK Kids Korral.

The Korral will be part of the Children's Hospital at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City.



—Whitney Hand's Twitter page

**A BIG MOMENT** — Caught on camera, OU basketball star Whitney Hand accepts the marriage proposal of OU football quarterback Landry Jones. On the fence at right is "Marry Me."

## Pair of OU stars now engaged to be married

It came out in a 21st century manner. Via Twitter, we learned this month that Whitney Hand, Sooner basketball co-captain, and Landry Jones, OU's starting football quarterback, are engaged.

The two have been dating the last two years.

Further details will be announced later but, meantime, congratulations to two fine young student athletes.

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### Club officers — 2010-11

President	Fred Dupy
Vice president	Dan Hodges
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# 'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: OU Medical Center making lots of good news in recent years in research and treatment

More and more, it seems, the University of Oklahoma Medical Center is doing some pioneering work in research and development in the age-old battle against disease and injury.

*The Daily Oklahoman* has been doing a persistently good job in recent years of chronicling the work.

All this while OU, particularly at its Oklahoma City medical complex, has been undergoing its biggest wave of expansion in a half century. In recent years seven buildings have been erected on the University's 325-acre campus — more than a half billion dollars in new construction.

**New leases on life** The OU medical campus has provided a number of heartening stories in recent years.

On Christmas Eve 2008, a teenage girl from Altus underwent reconstructive surgery to the right side of her face. That part of her face had been damaged when she was four years old while undergoing treatment for a ma-

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lignant growth behind her right eye.

A little over a year later she appeared at a press conference, pretty, smiling and no longer wearing her hair to cover the right side of her face.

**Other reconstructions** Recently a 13-year-old Uganda girl suffering from a faulty heart valve, underwent reconstructive surgery at the OU center that opened up a full life for her.

There also was the case of a three-week-old Lawton baby whose malformed esophagus was causing choking. OU doctors patched a defective segment, sending the little girl home to a healthy life.

**Transplants a specialty** The OU Medical Center also has been doing a good deal of transplant work of late, and plans to expand the types of or-

gans that it will deal with in this regard.

For some time, the teaching hospital has been doing adult and pediatric kidney transplants but has been expanding lately into liver and pancreas transplants.

And the OU hospital is looking ahead to taking on heart and lung transplants, as well.

**Research widely varies** A variety of diseases and injuries is the subject of research being done at the OU Medical Center.

In the news recently have been work related to finding a blood substitute, determining the effects of growth hormone on aging and the nature of copper deficiency in neurological damage.

Also, work done by OU researchers is leading to investigating ways to block the growth of cancers. Other OU researchers have discovered a way to use special nanoparticles to target vision loss caused by a variety of degenerative eye disease.

## OU athletes return to Haiti; see some improvement

Last year a couple dozen OU women's basketball players, coaches and support staff journeyed for a week to Haiti. Their mission was to provide a bit of help and encouragement to the earthquake-ravaged nation.

This May a return visit was made by OU people, some 40 in all — players from the women's basketball and football teams among them.

Sooner basketball player Whitney Hand, who made both trips, said "For me, it was so encouraging to see the improvement, the hope for their nation."

Sherri Coale, women's basketball coach, recounting the trip during the Dallas stop of the Sooner Caravan this month, told the crowd she will forever retain the image of foot-

ball lineman Ben Habern carrying a little boy named DeSong, who was frequently napping, on his shoulder all day.

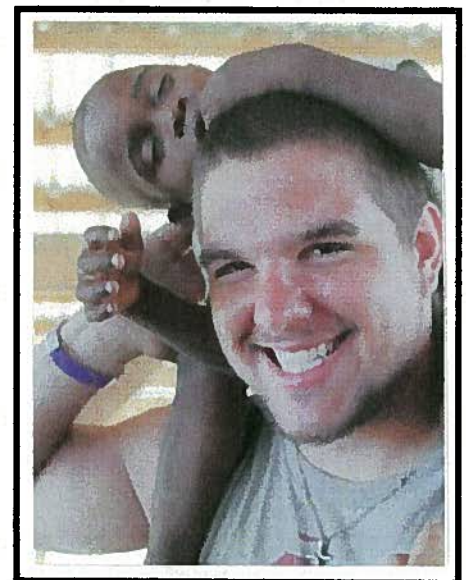
Football coach Bob Stoops told the Dallas crowd, "The kids we work with today are incredible. Not just today, it's

been there a long time. These kids, they're unbelievable. Absolutely amazing, young people of character, of faith."



— *The Daily Oklahoman*/Michael Davis photos

**BACK AGAIN** — For the second year, OU athletes, coaches and support staff visited earthquake-ravaged Haiti last month. OU basketball star Aaryn Ellenberg holds a local boy during the visit.



**NAPTIME IN HAITI** — Sooner football lineman Ben Habern provides what clearly is a splendid resting place for a Haitian youngster named DeSong.

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## *Pool party and barbecue set Saturday, Aug. 6*

A day of family fun is planned for OU Club of Austin members on Saturday, Aug. 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Head out that day to the home of our hosts, Monica and Fred Dupy, 1905 Shadow Brook Circle, Round Rock.

Fred and Monica have a hot tub at their home. And just a few steps away

is community swimming pool.

We'll enjoy catered barbecue, courtesy of the Dupys.

It's possible we'll deal with some club business during the day. We need to choose officers for 2011-12, and possibly other items will need tending to.

There might even be the occasional

mention of the coming football season.

Mostly it will be fun-fun-fun. So circle your calendar and we'll see you there.

### **Renewal notices and fund-raising info will be in the mail soon**

Membership renewal notices will soon be mailed to OU Club of Austin people.

Also included will be information related to fund raising.

Janet Atwood, membership chair, asks that you keep an eye out for the mailing in the next week or two.

We appreciate it.

### **Calendar of events**

<b>Event/(TV channel)</b>	<b>Day/date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>
Pool party	Aug. 6 Saturday	11 a.m.- 4 p.m.	1905 Shadow Brook Circle Round Rock
Pre-season kickoff dinner	Sept. 1 Thurs.	TBA	TBA
Season opening football game: Tulsa @ OU	Sept. 3 Sat.	TBA	Owen Field Norman



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