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Downtown watch-party site booked

A downtown site has now been found as a second home for the watch parties conducted by the OU Club of Austin.

Our second viewing home will be at Fado's Irish Pub, 214 West 4th, between Colorado and Lavaca streets.

Fado's offers Irish food, European draft beers and international sports, now including OU football.

And, of course, we will be retaining our old home in Round Rock, at the Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera.

Help Wanted

Several volunteers needed to oversee OU Club's watch parties — at 2 sites

The OU Club of Austin needs you. And several others.

The need is great and is becoming more urgent as football season approaches and brings with it the annual round of autumn watch parties.

Our mainstay in this has in recent times been Lee Lanham. But Lee recently has been transferred by his company to a post in Indiana and is moving away from Austin this summer.

The club's board of directors has decided that, with the addition of a

second site, downtown, for our parties, it will be best to have more leaders shouldering the load in future.

So we're putting out the word that we need volunteers — that's plural — to handle things. The idea is that if you can handle one or two parties, then we'll find others to do the same. That should ease the load, which will double this fall with the new venue at Fado's downtown, as well as the old standby, the Marriott at Round Rock.

If you can help, or think you might be able to, please call the club's president, Fred Dupy, 431-2069, and talk it over with him.

That way we'll be assured of keeping our gatherings alive and well.

Because without volunteers for this, the parties won't happen.

That doesn't bear thinking about.

So, please, if you think you can help, give Fred a call. Many thanks.

Club awarding 4 scholarships this year worth \$5,500 each

Four Central Texas students have been offered scholarships to enter the University of Oklahoma this fall.

The grants by the OU Club of Austin will be for \$5,500 each. Of that, the University will provide \$2,000. This is the most aid the club has offered in one year since its founding in 1988.

Last year, the club provided three \$5,500 scholarships. In years before that, the club's scholarships were for was \$2,000, OU providing half of that.

The club has been able to offer increasing aid the last couple of years, President Fred Dupy says, because of "the amazing generosity of Central Texans."

The fund the club maintains primarily to finance the scholarships has grown markedly in recent years. At the end of the first quarter of this year, the fund had \$91,365.

Fifteen scholarship applications were considered by the club's board of directors meeting earlier this month.

Once the choices were made, Fred wrote each proposed recipient to determine whether each has yet decided where to attend school this fall.

Each of the four have already applied for admission to OU and have been accepted. But one or more may have since had a change in plans.

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'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: \$30 million grant moves OU-TU medical school nearer reality

Plans for establishing a medical school at Tulsa received a huge boost this month.

That came with the announcement by the Tulsa-based Oxley Foundation of a \$30 million gift to underwrite the proposed Tulsa School of Community Medicine. The school will be staffed and operated by the universities of Oklahoma and Tulsa.

Plans are for the school to open in the fall of 2015. It will specialize in addressing the state's pressing shortage of primary-care physicians, especially in small towns and rural areas.

David Boren, OU president, said the Oxley gift gives the Tulsa medical school "critical forward momentum."

Four years ago, another Tulsa foundation, the George Kaiser Family Foundation, committed \$50 million to the proposed institution.

The announcement of the Oxley gift was made at the recently opened OU

Campus notes

Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic, which provides medical care in north Tulsa.

OU student is Miss Oklahoma Alicia Clifton, broadcast journalism major at OU, was crowned the 81st Miss Oklahoma this month in Tulsa.

She will go on to represent the state at the annual Miss America contest.

Miss Clifton holds two Guinness world records, *The Tulsa World* reports. She has completed the most consecutive pirouettes in tap shoes, 36, and the most a la seconde turns in 30 seconds. She made 50.

Oklahoma is tied with California and Ohio as the states with the most Miss Americas named since the 1920s. Each state has six.

Sooner ex 1st on North Pole? It is now thought that an OU alum may have been the first human to have walked on the very spot that is the geographic North Pole.

The Tulsa World noted this in a recent "Today in History" column. He was Air Force Lt. Col. Joseph Fletcher, who was in a 1952 expedition that flew to the Pole on a ski-modified plane.

Fletcher died in 2008 at age 88.

Daily online for summer Perhaps looking ahead to the days when the American newspaper will be available only or mostly online, the University this summer will offer *The Oklahoma*

Daily online only.

Plans still are to print copies of the *Daily* when the fall semester arrives.

"We've been talking about going to more of a digital-first philosophy for awhile," Anne Richard, OU associate director for student media, told *The Daily Oklahoman*.

She explained that this summer's experiment will demonstrate whether the *Daily's* readers feel just as well-served with online-only issues.

Skydance Bridge by OU team Architecture professors from the University of Oklahoma designed the recently opened Skydance Bridge over I-40 in Oklahoma City.

The accomplishment is the lead story in the current issue of *Sooner Magazine*, published by the OU Foundation.

Leading the team was Hans Butzer, who with his wife, Torrey, designed the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

Another Headington boost A few weeks after former Sooner football star Adrian Peterson contributed \$1 million to help with construction of the big new dorm at OU, Headington Hall, another footballer has also chipped in.

Sam Bradford has added a \$500,000 contribution to the cause.

April 2011 tornado record Officials at the OU-based Storm Prediction Center have released data indicating that the most recorded tornadoes in the U.S. for a month occurred in April 2011.

The center's Russell Schneider said the OU center is now often able to offer warnings hours, even days, in advance of a twister.

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Club officers – 2011-12

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Reunion 2012 scheduled Oct. 19-20

Class reunions at the University of Oklahoma this year are set for the weekend of Oct. 19-20. Featured will be the classes of 2002, 1992, 1982, 1972, 1962 and all classes prior to 1962.

The event will offer former students a chance to visit old friends, tour the campus and revisit college memories.

Two Norman hotels have been designated for the event — the Embassy Suites, 2501 Conference Dr., ph. 405-364-8040, with a reservations deadline of Sept. 3, and the NCED Conference Center & Hotel, 2801 E. State Hwy. 9, ph. 405-366-4977, with a reservations deadline of Sept. 21.

For more information, contact Jill Stephens, 405-325-2056, or email her at jills@ou.edu

Sooner athletes highly rated in classroom

NCAA's annual report reflects well on progress towards degrees at OU

Figures released this month by the NCAA indicate a healthy academic record for varsity athletes at the University of Oklahoma.

Grades were tracked through the 2010-11 academic years by the NCAA. A few years back, the association began checking schools' records regarding varsity athletes' progress towards graduation.

OU averaged a score of 973 points out of a possible 1,000. Teams' participation in playoffs and other post-season activity is threatened with scores under 900.

OU's nine women's teams compiled an average score of 985. The nine men's teams averaged 961.

All Sooner teams were well above the minimum 900. The lowest was men's tennis, 935. The lowest score for Sooner women were the softball and golf teams, each with 968.

Perfect scores of 1,000 were reported for the Sooner women's basketball and cross country teams.

OU 3rd in football In football the Sooners ranked third in the Big 12, just behind Missouri and Kansas. The national average for football was 946.

The Big 12 football ratings:

School	2010-11 rating
Missouri	972
Kansas	971
Oklahoma	970
Nebraska	966
Baylor	956
Texas A&M	946
Texas Tech	946
Kansas St.	943
Colorado	938
Iowa St.	938
Texas	937
Oklahoma St.	928

Of course, Missouri, A&M, Nebraska and Colorado aren't in the league anymore but were in 2010, for which the most recent ratings were posted.

League newcomers TCU and West Virginia had scores of 973 and 953, respectively.

Football opener at 9:30 OU's football season opener at UT-El Paso will kick off at 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 1. Sorry that's not a typographical error but, you know, TV will have its way. Fox

Sports notes

Sports Network will air the game.

Other kickoff times haven't yet been announced, though expectations in Norman are that all Sooner games this fall will be televised.

Thundermania strikes Boren David Boren, OU president, was seated courtside in Oklahoma City for the Thunder's NBA championship series opener against Miami.

President Boren was sitting with Tulsa native Bill Hader, a star on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Also present was former Sooner running back star Adrian Peterson.

Toby Keith's still at it Country singing star and prominent OU fan Toby Keith raised another \$664,000 in his continuing effort to help finance housing for Oklahoma pediatric cancer patients and their families.

The Kids Korral, being built at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, was the beneficiary of a golf tournament Keith sponsors each year to raise money for his foundation.

Keith, OKC officials and Keith Foundation representatives conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Korral recently. The facility is expected to be opened in the fall of 2013.

Jerry Tubbs dead at 77 One of the standouts of the Bud Wilkinson era of OU football died earlier this month.

Jerry Tubbs never played in a losing game with the Sooners, going 31-0 — part of OU's still-record 47-game winning streak of 1953-57.

A few years ago, Tubbs told an interviewer that the best game he ever played — high school, college or pro — was the 1955 Oklahoma-Texas game. That afternoon, Tubbs had three interceptions in a 20-0 Sooner win.

Baseball team praised OU's baseball team, riding a late-season hot streak that carried them to the super regionals this spring, fell at last to South Carolina, winners of the last two

national titles.

But the Sooners' sportsmanship, particularly on the part of Coach Sunny Golloway, was the subject of praise in a letter from South Carolina to *The Daily Oklahoman*.

Oklahoma-Texas split two We don't hear as much about the Oil Bowl as we used to but be advised: Oklahoma beat Texas, 30-20, this month in the 75th annual game up at Wichita Falls.

Texas leads the series with 46 wins, 19 losses and a tie since 1945, when the game converted to an Oklahoma vs. Texas format.

One future Sooner was on the two teams' rosters, Austin C. Bowling, a receiver from Westmoore.

The tables were turned up at Shawnee, however, when the 47th annual Faith 7 basketball game was played between teams from the two states.

Texas blew out Oklahoma, 107-80.

OU signee Je'Lon Hornbeak was named Texas' most valuable player, turning in 12 points and 7 assists.

OKC Memorial touches Aggies While in Oklahoma City for the recent Big 12 baseball tournament, Texas A&M coach Rob Childress took his team over to the bombing memorial downtown.

"I'm sure some of our players shrugged their shoulders as they got off the bus," Childress recounted. "But there was hardly a word said as we spent two-plus hours there."

Miscellany Courtney Paris, former star for the OU women's basketball team, has just been signed by the Tulsa Shock, the women's pro basketball league team. . . . Former Sooner quarterback Sam Bradford, now a St. Louis Ram, will conduct a two-day football camp July 10-11 in Norman for girls and boys aged 7-14. . . . Tickets were selling for big bucks at Oklahoma City as the Thunder opened play in the NBA finals this month. That caused one sportswriter at *The Tulsa World* to recall that not so long ago fans paid just five bucks to see college football's "Game of the Century" at Norman, in 1971 against Nebraska.

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John Sauer, former OU Club of Austin member, dies

Former OU Club of Austin member Joseph "John" Sauer, 76, died on June 9 in Norman.

Services and burial were in the IOOF Cemetery in Norman.

John was born in Dewey and held a BS in business administration from the University and an MA from Ball State.

He was a 20-year Air Force veteran

who served in Vietnam, Korea, Scotland, France, Greece and England, retiring in 1979 with the rank of major.

He then moved to Austin and began a second career in residential real estate.

A few years ago, he moved back to Norman and his alma mater. John was an avid OU football and basketball fan, a lifetime member of the NRA and had

just been given a lifetime membership in the Amateur Ham Radio Club of Norman. He also loved old Western and military movies and was a collector.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Gilliland.

Survivors include his wife, Linda, stepdaughter, Traci Atchison, and sister-in-law, Sandy Madden, all of the home; two nieces, Brenda Remington and family of Dewey and Lisa Minor and family of South Coffeyville; a nephew, Steve Gilliland and family of Sapulpa; and his canine baby girls, Blu, Sheila and Fancy of the home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com

Calendar of events

Event (TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Pre-season kickoff dinner	Aug. 30 Thur.	TBA	TBA
Football watch party OU @ UT-El Paso (FSN)	Sept. 1 Sat.	9:30 p.m.	TBA



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