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More than 70 CenTex HS grads accepted this spring by OU

March 10 dinner set for area's graduating seniors, their families

More than 70 Central Texas graduating high school seniors have applied to and been accepted this spring by the University of Oklahoma.

The OU Club of Austin will host these students and their families at the Iron Cactus restaurant where the club held its kickoff dinner last Au-

gust for the 2009 football season.

We'll gather on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 10001 Stonelake Blvd. just north of Loop 360 between US 183 and MoPac Expressway.

On hand that evening will be

Christina Lee of the OU student recruitment staff. She'll discuss with students and their families what they might expect on entering the University and will answer questions.

Christina, a recent OU grad from Galveston, also will present a slide show about the University.

3rd scholarship set up, will honor Sally Reagan

A third scholarship has been established by the OU Club of Austin for Central Texas students attending the University of Oklahoma.

The new scholarship will honor the devoted work and faithful leadership of Sally Reagan, who passed away last August.

The grant was approved by the

club's board of directors at its January meeting.

Sally served a number of years in advancing the work of our club, most notably in handling our popular football watch parties.

The club's board of directors will meet on March 25 to consider scholarship applications that have come in

during recent weeks.

Mary Reagan has accepted the board's offer to become an honorary member of the club and will attend the March 25 meeting when the applicants to receive her sister's first scholarship will be considered.

Each of the OU Club of

Austin's three scholarships amounts to some \$1,000 in cash plus another \$1,000 of tuition waivers from OU.

Andy Roop, OU's director of prospective student services, praised the OU Club of Austin recently for its scholarships.

"I would like to thank you for the work the club does regarding scholarships. Scholarships are such an important part of the college selection process and truly assist students making it to OU," Mr. Roop said.

Past winners of our scholarships

2009	Kaleb Parks	Belton
	Lauren Harris	Dripping Springs
2008	Callie Yarbrough	Austin (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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April sociable being planned for us

Plans are being cobbled together for a spring get-together.

Things were still being worked on at presstime but the idea at this point is for us all to gather at a hotel on Lady Bird Lake for a happy hour/meeting in late April.

The meeting will be brief and won't include the usual reports or other such business. Rather, we want to drum up new volunteers or board members.

Janet Atwood, Rick Williamson and Alisa Macy figure the gathering, will lead to the addition of some much-needed new talent to our leadership.

"It will," as Janet said, "also be more of a club mixer. We can get to know each other, talk spring football and talk about board elections and volunteers.

"The idea is to have something far more informal than our regular meet-

ings," she added.

- Club membership stands now at 175, Janet Atwood, membership chair, has announced.

That's just 15 members less than the highest membership numbers the club has had, she observed.

- Central Texas Sooners will not be surprised to hear of yet another good deed performed in behalf of the University by former OU Club of Austin leaders Janene and Rod Davis, now the club's "ambassadors to Norman."

The story winds along a curvy path before landing on the Davises' doorstep in Norman.

OU Club of Austin member Brenda Olds' brother, Buddy Shelton, operates a supply company that serves the petroleum industry in Peru. He became acquainted with the family of a student, Maria Jose Granados, who had been accepted for admission this spring to OU, majoring in industrial engineering.

Buddy emailed Brenda, asking if she knows of anyone in Norman who might lend the new student a hand at getting settled into a new school in a new nation.

Brenda, of course, knew just what to do. The Davises picked it up from there. They have, among many other things, been helping foreign students in Norman since moving there from Austin a few years back.

"The visit with Rod and Janene was a real hit," Buddy writes.

"When Maria Jose got together for the first time with Rod and Janene they went to some school games and out to eat at the BLU restaurant in Norman.

"She was blown away with Janene and Rod and their hospitality. I wanted you and the OU Club of Austin to hear how well it went, and to thank everybody for the help," Buddy added.

- One of the watch parties held by the OU Club of Austin was featured on a local TV news program recently.

On New Year's Eve afternoon, while the club hosted a watch party of the Sooners' football bowl game with Stanford, several OU people from Austin were interviewed about the firing of Mike Leach, Texas Tech head coach who formerly was offensive coordinator at Norman.

Rick Williamson, manning the registration table, noted the friendly sentiments OU fans still harbor for Mr. Leach. Rick told Channel 24's Clara Tuma of another OU watch party at the Marriott North on a weekend that Tech was here to play Texas later in the day.

Rick recalled that when Tech players boarded the bus to go to the stadium, many Sooner fans cheered them on and paid attention, in particular, to Coach Leach.

Mack Palmer, another OU Club member, predicted that Leach's loss will adversely affect Tech's football future.

Noting that Tech flourished with a small playbook under Leach, Sooner **Lee Lanham** expressed admiration for the coach's offensive philosophy.

Most Sooners interviewed expressed regret at Tech's decision to fire Coach Leach. **Ray Garcia** told 24 he doubted that either Oklahoma or UT would have been so harsh against the coach. "At least, they would have let him coach the bowl game," Ray said.

- Other news involving club members since our last newsletter:

Fowler and Janet Brown have moved to Llano.

Betty (Mrs. Adin) Hall has an email address and would be pleased to hear from any club members. Betty's address is ahhebh@compuserve.com **Adin**, as we noted in our last issue, passed away last year.

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Club officers — 2009-10

President	(vacant)
Vice president	Steve Watson
Secretary	Mark Carlson
Treasurer	Fred Dupy
Membership	Janet Atwood
Watch parties	Rick Williamson
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Scholarship chair	Alisa Macy
Recruitment chair	(vacant)

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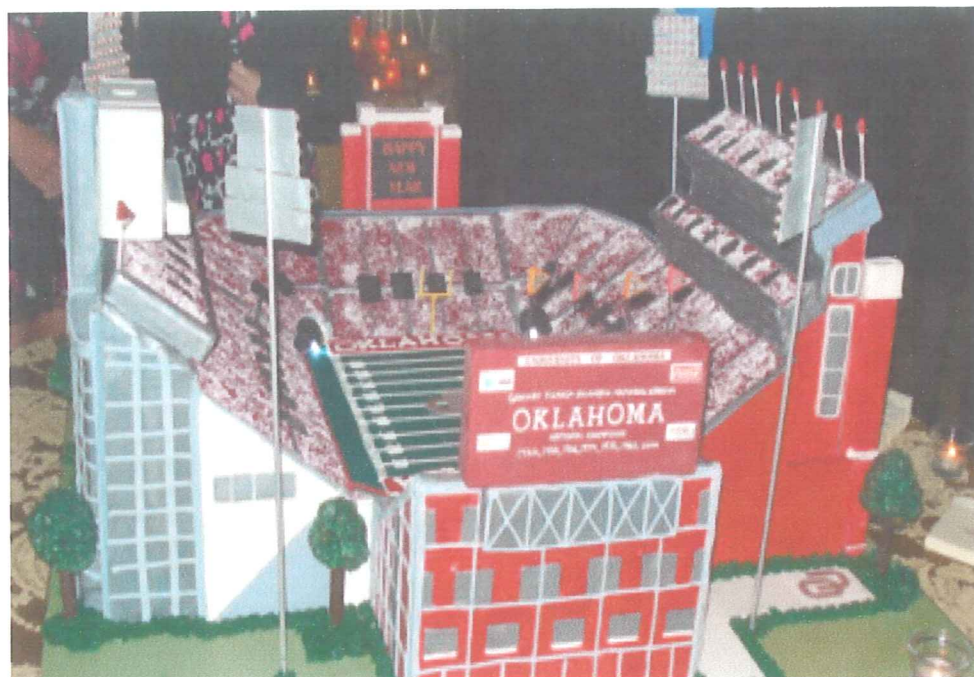
2010-11 officer candidates being sought

Some turnover is coming up later this year in the leadership of the OU Club of Austin. We'll elect new officers again this summer and there will be some new faces.

This is assured, because several veterans of the board and some other positions are stepping aside because their work or personal lives demand more time these days.

The election of 2010-11 officers probably will be held in June. We'll fill the jobs of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, legal advisor, watch parties director, events coordinator, scholarship director and recruitment director.

If you can help with any of these jobs, please contact one of the present members of the leadership or send an email message to: goldsaustin.rr.com



A piece of cake — and then some

OU Alumnus Robert Beall (BBA Accounting 1979) sent this photo to the OU Alumni Association, saying, "My only daughter, Allison, was married on New Year's Eve to fellow OU graduate, Mark Chandler. Allison Beall graduated from OU with a degree in journalism and is now at the OU Law School. Mark Chandler graduated from OU with a degree in zoology and biomedical sciences and is now a fellow student at the OU Medical School. The photos were taken by one of my friends at the reception of the groom's cake. Enjoy!"

Letter to the editor

2006 OU Club scholarship winners plan June wedding

My daughter, Meredith Willinger, was one of your scholarship recipients in 2006. We really appreciate the vote of confidence the OU Club of Austin bestowed upon her as a graduating senior from Lake Travis High School.

I don't know if you follow past recipients, but I thought you might enjoy an update.

Meredith graduated with honors in December. She majored in economics, with a minor in International Studies.

She interned with Conoco Phillips last summer and they offered her a job upon graduation. She has moved to Bartlesville and began her new job in January.

She's engaged to be married to

your other 2006 scholarship recipient, David Peebles, in June. Yes, they stayed together all through high school and all through college!

Just as a side note, Meredith was one of the Outstanding Juniors at OU last year. She has served as Panhellenic president this past year and was a Homecoming queen candidate last fall.

My youngest recently was in the process of completing college applications and filling out scholarship information and I realized that I had not taken the time to thank the OU Club of Austin. So on behalf of Meredith, thank you for your support and I hope she has made your organization proud!

—BECKY WILLINGER

Club website getting new master, look

Craig Likes has taken on duties of webmaster for the OU Club of Austin. Craig succeeds Kevin Niyah at the post.

In recent days the two men have been working to update the site and develop plans for future features.

Kevin's schedule has become increasingly busy of late, so he has deemed it best to turn over the job to Craig.

Be sure to check out the pages at <http://www.ouclubofaustin.com> to follow the further progress of the site and to stay abreast of the Austin club's activities and concerns. And you'll find a variety of interesting links and other information, as well.

If you have any suggestions please email one of the OU Club of Austin officers listed there.

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Calendar of events

Student recruitment dinner	March 10 Wednesday	7 p.m.	Iron Cactus restaurant (512-794-8778) 10001 Stonelake Boulevard, Austin
Scholarship application review meeting	March 25 Thursday	6 p.m.	301 Congress Ave., Ste. 2000
Spring Sociable	April TBA		Some sort of informal, fun gathering for club members to meet, greet
Election of officers for 2010-11	June (exact date TBA)		TBA
Pre-season kickoff dinner	Sept. 2 Thursday		TBA
1st watch party of 2010 football (Utah St.)	Sept. 4 Saturday		Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Central Texas College Fair	October dates TBA		TBA

Beat-Texas billboard planned again this year by OU Club

What has become sort of a tradition by now — erecting an annoying outdoor billboard above I-35 directed at fans of the University of Texas — will be continued this fall.

The decision to pay for the sign was made at the January meeting of the OU Club of Austin's board of directors.

Got an idea about wording the sign? If so, email Steve Watson: steve660@sbcglobal.net



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