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OU to begin accepting common admission app

Means students will have to submit just one application to reach as many as 500 schools

The University of Oklahoma will begin accepting common admission applications in fall of 2014 so new undergraduate students won't have to submit different applications to each university they are interested in.

The Common Application, aka the Common App, will be accepted from prospective incoming freshman and transfer students beginning on Aug. 1, 2013, for admission the next fall.

"OU's membership within the Common Application group will benefit future applicants for admission by simplifying the college application process," said OU spokesman Michael Nash.

"This simplification will improve prospective-student access to a college

education here at the University of Oklahoma," he said.

Students applying for undergraduate schools through the Common App will be able to submit one application instead of multiple essays and forms to the colleges and universities of their choosing.

The information required in the application includes traditional criteria such as class rank, recommendation letters, standardized testing information and personal essays. The applications can be submitted online or in print.

See the group's website at www.commonapp.org

The Common App is accepted by nearly 500 institutions in 47 states in the United States.

Bill would give in-state college tuition to Okla. high school grads living out of state

The Oklahoma Senate this month approved a new measure that would allow individuals who graduate from high school in Oklahoma to always be eligible for in-state college tuition, even if they move from the state for any period of time.

Sen. John Sparks, D-Norman, sponsored Senate Bill 423 that would also allow Oklahoma high school graduates who got an undergraduate degree from an out-of-state university to re-

turn to Oklahoma for graduate school and still pay in-state tuition.

"The children of Oklahoma families, some who have lived, worked and paid taxes in our state for generations, shouldn't lose eligibility for in-state tuition if they leave the state for a few months or years after graduating high school," Sparks said.

The measure is now in the House of Representatives, assigned to the Appropriations and Budget Cmte.

Traveling? Check out OU's tourism groups

Two groups that have recently been formed may be of interest to OU alums and friends in Central Texas.

Sightseeing Sooners and Sooner Sports Travel have been formed to let OU people travel together on vacations in the United States or abroad, or to sporting events.

Go online to www.ou.edu then check "Travel" in the panel at the left of the page.

That will direct you to the two groups' offerings.

Atop page 2 of this issue of the *Baja* is word of a travel package that Sooner Sports Travel has put together for this fall's football game at Notre Dame.

And the Sightseeing Sooners' site lists 22 travel destinations scheduled for this year. Trips are planned to such places as Tahiti, Israel, the Greek islands, London, Paris and the antebellum South, among others.

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Travel package announced for Notre Dame game

Sooner fans interested in going to Oklahoma's football game this fall at Notre Dame will want to check out a recently announced tour package.

Fans will stay two nights in nearby Chicago and be transported to South Bend and back via bus and chartered rail. The night before the Sept. 28 game an OU Boomer Bash is planned at a local club.

For information go to the website www.soonersportstravel.com

Sooner Caravan plans Details for the annual Sooner Caravan haven't yet been finalized but are expected soon.

The only known stop so far is at Houston, tentatively set on Tuesday, June 4. (Previously, the Houston date was to have been June 3.)

Last year the caravan journeyed to three cities, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Dallas.

Bob Stoops, football coach, and Lon Kruger, men's basketball coach, are

Sports notes

known to be scheduled for Houston.

Coale to lead Team USA OU women's basketball coach Sherri Coale will lead Team USA at the 2013 Women's World University Games this summer in Kazan, Russia.

This will be Coale's first coaching assignment with USA Basketball. She served as an assistant for the 2001 bronze-medal winning Junior World Championship team and as a USA Basketball Women's Collegiate Committee member from 2005 to 2008.

Whitney Hand honored OU basketball star Whitney Hand has been

voted to the Capital One Academic All-District women's basketball team.

Team members were selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Hand graduated with a 3.76 GPA and is maintaining a 4.0 average in her graduate studies. Her basketball career was apparently ended in January when she suffered a knee injury.

Softball star delivering Sooner softball pitcher Keilani Ricketts is on a roll again this season. She turned in two no-hitters in OU's first five games.

The wins came in consecutive starts against Oregon and Stanford, both nationally ranked teams.

She has told reporters she is even more highly motivated this year by last season's narrow miss of a national title.

'Local' food at OU not all that local, student investigators contend

The University of Oklahoma's Housing and Food Services spends an average of about 16 percent of its monthly food budget on local foods, according to Matt Roberts, Housing and Food purchasing director; however, some of those local foods aren't that local.

So reports *The Oklahoma Daily*.

The discrepancy between what is considered local and what isn't comes from OU's definition of local, which includes distribution centers, said biology senior Ashley Higgs.

"That does not count as local food," Higgs contends.

OU's definition of local foods includes anything in a 250-mile radius of Norman, said Roberts.

Housing and Food's primary food vendor, US Foods, is located in Oklahoma City. Many of the foods supplied by US Foods come from Advance Pierre Foods, which is headquartered in Enid, according to documents obtained from Housing and Food.

Because those two suppliers are located within 250 miles of Norman, they count as local food, despite the fact that

the food coming into the two facilities may have been grown or raised elsewhere.

For instance, Patuxent Farms, where OU receives chicken wings and chicken breasts, among other things, is located in Columbia, Md., roughly 1,300 miles from Norman.

These kinds of issues have propelled Higgs to work to change the way OU is getting its food, she said.

Higgs and the Students Against a Factory-farming Economy, a student group promoting sustainable food practices, are working with Housing and Food to source the food that is being brought into Couch Restaurants, she said.

The students are working with a national nonprofit called Real Food Challenge to get 20 percent of the current food budget to be spent on "real" foods, which means they are good for food producers, consumers, community and the earth, Higgs said.

For example, to be good for producers, the farmers growing the food must be paid a living wage and work in fair conditions. To be good for consumers, the food can't be genetically modified, she said.

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'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Pride of Oklahoma will have a new leader; Brian Britt retiring after 12 years

Music educator Dr. Justin Stolarik has been named director of the Pride of Oklahoma marching band at the University of Oklahoma.

"Dr. Stolarik will have big shoes to fill. Brian Britt has done an outstanding job and has more than met my expectations since I selected him to lead the Pride 12 years ago," Boren said.

"In spite of my best efforts to convince him to stay, he decided to change roles to spend more time with his family. I respect his reasons for leaving, but we will greatly miss Brian Britt."

Stolarik has provided leadership for university marching bands in four states. He goes to Norman from the University of Wisconsin.

OU and Tar Creek Five years ago scientists from the University of Oklahoma established a project to determine the level and nature of pollution in the Tar Creek watershed of north-eastern Oklahoma.

Once the site of the world's biggest lead and zinc mining field, the area now is heavily polluted. So much so, that dozens of residents were moved from the area in 2006 due to cave-ins and high lead levels in local children.

In 2008 a passive-treatment center designed by OU scientists went into operation there. Rust-colored, heavily contaminated water running from an old mine site was rerouted through a series of ponds. By the time the water flows through the last pond, 80 to 85 percent of the heavy metals have been removed and the water has become crystal clear.

Students at the nearby Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Tahlequah, will take samples from each pond to determine at what point aquatic life appears.

Plans changed Officials at the universities of Oklahoma and Tulsa have decided against buying a building in downtown Tulsa to house the schools' Tulsa School of Community Medicine.

The planned school, however, will still be established.

"Only the location is changing," said TU president Steadman Upham.

Campus notes

TU will provide science education, and OU-Tulsa will offer advanced medical instruction, said OU-Tulsa president George Clancy. Students will attend classes at both campuses all four

Including Switzer biography

Oklahoma movies in our future

Several movies filmed in Oklahoma in recent months and that deal with state subjects are in the works these days.

- A movie about a former Oklahoma governor's wife recently was announced for future filming. The film will feature an all-star cast, two 2013 Oscar winners (actress, screenwriter) and a 2013 double-Oscar nominee (screenwriter and director).

David O. Russell, nominated in the 2013 Oscars for both directing and writing the best adapted screenplay — "Silver Linings Playbook" — has announced he will reunite with Jennifer Lawrence, who won an Oscar for best actress in the same film.

The screenplay will be written by Chris Terrio, who won a 2013 Oscar for his screenplay for "Argo."

They will work in "The Ends of the Earth," a story of a former Oklahoma first lady, Lydie Marland, the wife of the state's 10th governor (1935-39).

The new film will tell the story of Gov. Ernest Marland, the founder of what became Conoco oil company, who married his former stepdaughter, Lydie, then lost a fortune during the Depression.

Also in our future:

- A movie about Barry Switzer's life as the son of a bootlegger and, later, as OU football coach, is still in the works.

Molly Smith, who produced the 2009 movie "The Blind Side," has formed her own production company and is making the Switzer film, "The Bootlegger's Boy."

years of their school work.

The downtown building originally intended to house the entire school was found to require so much remodeling it would be a good deal more expensive than the proposed purchase price of \$2.25 million.

Some \$139 million in private funds already has been raised to support the new school.

Smith's 2009 movie, "The Blind Side," was a film that starred Sandra Bullock. The story is that of a virtually homeless young man who is taken in by a well-to-do Memphis family. They see him through high school to a football scholarship at Mississippi. There he earned All-America honors and was a first-round NFL draft pick.

- This November, a movie shot last fall in and around Bartlesville and Pawhuska will premiere. "August: Osage County," starring Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Chris Cooper, Dermot Mulroney and others, was written by Tracy Letts, Tulsa native who grew up in Durant.

There are four producers, among them George Clooney and Harvey Weinstein.

The story is of family travails when members gather for the funeral of their patriarch.

- And filming began last year for a movie about the 1977 murders of three little girls at a Girl Scout Camp near Locust Grove, east of Tulsa.

Titled "Candles," the film is being shot in Kansas, just across from Vinita, by an independent company.

When the film might be released to the public is up in the air. Backers still are raising money while production is in progress.

A Facebook site, also titled "Candles," has information on the film, and about the murders, which even today are a hot topic in northeastern Oklahoma.

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Calendar of events

Event (TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Red-White spring football game	Sat. Apr. 13	2 p.m.	Owen Field, Norman
Postmark deadline for scholarship applications	Tues. Apr. 30		Applications on club website. Mail to: Fred Dupy, 1905 Shadow Brook Cir. Round Rock
Sooner Caravan in Houston	Tues. June 4 (tentative)	TBA	Houston (locale TBA)



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