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Via electronic newsletter

Baja going to some 2,000 Centex Sooners

Some 2,000 former students of the University of Oklahoma live in these here hills of Central Texas. They are receiving this issue of *The Baja Oklahoman* via an e-newsletter, which the University is distributing.

A similar emailing is planned next spring, and twice yearly after that.

If you're hearing about our club for the first time: Welcome. We hope to meet you soon.

CLUB NOTES: Business cards being distributed

- Business cards with information about the OU Club of Austin have been put into distribution by our president, Fred Dupy.

The cards are being distributed to members of the club who on occasion are in contact with people who might want to consider joining our ranks.

If you want some of the cards, they are available at all our watch parties. The next watch party will be for the Iowa State game on Oct. 16, when we'll gather at the Marriott in Round Rock (please see the calendar, page 4).

- Many thanks to Marcus McNac and Mike Sanchez of the Detour bar and grill on Burnet Road for doing such a fine job of hosting our watch parties this fall for the Utah St. and Texas games.

The folks at the Detour did a wonderful job of decorating for the UT game. And they provided free chips, salsa, queso and quesadillas for everyone for the victory over Texas. We all had a fine time.

As Marcus told our president, Fred Dupy, before the game, "If you're an OU fan, this will be the right place to be." It was.

- Despite being shut out on posting our annual greeting on that billboard over near UT the day before the Oklahoma-Texas game (see story, page 4), the club leadership is planning to post a message later this year.

It will simply give information about our club.



SPREADING THE WORD — The University of Oklahoma was well represented at the college fairs conducted in the Austin area this fall. Here, OU Club of Austin treasurer Jessica Benedict (OU Class of '05) and her sister Lindsay Fifield ('06) staff the OU booth at the fair in Wimberley.

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Sooners, Nebraska exploring a 2-game football set in 2021-22 to retain storied rivalry, sort of

USA Today has reported that the universities of Oklahoma and Nebraska have been studying ways to resume playing football after the Huskers depart the Big 12 for the Big 10 next summer.

"But we can't make a decision until we know if the Big Ten is going from eight conference games to nine," NU Athletic Director Tom Osborne said. "Once that shakes out, we'll see what we can work out."

Joe Castiglione, OU athletic director, approached Nebraska about a two-game set in 2021-22. The first game would be played in Norman on the 50th anniversary of "the game of the [20th] century."

A landmark season The first half of the Sooner football season already has past several notable milestones,

Sports notes

among them:

- The football team's win over Utah St. in the opener was the school's 800th football victory. That put OU in rare company. Only six other teams have hit the 800-win plateau: Michigan (877 wins through 2009), Texas (845), Notre Dame (837), Nebraska (827), Ohio St. (819) and Penn St. (811).

- This year's Florida St. game broke the school's record for consecutive sellouts. The 1971-84 teams of Chuck Fairbanks and Barry Switzer had 69 straight. Coach Bob Stoops' teams have never had less than a sell-out. The new streak stands now at 71.

7th grader commits The Sooners recorded perhaps their youngest athletic commitment in history with the announcement recently by a seventh grader that he will, in five years, join the OU men's golf team.

Brad Dalke, a 12-year-old golfer from Mansfield, Tex., already 5-8 tall and weighing 170 pounds, can drive the ball 290 yards.

Why OU? Brad's mother, Kay Dalke, explains that people "just have to know our family to understand."

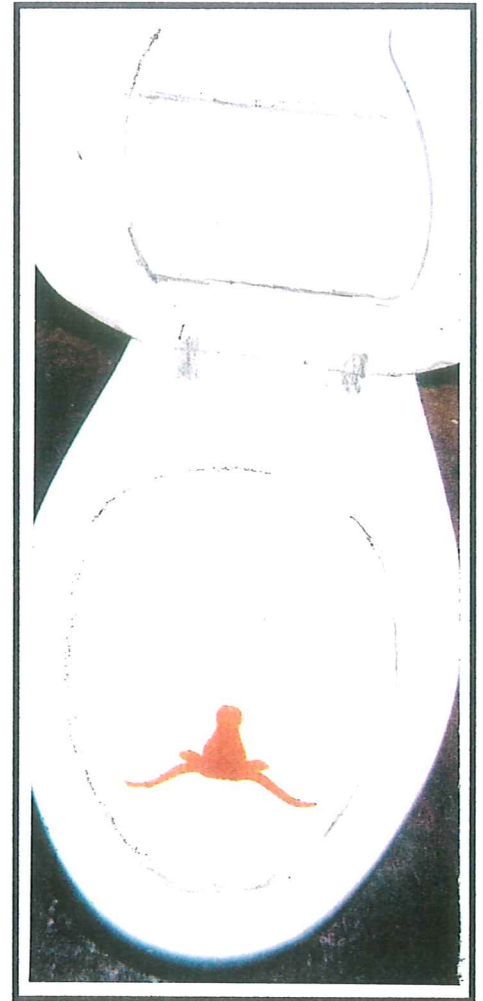
The Dalkes are Sooners at heart. Mrs. Dalke, the former Kay Pryor, was on the first Sooner women's golf team in 1975. She married Bill Dalke, a starting linebacker on OU's 1975 national championship team.

Basketball hero dies Ken Pryor, who banked in the game-winning shot in OU's 1947 national semifinal win over Texas died recently.

The Oklahoma City Capitol Hill grad and World War II veteran of the Navy is survived by his wife of 62 years, former OU cheerleader Pauline and four children.

Among the children are Kay Dalke (see the Brad Dalke item, above) and Steve Pryor of Georgetown.

Castiglione article The good work of Joe Castiglione the last 12



— Photo by Greg Olds

ANY QUESTIONS? — This, uh, facility is located in the men's room of Billy Sims Barbecue (yes, *that* Billy Sims) on West Main in Norman. After a football Saturday last month one of our far-flung correspondents captured the scenic view. A decal had been strategically positioned, as you see. Atop the tank was the inscription: "It's what's for dinner."

years as OU athletic director is detailed in an article in *Sooner Magazine*, publication of the OU Foundation.

The article, in the current (Summer 2010) issue, can be read online: <http://www.oufoundation.org/sm/archives.asp>

Click on "Great Expectations Realized."

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'NEATH A WESTERN SKY: Newest freshman class continues the trend of rising academic standing

Every fall, it seems, we hear the same. And this fall the good news recurs: OU's incoming freshman class is the highest rated academically in state history.

Featuring an average ACT of 26, the class includes 221 National Merit Scholars. OU is number one in the nation among public universities in the number in freshman National Merit Scholars enrolled per capita.

And there are 350 State Regents Scholars, meaning they rank in the top half of one percent in the nation in test scores.

Enrollment figures This fall, enrollment at the Norman campus mains about the same as a year ago, 26,368. And there are 3,854 students at the Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and 1,464 at OU-Tulsa.

Geneva scientist hired The new head of the OU School of Meteorology, David Parsons, was hired from the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, an arm of the United Nations.

As a research meteorologist, Parsons has worked on studies based from Asia to Antarctica and back to the United States on subjects ranging from typhoons to the ozone layer.

Tisdale contract OK'd University regents have approved an \$11.5 million contract for construction of the Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Center that OU plans to build in north Tulsa.

The center, named for a Sooner basketball star who died last year, is to be completed in 2012.

OKC hospital add-on Regents also have decided to build out the fourth and fifth floors of the OU Cancer Institute in Oklahoma City.

Originally, the two floors were to be shelled but it was decided that the need for them was sufficiently pressing. So regents added \$3.5 million to the hospital to enable finishing out the additional two floors on the six-story building.

New OU iPhone app A small

Campus notes

team of OU information technology specialists who last year developed an iPhone application has now released a second version, OU4YOU.

When the new app will appear on the market depends on when Apple puts it onto iTunes.

OU4YOU is another version of an app the OU students released last year, OU2GO, which includes a campus map, current weather, news feed,

media and campus traditions.

OU2GO was more for prospective students and alumni, OU IT spokesman Nicholas Key says. The newly developed OU4YOU "is more geared towards current students."

OU4YOU will have parking availability information, a campus map, a directory, Hiresooner career services, Cleveland Area Rapid Transit GPS to track transportation routes and arrival times, My Planner to help students keep track of their own grades, OU libraries to check out books from their phones, D2L and a news feed.



Company coming

Twice this fall, the Detour bar on Burnet Road has offered a fine alternate site for our football watch parties. Here, the bar was all gussied up, inside and out, in OU finery for the Texas game. It appears that the rest of the season, we'll return to our regular spot, the Marriott in Round Rock.

— Photo by Lindsay Fifield

Austin alum gives \$1 million to honor his former OU prof

OU alumnus Rod Roberts, the president of Lancer Resources Co. in Austin, has made a commitment to give \$1 million to the University's energy management program in honor of his former teacher, V. Ross Brown.

Roberts is a 1974 petroleum land management graduate of the University.

University President David Boren told the OU regents at their September meeting in Claremore that the gift will be used to create an endowment to help program officials recruit energy industry experts to teach, advise and mentor students.

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Calendar of events

Event/(TV channel)	Day/date	Time	Where
Watch party (FoxSptsNet) Iowa St. @ Oklahoma	Oct. 16 Sat.	6 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Watch party (TBA) Oklahoma @ Missouri	Oct. 23 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Watch party (TBA) Colorado @ Oklahoma	Oct. 30 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Watch party (TBA) Oklahoma @ Texas A&M	Nov. 6 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Board meeting (all club members welcome)	Nov. 11 Thurs.	6 p.m.	301 Congress Ave., ste. 2000
Watch party (TBA) Texas Tech @ Oklahoma	Nov. 13 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Watch party (TBA) Oklahoma @ Baylor	Nov. 20 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Watch party (TBA) Oklahoma @ Oklahoma St.	Nov. 27 Sat.	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd.
Sooner-Bound Texans dinner and program	Feb. 23, 2011 (date tentative)	TBA	Iron Cactus Inn
Sooner Sendoff dinner and program	May 3 or 4 (date tentative)	TBA	TBA

Our billboard message gets hooked down

The billboard message which the OU Club of Austin usually posts near the campus of the University of Texas on the Friday before the Red River Rivalry football game was not put up this year.

The operators of the board decided there was too much negative reaction locally to justify another of our fun-loving messages this year.

Since 2003, the OU Club has posted sentiments on the I-35 billboard that faces the Longhorns' football practice field.



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