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'Don't send my boy to Texas . . .'



Chuck Messer (standing) thought the party needed a rousing start when the OU Club of Austin gathered for its pre-football season barbecue. He led the crowd in a stirring version of the time-honored ballad "Don't Send My Boy to Texas (A Dying Mother Said)" **Story: page 3**

Photo by
Janet Atwood

The week of Sept. 27-Oct. 1

College Fair volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed by the OU Club of Austin to staff the Sooner booths at College Fairs scheduled the end of this month in Central Texas.

Alisa Macy, already our scholarship chair, is doubling in brass to handle the club's participation.

The fairs annually draw hundreds of area high school seniors, who consider their college choices by visiting representatives of dozens of schools.

If you can help with our part of this year's college fairs, please email: alisamedia@yahoo.com Alisa will respond to you with further details. Volunteers will receive materials provided by OU for their guidance while talking with high school students at the fairs.

And they can consult a helpful page

on the University's website: <http://recruitment.ou.edu/alumni/training/fairs.html>

The schedule of fairs:

- **Monday, Sept. 27** — **Round Rock:** McNeil High School, 5720 McNeil Road, 6-8 p.m. For McNeil, Stony Point, Westwood, Round Rock and any other Williamson County high schools.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 28** — **Pflugerville:** Hendrickson High School, 2905 FM 685, 6-8 p.m., for Connally, Pflugerville, Hendrickson high schools and the Provan Opportunity Center. And **San Marcos** High School, 2601 E. McCarty Lane, 6-8 p.m.

- **Thursday, Sept. 30** — **Wimberley,** 100 Carney Lane, 6-8 p.m. And **Leander,** 3301 S. Bagdad Road, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for

Vista Ridge, Cedar Park, Leander, Liberty Hill, Lago Vista, Burnet, Florence, Rouse (grades 9-10), Vandergrift, New Hope high schools and the Leander Extended Opportunity Center.

- **Friday, Oct. 1** — **Georgetown,** 2211 N. Austin Ave., 12 noon-2 p.m.

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NCAA: Sooner football tops Big 12 in academic progress for 3rd straight year

Oklahoma's football program maintained the Big 12's leading Academic Progress Rate for the third straight year. So reported the NCAA recently.

The Sooners scored a 962, 19 points higher than the league average. In order behind OU were Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Baylor and Oklahoma St. (tied), Texas Tech, Kansas St. and Texas A&M (tied), Iowa St. and Colorado.

Only Colorado failed to meet the NCAA standards on this and was penalized five scholarships.

The report, the NCAA's latest, was through the 2008-09 academic year.

Most expensive ticket This year's Oklahoma-Oklahoma State game will require OU fans in Stillwater

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for the game to pay what may be the most expensive single-game ticket in college football.

OSU officials designate one game a year as special, requiring those who want to see that game to buy a season ticket. An exception is made for the fans of a visiting team.

So a block of 5,000 tickets was made available to OU for the Nov. 27 game for \$125 each.

What the odds were In the week that college football began again, the oddsmakers had OU the fifth most

likely team to win the national championship and favored to win the Big 12. And Sooner running back DeMarco Murray was rated the 16th most likely to win the Heisman Trophy.

Alabama's pre-season no. 1 ranking will be hard to live up to; many no. 1's of August fail to finish on top. Of OU's seven national titles, four times the Sooners were pre-season no. 1. Five other times in which the Sooners were pre-season favorites, they fell short.

Clarification Last month's item in this column about OU's becoming established as a national football power referred to regent Samuel L. Noble of Ardmore.

That is his name but he was more usually known as Lloyd Noble.

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Club officers — 2010-11	
President	Fred Dupy
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DVD series will recall OU's football history: 1895-present

Orders are now being accepted for the first of four installments of a comprehensive video history of OU football. The first DVD will be released next month.

Plans are to issue the other three installments each September through 2013.

The first video, which runs two hours, is narrated by former Sooner star running back Spencer Tillman, who went on to become a TV sportscaster.

It's titled "The History of Sooner Football: Birth of a Champion" and covers the years 1895 through the hiring of Bud Wilkinson after the 1946 season.

Installments 2-4 will center on the Wilkinson, Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops periods.

Orders at \$19.95 per copy plus \$6.95 shipping are at: <http://www.soonersports.com> Click on "Promotions," then select "DVD + Guide Store."

OU license plates to be issued in Texas

A license plate designed for devotees of the University of Oklahoma has recently been approved for Texas drivers.

According to the website operated by the OU Club of Dallas, orders for the plates will be accepted sometime this month for delivery by mid-October.

Check the website myplates.com for details. And you can take a look at website of the OU club of Dallas at ouclubofdallas.com



Feeding the inner Sooner

Pre-season barbecue gets season going

Some three dozen people were on hand earlier this month when the OU Club of Austin held its annual pre-football season barbecue.

We dined, talked and laughed at the PoK-e-Jo's on West Parmer Lane this year. Shoot, we even sang a little.

Chuck Messer, lamenting that the time-honored song "Don't Send My Boy to Texas" is not heard as often as in years gone by, led the crowd in a rousing version.

For the benefit of some of the younger folks on hand, Chuck first went over the words and music, then led the group. It was a fine offering.

Six more members were added to the club rolls that evening, President Fred Dupy has announced.

Some club notes

Shootout-bound Austinites due salute on OU Club billboard

Negotiations are under way to secure space on a billboard that overlooks the University of Texas' football stadium and Interstate 35.

Very nearly an annual undertaking of the OU Club of Austin, the billboard will permit the club to post a suitable message to greet travelers on their way to Dallas for the annual Red River Shootout.

Our board amused itself at its recent meeting with possible messages. Whatever's chosen will be in good fun.

Plans were to post the message for 24 hours, beginning at midnight the day before the game, Friday, Oct. 1.

Watch party, after all Late arrangements enabled Austin area OU fans to see the Sooners' opening football game.

Club leaders had learned that since the game was available only on pay-per-view, our watch party was out. But then word came late that the Detour Bar and Grill on Burnet Road at Kramer Lane, operated by native Oklahoman Marcus McNac, was planning to have the game on its TVs.

Monica Dupy, our club's first lady, checked back with Marcus after the game and learned that a good number of OU fans had attended and had enjoyed themselves greatly.

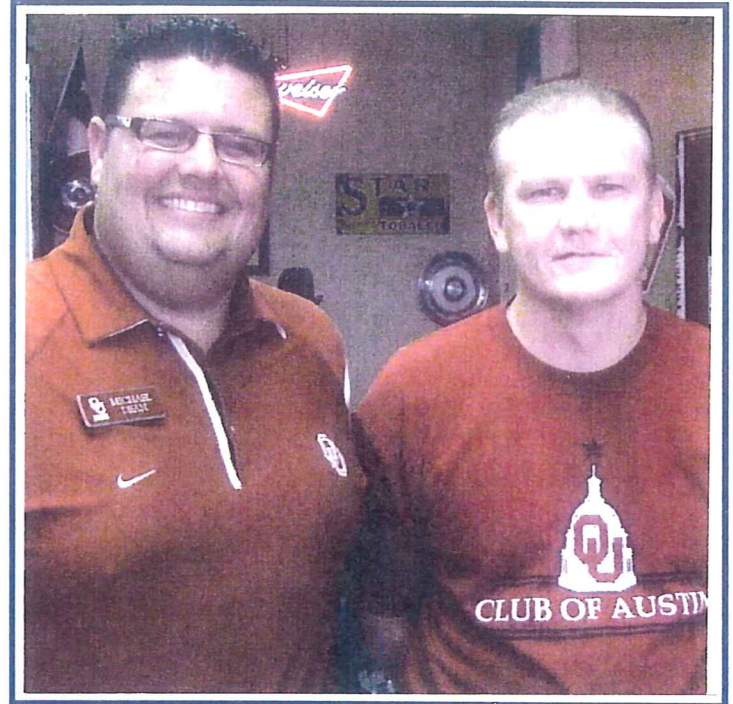
Business cards circulating Business cards describing the OU Club of Austin are now being placed in distribution around town. The idea is to alert potential members of the club's existence and to provide contact info.

The first cards were to be distributed at the OU-Florida St. watch party. And members will carry some with them to hand out whenever they can.

There are some 2,000 former OU students in the Austin area. It is hoped that more of these will soon be joining our merry band.

And many people on hand noted the presence of some new faces, as well as some others not recently seen.

It was a fine evening and our host, PoK-e-Jo's executive Sam Saxon, an OU alumnus, dropped by to make sure all was going as it should. Sam, it was. Many thanks.



HERE FROM NORMAN — Michael Dean, left, OU's director of marketing and development, and the OU Club of Austin's Steve Watson enjoy a chat at the club's annual pre-football season barbecue. Michael had flown down earlier in the day to join us.



— Photos by Janet Atwood
HAVING A GOOD TIME — These two ladies were among some three dozen people who attended the OU Club barbecue. They are Christie Gunn and Erika Hime.

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Needed: a south Austin watch-party site

Calendar of events

Event	Day/date	Time	Where
Watch party (ABC) Florida St. @ Oklahoma	Sept. 11 Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Watch party (FoxSptsNet) Air Force @ Oklahoma	Sept. 18 Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Watch party (TBA) Oklahoma @ Cincinnati	Sept. 25 Saturday	TBA	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Central Texas College Fair	Sept. 27-30 Mon.-Thur.	TBA	TBA
Watch party (ABC) Oklahoma-Texas	Oct. 2 Sat.	2:30 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 2600 La Frontera Blvd. (near Tx 45 between MoPac and I-35)
Board meeting (all club members welcome)	Nov. 11 Thursday	6 p.m.	301 Congress Ave., ste. 2000
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

The last few years have brought about a change in geographical distribution of OU Club of Austin members. Once heavily weighted towards far north Austin and Round Rock, there now is more balance, north and south.

Anyone who might recommend a south site for our TV watch parties is asked to email the club at austin-club@ouclubofaustin.com

We still plan to continue using the trusty Marriott in Round Rock for watch parties. But a southside site would make things more convenient for many of our members.

Got an idea? Please do email.
Thanks.



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