



# VARSITY NEWS

The Oklahoma Varsity "O" Association Newsletter

## DEAR LETTERWINNERS,

The Varsity O Association is gearing up for our annual Spring Weekend! The dates for the event will be April 11-12, 2014. We will be mailing out the registration brochure in the next couple of weeks, so please be sure your contact information is up to date. Once again, we will keep our fingers crossed for a weekend of nice spring weather!

On another note, our winter sports are right in the middle of conference play and/or preparing to enter post-season competition. The spring sports have begun or will be starting their championship seasons and are among the top of pre-season rankings across the board. This should be an exciting semester to follow Sooner athletics and hopefully we will see you at many of these events!

### REMEMBERING OUR LEGENDS

**SHELLY BOLLIN**- Shelly was a member of the Sooner softball team from 1985-1987.

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Please be sure to like the Varsity O Association Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep up to date on all of the latest news about the Varsity O Association and OU Athletics!

The updates to the Carl Anderson All-American plaza are complete. The next time you are on campus, visit the plaza to see the updated panels. If you see any mistakes, please let Debbie Copp know by emailing her at [dcopp@ou.edu](mailto:dcopp@ou.edu).



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## 2014 VARSITY O SPRING WEEKEND

The Varsity O Association will once again host our Spring Weekend. This year's event dates are April 11-12, 2014. We will have the Varsity O Association Golf Classic, Picnic Lunch and Varsity O Social on Friday, April 11, and the Spring Football Game will be held on Saturday, April 12. If you would like to participate in any of the events, please fill out the registration brochure (to be mailed around March 1) and return it to us. We hope to see you there!

VARSITY O ASSOCIATION  
**SPRING WEEKEND**  
APRIL 11-12, 2014

PLEASE  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
& PLAN ON JOINING  
IN THE FUN!

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## SOFTBALL PREVIEW

The Oklahoma softball team look's to follow up a National Championship performance in 2014. Ranked the consensus No. 2 team in the preseason polls, the Sooners appear poised to have an outstanding season. The Sooners are headlined by two 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award Top 50 Watch list players in juniors Lauren Chamberlain and Shelby Pendley. Chamberlain is coming off back-to-back seasons as a first-team All-American and Pendley is looking to build upon her breakout season last year which garnered her Big 12 Player of the Year honors. In addition to Chamberlain and Pendley Oklahoma will return five starters from last season's national championship team. The Sooners will open up the season against Kentucky in the Easton Tournament, hosted by Cal State Fullerton.





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## BASEBALL PREVIEW

The Oklahoma baseball team will open up with a new look for the 2014 season. High hopes surround the Sooner baseball team as the Pete Hughes era begins. The first-year Sooner head coach will begin his quest to Omaha as the Sooners take on Seton Hall on Valentine's Day at L. Dale Mitchell Park. The Sooners hope to build upon last year's season in which they won the Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship and ended with a 43-21 record. In March, the Sooners will begin conference play against defending Big 12 regular season champs Kansas State.





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## COMPLIANCE CORNER

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With a gift to the Varsity O, each individual and family becomes a representative of athletics interest according to NCAA legislation. When this title is bestowed, it comes with numerous restrictions and requires additional monitoring from a NCAA member institution.

In particular, the NCAA prohibits a member of the Varsity O to offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of a prospective student-athlete's (9th-12th grade) educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment. If you are in a situation wherein you are a representative of athletics interest for OU and paying for the educational or athletic endeavors of a prospect-aged individual is not a member of your family, please contact our office to ensure compliance with NCAA regulations. The NCAA has established this rule to prevent zealous boosters from providing funds to a high profile prospect so that he or she can receive an educational and athletic experience that will produce a recruiting advantage for a particular institution.

As a member of the Varsity O, the NCAA does permit you as an individual to provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community where you reside, provided:

- You act independently of the athletics department;
- The donation you provide is distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and
- The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospect at the high school.

The Department of Athletics Compliance Department's main mission is to assist in maintaining the fundamental requirement of institutional control. OU is responsible for ensuring that individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests also comply with all applicable rules. Compliance with NCAA regulations is a shared responsibility, and with the designation of representative of athletics interest, you become accountable in assisting the maintenance institutional control.