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DEAR LETTERWINNERS,

We hope you are enjoying the summer and are able to get in some relaxation time. The Varsity O is in full planning mode for the upcoming year and hope to make some of our events even better. If you have any feedback on particular events, please send them our way. It is great to get direct feedback from our members and we want to make sure we are serving you in the best way we can.

Also, we are looking for letterwinners who have not been back to campus in several years. If you know of a teammate who hasn't been involved recently, please send us their contact information so we can reach out to them. Updating contact information is a never ending process and we can use all the help we can get from our members. Thanks for all of your support!

Boomer Sooner!

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GAYLORD FAMILY OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM TO UNDERGO MAJOR RENOVATION

The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents approved the proposal from the OU Athletics Department to proceed with a major renovation and modernization of the Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. One of the major changes fans will notice is the enclosure of the south end zone to create a continuous bowl. The renovation will allow OU to remain competitive in the facilities race and will help in the recruiting of top student-athletes as it creates a better atmosphere for fans.

This updated stadium master plan project will be subject to ongoing review and approval by the OU Board of Regents. The conceptual master plan outlines numerous amenities and upgrades that will enhance the fan environment on all seating levels. In addition, numerous areas utilized within the facility by Oklahoma student-athletes will be decidedly expanded or renovated. The estimated cost of this proposed project is \$370 million. No state-appropriated funds and no funds from student tuition will be used. In addition to bonds, a significant part of the project will be funded by private fundraising.

For more information on the stadium renovation project, please visit www.gfoms.com.





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VARSITY O YEAR IN REVIEW

The Varsity O Association had quite a successful 2013-2014 school year. We can't thank our letterwinners enough for their support in all that we do. Without all of you, we would not be able to do what we do. Your generosity, in all forms, has helped to put on events, provide scholarships for letterwinners and help with certain operating costs for Varsity O. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any feedback throughout the year.

Some of the highlights of the year for Varsity O include football tailgates, sport and national championship reunions, scholarship support and career opportunities for former student-athletes. Varsity O was able to host six home football tailgates, three sport reunions and one national championship reunion, provide scholarship funds to the Post-Eligibility Scholarship Program and help host career events in conjunction with athletics student life.





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FORMER SOFTBALL PLAYER JOINS DENTAL PRACTICE



OU softball letterwinner Stacia (Aleman) Dowell has joined a Norman area dental practice after completing her dentistry degree. Dr. Dowell is now a part of the staff for Aesthetic and Restorative Dentistry of Norman joining Dr. Bill Skaggs. She is a Spear Faculty Club member along with an Academy of General Dentistry affiliate. Congratulations to Dr. Dowell on becoming a dentist and providing an excellent example of a true student-athlete!



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COMPLIANCE CORNER

Another successful year for OU athletics has concluded and we are busy preparing for another championship year. When you have elite athletes the possibility of pursuing a professional career in athletics is always a consideration. Many more student-athletes, including those with remaining eligibility, will be approached by athlete agents seeking to represent them. With these issues in mind, the Athletics Compliance Department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the rules and regulations with respect to student-athletes and agents.

A current student-athlete could jeopardize his or her eligibility and amateur status by:

- Entering into any agreement for future representation with an agent, either orally or in writing;
- Receiving benefits of any type from an agent and/or his or her representatives, e.g., cash or other gifts or services;
- Allowing any agent or outside representative to represent him or her in negotiations with a professional team;
- Allowing any agent or outside representative to market his or her athletics abilities to any professional team; or
- Allowing any agent or outside representative to communicate with professional sports teams on his or her behalf.

These prohibitions extend to the student-athlete's family members, guardians, and friends.

In addition to NCAA rules and regulations, there are rules and regulations in place regarding athlete agent conduct. One such regulation is the Uniform Athlete Agents Act ("UAAA"). The UAAA is a model law that provides a means of regulating the conduct of athlete agents. All but a few states have adopted this regulation, including Oklahoma.

The UAAA, as enacted, requires the following:

- The athlete agent must register with a state authority (in Oklahoma, they must register with the Secretary of State);
- The athlete agent must provide important background information, both professional and criminal during registration; and
- The athlete agent must provide written notification to the institution when a student-athlete signs an agency contract before his or her eligibility expires.

Given the many former Sooners who have had professional representation, it's possible a current student-athlete may seek your input when making decisions about their future. To protect the eligibility of the current student-athletes and to avoid a violation of the UAAA, contact the Compliance Office and ask questions before engaging in conversation with a current Sooner student-athlete. Under no circumstance may a former student-athlete actively recruit a current student-athlete to be represented by a specific agent, wealth management firm or marketing representative.

Please remember, if you have questions about this information or about NCAA or Big 12 Conference rules, please contact the Athletics Compliance Department at (405) 325-7004. We appreciate your support of OU athletics and your help in making sure the University operates within NCAA rules and regulations.