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SHERRI COALE

HEAD COACH | 12TH SEASON | 232-118 (.663)

Rare is the coach who embraces the balance of student and athlete like Sherri Coale. Even fewer teams have had success while emphasizing the books on the same level as the balls.

The symmetry is a trademark of Coale's program.

She meticulously prepares her athletes to excel in the classroom and on the hardwood. In essence, master the game of life and the challenges presented on the court will fall like dominoes.

Those obstacles have routinely been bulldozed during the Coale's 11 years as the head coach of Oklahoma.

The numbers speak for themselves.

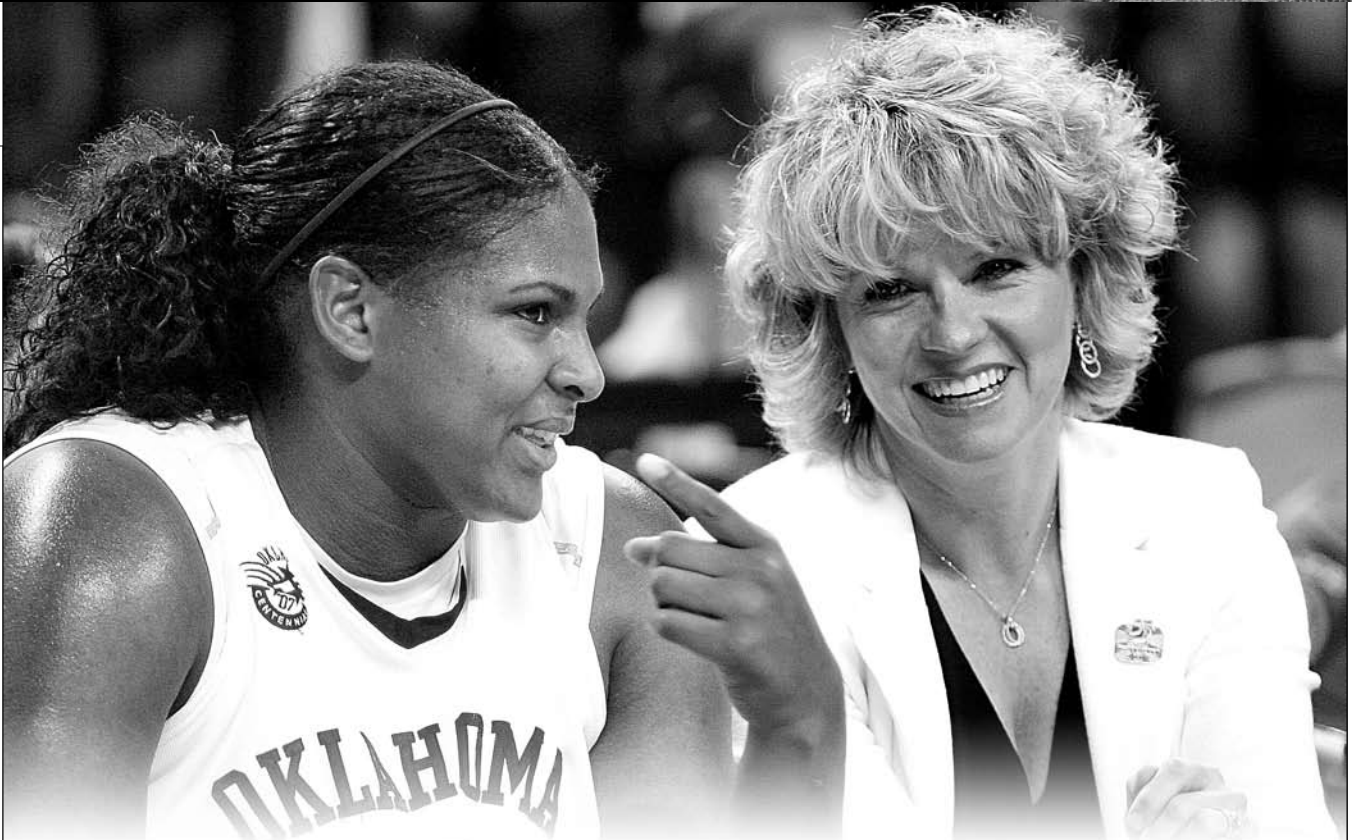
Take for example the 21 straight semesters with a combined team GPA of 3.0 or better, the five Big 12 Regular Season Championships, the 68 Academic All-Big 12 honors, the four Big 12 Tournament Championships, the eight All-District Academic Team members, the eight straight NCAA Tournament appearances, the four Academic All-America team members and the five Sweet 16 appearances.

The foundation was a laid years ago during a humble upbringing in the oil mining town of Healdton, Okla. Those morals have stood as the roots of Oklahoma women's basketball for 11 years.

Now they are flourishing on an elite level.

So as the Sooners sit on the cusp of the 2007-08 season with the biggest national spotlight in program history already glaring in their eyes, Coale and company are sticking to their roots.

And the success that comes with them.



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NCAA FINAL FOUR SEASON

Coale's previous years were just stepping stones to national prominence, as she guided Oklahoma to its first NCAA Final Four and national championship game during the 2001-02 season. The Sooners defeated Duke, 86-71, in the NCAA semifinals and lost to top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut, 82-70, in the title game.

By the conclusion of the greatest run in program history, OU had produced its best record in school and Big 12 Conference history (32-4); won its third consecutive Big 12 regular season title; ended the season with its highest ranking ever (No. 2 in the Associated Press and *USA Today*/Coaches polls); and captured its first NCAA Regional (West) and Big 12 Tournament titles.

That season, Coale also had three players selected in the first round of the WNBA draft: Stacey Dales (Third/Washington); LaNeishea Caufield (14th/Utah); and Rosalind Ross (16th/Los Angeles).

PACKING THE LLOYD NOBLE CENTER

With these outstanding accomplishments and media exposure, Coale has sparked excitement across the state and nation. Oklahoma has ranked among the nation's top 20 in women's basketball home attendance for the last seven years, including back-to-back top-10 finishes the last two seasons and a record high fourth place finish in 2006-07 with an average of 10,437.

The largest crowd to ever witness a women's sporting event at the Lloyd Noble Center as 12,112 fans attended the OU-Baylor game on Feb. 12, 2006. That mark topped the previous record of 12,080 from 2003 when OU hosted Tennessee. The Sooners first surpassed the 10,000 attendance mark on Dec. 29, 1999, against top-ranked Connecticut (10,713 fans) and now own 18 all-time crowds of 10 grand or more. In 2006-07, OU drew 10,000 or more fans for eight of 12 home games, plus all three of its contests in the Big 12 Championship at Oklahoma City's Cox Center.

As the victories came, so did Sooners fans. More than 1.2 million have watched an OU women's basketball game since Coale's arrival. Coale produced her first winning season in 1999 as OU played in front of 1,558 fans per game. Her 2002 Final Four

DO WHAT YOU LOVE

It is Coale's personal motto and the reason she became a coach. Spend a day with her and you will realize how much she loves being a collegiate coach. Her passion on the court has made OU one of the nation's elite programs. Off the court, she has created a tight knit family atmosphere that permeates the entire staff and team.

PERSONAL

Birthdate: January 19, 1965
 Hometown: Healdton, Oklahoma
 Children: son, Colton (born March 27, 1992)
 daughter, Chandler (born May 20, 1996)
 Husband: Dane Coale
 High School: Healdton (Okla.) High School
 College: Oklahoma Christian University (B.S. in education, 1987)
 Oklahoma (master's of education, 1993)
 NOTE: Graduated summa cum laude from Oklahoma Christian

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1983-87 Oklahoma Christian University
 NOTE: Team captain of Oklahoma Christian's three-time Sooner Athletic Conference Championship team and Academic All-American.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1996-Present: Head Coach, University of Oklahoma
 1989-96: Head Coach, Norman High School
 1987-89: Assistant Coach, Edmond Memorial High School

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team drew an impressive 6,606 fans per game and all of the attendance records have been re-written the last two seasons.

But Coale's plan isn't just taking place on the hardwood floor of Lloyd Noble Center. She has worked hard to show the public that the athletic and academic pursuits of OU players should be challenged to the fullest. All the while, she was making sure her players understood that the methods and rules of her program would make them better athletes and better students who would be able to adapt to the outside world once school was completed.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Coale, who was an Academic All-American and graduated summa cum laude from Oklahoma Christian, is a firm believer in succeeding in the classroom as well as on the court. Under Coale's guidance, her teams have consistently produced some of the highest grade point averages within the Athletics Department and have posted a combined team GPA of 3.0 or better in 21 of the 22 semesters of her tenure. Four teams (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003) have been named to the Top 25 WBCA Academic Team Honor Roll, while 32 players have earned Academic All-Big 12 honors 68 times.

One of Coale's proudest moments was when former Sooner standout Stacey Dales became OU's first player to earn Academic and Athletic All-America honors in the same season (2001-02). Dales also was voted the 2002 Verizon Academic Student-Athlete of the Year for all NCAA Division I sports. Dales' was later joined on the Academic All-America accomplishments list by Theresa Schuknecht in 2003 and Caton Hill in 2004.

SOONER STANDOUTS

While Dales may remain OU's most prominent player, her celebrity status is quickly being approached by Courtney Paris. After the 2006-07 season, Paris became the first player in Oklahoma state history, male or female, to win AP National Player of the Year. During her sophomore campaign, Paris led the NCAA with 33 double-doubles in 33 games, in addition to ranking second in rebounding (15.9), third in scoring (23.5), fourth in blocks (3.34) and 14th in field goal percentage (.570). Paris also joined Dales as the only other Sooner to earn consensus All-American honors in

back-to-back seasons.

In perhaps the most dominating freshman year in NCAA history, Paris collected a bounty of national, regional and conference awards in 2005-06. Just one season into her career, Paris put herself right alongside Dales as the most decorated players in Sooner history. The Piedmont, Calif., native became the first true freshman to claim consensus first team All-America honors since the inception of the AP All-America team (1993). Paris finished her rookie campaign with 55 OU records, 16 Big 12 records and four NCAA records.

Dales became Coale's first Olympian and the school's first two-time Kodak first team All-America selection. She played on the 2000 Canadian National Basketball team that participated in the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Dales also repeated her Big 12 Player of the Year and All-Big 12 first team honors in 2001 and 2002.

In addition to these two standout players, Coale has coached three players to Big 12 Player of the Year honors four times, 13 players to all-conference honors 30 times and three players to first team All-America status. She has also developed seven players into WNBA draft selections, Dales, Caufield, Ross, Maria Villarroel (2004), Phylesha Whaley (2000), Dionnah Jackson (2005) and Leah Rush (2007).

Dales, Caufield and Hill were selected to the 2002 NCAA West Region All-Tournament team, followed by Dales and Ross earning NCAA Final Four All-Tournament honors. Caufield also repeated her All-Big 12 second team honors en route to earning honorable mention Kodak accolades. Hill and Ross appeared on the All-Big 12 third team, while Dales and Jackson were voted to the Big 12 All-Tournament team. Caufield was voted the Defensive Player of the Year by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was selected as a Defensive All-American by the *Women's Basketball Journal* in 2001. Jackson, after appearing on the All-Big 12 second team for two seasons, received first team All-Big 12 honors and honorable mention Kodak honors for the 2005 season. Redshirt sophomore Chelsi Welch earned second-team honors in 2003. Welch also was named co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year and earned Freshman All-America honorable mention accolades from womenscollegethoughts.com that same season.

THE COALE FAMILY





Coach Coale is one of the most sought after public speakers in Oklahoma. Her audiences range from realtor conventions to cancer awareness events to basketball clinics. She has the ability to speak to a ballroom full of people like they are 12 players in the locker room. The Sooner mentor uses books as her biggest resource for motivational topics. Some of her favorites in the sports field are John Wooden, John McPhee and Mike Krzyzewski. In the business world, she has delved into Tom Peters, John Maxwell and sports psychologist Bob Rotella.



She is a parent and a fan. At her son's and daughter's basketball games, she is pure fan. There is not much chalk talk around the house, which is kind of unique considering her husband, Dane, is also a head baseball coach at Purcell High School. "They don't need me to be their coach, just their mother. Nothing is more fun than cheering for your children." Aside from her allegiances to OU, Norman and Purcell High School, she is a lifetime fan of Tom Landry's Cowboys, Phil Jackson's Bulls and the incomparable Tiger Woods.



She graduated summa cum laude from Oklahoma Christian University, where she also played basketball. A huge part of her education process derived from her affinity for books. She is still an avid reader. University of Oklahoma Dean Sul Lee, who oversees the renowned Bizzell Memorial Library, recently created the Coach Sherri Coale Collection. All of the books were handpicked by Coale. Some of the selections are: *The Man in the Water* by Roger Rosenblatt, *Echoes Down The Corridor* by Anne Lamont, *My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy and Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*.

USA BASKETBALL

Coale and her Sooners have also been honored by USA Basketball. During the summer of 2005, the Sooner mentor was named to the USA Basketball Committee by the NCAA. She will serve on the national board through 2008.

Previously, Coale had served as an assistant coach on the 2001 USA Basketball Women's Junior World Championship Team that won a bronze medal in Brno, Czech Republic, in July 2001.

Leah Rush made her debut with USA Basketball when she was invited to the 2005 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials. Rush, an Amarillo, Texas, native, was one of the 16 finalists for a spot on the USA World University Games Team.

Juniors Ashley and Courtney Paris have arguably more international experience than the entire Sooner roster. Both earned gold medals on the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team. The twins were also invited to tryouts for the 2004 Junior National Team, 2005 USA U19 World Championship Team and the 2006 USA U20 World Championship Team. Courtney went on to make all three teams and earned three gold medals in three international tournaments with the squads.

Currently, Courtney Paris is a part of the USA Senior National Team pool of 27 players that are vying for a spot on the next Olympic team.

Welch and Hill represented OU and USA Basketball during the summers of 2003 and 2001, respectively. Welch, a native of Plainview, Texas, was one of 12 Big 12 All-Stars who represented USA Basketball during the 2003 World University games. Hill was

Coale's first player to make a USA Basketball squad. The former Ada, Okla., standout helped the United States to a gold medal at the 2001 World University Games in Beijing, China.

SERVING OTHERS

Getting her teams involved within the Sooner family and the community has always been a priority for Coale. She believes it's important for her student-athletes to give back to the community that supports them.

Each player under Coale's supervision has participated in the Sooner Big Sis Program, a program that enables players to volunteer their time as mentors and teacher's aides to elementary schools in the Norman community.

In addition, each season the team gives back to the community by volunteering its time to a nonprofit organization. Last year, the team got involved with Habitat for Humanity. In previous years, the team has volunteered with the Oklahoma City's Children's Hospital (2005-06), J.D. McCarthy Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities in Norman (2004-05), the Children's Miracle Network (2003-2004), the CCFI (2002-03), as well as the United Way's "Meals on Wheels" program (2001-02) and the Norman Women's Resource Center and Battered Women's Shelter (2000-01).

Additionally, the women's basketball team and many other OU programs have made it an annual event to help host and run the Norman area Special Olympics.

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BEFORE OU

After graduating from Oklahoma Christian, Coale received her first coaching assignment at Edmond Memorial High School, serving a two-year term as an assistant coach.

The next stop was as the head coach of the Norman High School girls' basketball team from 1990-96.

The OU transformation that Coale has spearheaded is strikingly similar to the changes she made at Norman High. She took a declining program and after an 11-12 performance in 1990, her debut season, the Lady Tigers never had a losing record under her tutelage. By the time she left for OU, Coale had directed NHS to two Class 6A state championships and a 147-40 career record. Her final two Norman teams went 53-2. Coale was honored as the region, All-State and Big All-City High School Coach of the Year in 1993.

Through the success of her high school teams, Coale had several players earn NCAA Division I basketball scholarships including Stacy Hansmeyer to Connecticut (1997-2000), Sarah Dimson to Stanford (1998-2001) and Sunny Hardeman (1998-01) and Shannon Selmon (1999-2002) to Oklahoma.

After being out of the high school ranks for six years, Hansmeyer and Coale were inducted into Norman High School Hall of Fame together in February 2002.

For Coale's life accomplishments, the community of Healdton, Okla., declared August 26, 2001, as "Sherri Coale Day."

Coale isn't the only coach in her household. Her husband Dane, whom she met while at OC, has been the head baseball coach at Purcell High School for 15 years. She married the former OC baseball player on June 20, 1987. The couple has two children, son Colton, 15, and daughter, Chandler, 11. The former Sherri Buben and her brother, Jack, are the children of Beverly Stash and Joe Buben. Jack and his wife, Laura, have six-year old twins, Jackson and Jaycie.

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Since the turn of the century (1999-00 season), Sherri Coale and the Sooners have posted the top overall (.764) and conference winning percentage (.758) among Big 12 teams.

9

Nine Big 12 championship trophies reside at the Lloyd Noble Center. All nine, five regular season and four postseason, have come since the 1999-00 season. The collection of titles is tops in the Big 12.

30

During Coale's 11-year reign at OU, 13 players have earned All-Big 12 honors 30 times. Coale has won three Big 12 Coach of the Year awards and the Sooners have four total Big 12 Players of the Year. Both are league highs.

109

OU appeared in the AP Top 25 poll for the first time under Coale in the 10th week of the 1999-00 season. Since then, the Sooners have been ranked in 109 of 134 polls.

BIG 12 REGULAR-SEASON VICTORIES SINCE 1999-2000

97

OKLAHOMA

84

TEXAS TECH

81

TEXAS

78

BAYLOR

77

IOWA STATE



YEAR-BY-YEAR CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1996-1997

Won her first collegiate game by beating Oral Roberts, 62-50, in the Bertha Teague Classic on Nov. 22, 1996, in Stillwater, Okla. ... Picked up her first Big 12 win in the league opener against Texas A&M, 71-69, on Jan. 4, 1997, in Norman.

1997-1998

Nearly doubled overall win total from previous season and quadrupled Big 12 win total ... Team set four school records ... Tallied six Academic All-Big 12 honors and 10 Big 12 Commissioner's awards to lead the conference.

1998-1999

Produced her first winning season with an overall record of 15-14 ... Advanced her first team to postseason action as OU participated in the 1999 WNIT, going 1-1.

1999-2000

Received an at-large berth to her first NCAA Tournament ... OU won its first NCAA game under Coale by beating BYU, 86-81, and shocked the tournament field by upsetting defending national champion, Purdue, on its home court on March 20, 2000 ... OU advanced to its first Sweet 16 under the current NCAA format ... The Sooners recorded a then-school best 25-8 record ... Oklahoma finished in a three-way tie for first place in the Big 12 regular season race, a then program best ... Coale was runner up for the AP National Coach of the Year honors and was named the ESPN.com The Dish, Big 12 and WBCA District V Coach of the Year.

2000-2001

Led the program to a then-school record 28 wins and a final national ranking of No. 7 ... OU won its first outright Big 12 Conference regular season title and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year ... Coale was named the Big 12, WBCA District V, *Women's Basketball Journal*, *ESPN The Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated* Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Naismith, WBCA and AP Coach of the Year.

2001-2002

Coale took her first team to an NCAA Final Four where OU finished second to Connecticut ... For the first time in program history, OU was awarded a No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament action and concluded the year with its highest ranking of No. 2 ... OU won its first NCAA Regional and Big 12 Tournament titles while appearing in its third straight NCAA Sweet 16 ... Oklahoma repeated its Big 12 regular season title ... The Sooners won a school and

Big 12 record 32 games (32-4) ... Coale was honored by Kansas City Sports Commission for Outstanding Achievement for Amateur Athletics and was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year by the Dallas All-Sports Association.

2002-2003

OU reached its fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament and hosted its third consecutive NCAA subregional ... The 10th-seeded Sooners lost to No. 7 seed George Washington in the opening round of the tourney ... OU won the Bertha Teague Classic and finished second to UConn in the Wahine Invitational ... The squad recorded the program's 12th season of 18 or more wins.

2003-2004

Coale became OU's all-time career wins leader when the Sooners defeated Nebraska, 70-51, on Jan. 7, 2004 ... Became the first team in Big 12 history to win the conference tournament title by playing four games in five days ... En route to the title, OU upset three higher ranked opponents, including No. 2 Texas, 66-47, in the championship game.

2004-2005

OU reached its sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament where the Sooners lost to host Arizona in the Tucson Regional ... Coale was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Board of Directors and the USA Basketball Selection Committee following the season.

2005-2006

OU went 31-5, received a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament and reached the Sweet 16 round ... The Sooners went 19-0 against league foes en route to Big 12 regular season and tournament championships ... Coale was named Big 12 Coach of the Year and WBCA Region VI Coach of the Year ... Coale earned her 200th career win when the Sooners defeated Iowa State in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Championship ... During the summer of the 2006, she was elected Vice President of the WBCA.

2006-2007

OU scored a second consecutive sweep of the Big 12 regular season and tournament titles en route to a 28-5 season, including a 13-3 conference record ... The Sooners reached the Sweet 16 for the second straight year and Courtney Paris earned AP National Player of the Year, Big 12 Player of the Year and consensus All-America honors ... In August 2007, Coale began a two-year term as president of the WBCA.



COALE'S COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING CAREER

Year	Overall	Overall			Conference			Attendance Average	Conference	NCAA
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
1996-97	Oklahoma	5	22	.185	1	15	.063	2,009	12th Place	--
1997-98	Oklahoma	8	19	.296	4	12	.250	1,558	Ninth Place	--
1998-99	Oklahoma	15	14	.517	8	8	.500	1,558	Sixth place	WNIT Second Round
1999-00	Oklahoma	25	8	.766	13	3	.813	2,659	Regular Season Champs	NCAA Sweet 16
2000-01	Oklahoma	28	6	.824	15	1	.938	4,367	Regular Season Champs	NCAA Sweet 16
2001-02	Oklahoma	32	4	.889	14	2	.875	6,606	Regular & Postseason Champs	NCAA Championship Game
2002-03	Oklahoma	19	13	.889	9	7	.563	5,196	Fifth place	NCAA First Round
2003-04	Oklahoma	24	9	.727	9	7	.563	5,691	Sixth place & Postseason Champs	NCAA Second Round
2004-05	Oklahoma	17	13	.566	8	8	.500	5,695	Tied for sixth place	NCAA First Round
2005-06	Oklahoma	31	5	.861	16	0	1.000	7,630	Regular & Postseason Champs	NCAA Sweet 16
2006-07	Oklahoma	28	5	.848	13	3	.813	10,433	Regular & Postseason Champs	NCAA Sweet 16
11 years		232	118	.663	110	66	.625			

JAN ROSS



ASSISTANT COACH
12TH SEASON AT OKLAHOMA

COLLEGE COACHING CAREER
OU, assistant coach, 1996-present

PLAYING CAREER
Oklahoma Christian, 1983-86

EDUCATION
Oklahoma Christian, 1986

PERSONAL
Born in Chickasha, Okla.

- NCAA TOURNAMENTS COACHED**
- 2000
 - 2001
 - 2002
 - 2003
 - 2004
 - 2005
 - 2006
 - 2007

- PROMINENT PUPILS**
- LaNeisha Caufield, Utah Starzz
 - Stacey Dales, Chicago Sky
 - Dionnah Jackson, Sacramento Monarchs
 - Courtney Paris, 2-time All-American
 - Rosalind Ross, Los Angeles Sparks
 - Leah Rush, Phoenix Mercury
 - Maria Villaroel, Phoenix Mercury
 - Phylesha Whaley, Minnesota Lynx

Jan Ross is entering her 12th season as an assistant coach on the Oklahoma basketball staff. Ross has played an instrumental part in rebuilding the Oklahoma program. She has helped head coach Sherri Coale turn the Oklahoma women's basketball program into a nationally recognized name.

Since Ross' arrival, the Sooners have won five Big 12 Conference regular season titles, four Big 12 Postseason Championships, produced six 20-plus win seasons and advanced to eight NCAA Tournaments. Ross also helped OU to the 2002 National Championship game after winning the NCAA West Regional and Big 12 Tournament titles.

Ross has been extremely active in all phases of Oklahoma's emergence into the national spotlight. Ross' area of emphasis includes coaching OU's post players, recruiting and scouting opponents. Not only is her expertise with post players essential, but Ross is a mastermind when it comes down to the Xs and Os of the game. She is also one of the top recruiters in the game. Ross' recruiting efforts have ensured that the Sooners will remain one of the top women's basketball programs in the country.

In addition to the Sooners' team accomplishments with Ross on the sideline, OU post players have flourished individually. She has helped Phylesha Whaley, Courtney Paris and Caton Hill develop into three of the top post players in the country. All three were among the best in OU history and the records books illustrate it.

Off the court, she monitors the academic progress of each student-athlete. As a team, the Sooners have posted a team GPA of 3.0 or better for 21 semesters and have had three student-athletes earn Academic All-America first team honors under Ross' watch. Oklahoma has produced 68 Academic All-Big 12 first team selections in 11 seasons.

With OU's recent success, Ross has experienced first hand the growing interest in girls basketball within the state and surrounding areas as noted by the rapid attendance increase in OU's Sooner Sessions Camps. OU hosted approximately 1,500 campers, which included 90-plus teams that took part in the Sooner Session Team Camp, after last season's Sweet 16 appearance.

As a player at Oklahoma Christian, she collected numerous playing and academic honors including NAIA honorable mention All-America, All-District IV and All-Sooner Athletic Conference selection as a senior. She also was an NAIA Scholar Athlete and was elected to Who's Who. An All-State athlete

at Putnam City West, Ross ranks 11th on Oklahoma Christian's career scoring list with 1,348 points. She holds the school record for career steals (300) and completed her career with a .537 field goal percentage and 494 assists.

After ending her collegiate career with Oklahoma Christian, Ross joined the program as an assistant coach for five years and served as assistant athletics director for two years. This Oklahoman was inducted into her alma mater's Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2003.

Ross also gained coaching experience at Broken Arrow (1995-96) and Del City High Schools (1991-95) as the head coach.

The Chickasha, Okla. native received her bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in physical education from Oklahoma Christian University (1986) and her master's degree in sports administration from the University of Oklahoma (1990).



JAN ROSS

STACY HANSMEYER



ASSISTANT COACH SEVENTH SEASON AT OKLAHOMA

COLLEGE COACHING CAREER
OU, assistant coach, 2001-present
Connecticut, student asst., 2000-01

PLAYING CAREER
Connecticut, 1997-2000

EDUCATION
Connecticut, 2001

PERSONAL
Born in Norman, Okla.

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Sue Bird, Seattle Storm
LaNeisha Caufield, Utah Starzz
Stacey Dales, Chicago Sky
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Courtney Paris, 2-time All-American
Rosalind Ross, Los Angeles Sparks
Leah Rush, Phoenix Mercury
Diana Taurasi, Phoenix Mercury
Maria Villaruel, Phoenix Mercury

Stacy Hansmeyer enters her seventh season as an assistant coach for the Oklahoma women's basketball program. Hansmeyer embarked on her first full-time collegiate coaching career in her hometown of Norman, alongside her former high school coach and current OU head coach Sherri Coale in 2001.

Hansmeyer has now seen both sides of success, having been part of Connecticut's 2000 NCAA title as a senior and Oklahoma's 2002 NCAA Final Four appearance as a coach.

With six years behind her, Hansmeyer has become more involved in recruiting, opponent scouting and on-the-court coaching for the Sooners. She also assists with academic monitoring and supervises team managers.

This former UConn and Norman High School standout brought energy, excitement, experience and attitude to the Sooner program, four valuable and necessary components that helped OU to the 2002 Big 12 regular season and tournament titles. Oklahoma extended its season by winning the NCAA West Regional crown, allowing OU to advance to the school's first NCAA Final Four, where the Sooners lost to her alma mater, Connecticut, in the national championship game.

Prior to coming back to Oklahoma, Hansmeyer spent the 2000-01 season as a student assistant for UConn Head Coach Geno Auriemma. She helped the Huskies advance to the NCAA Final Four for a second straight year and produce an overall record of 32-3. As a four-year letterwinner (1997-2000) for Coach Auriemma, the Huskies, with Hansmeyer, produced an overall record of 132-10 (.930 winning percentage). UConn appeared in the NCAA Tournament each year, advanced to the Elite Eight twice (1996-97, 1997-98) and Final Four (1999-2000) and Sweet

16 (1998-99) once with Hansmeyer on the roster. The program also won four Big East regular season and tournament titles.

As a player, she averaged 5.0 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. She also finished her career ranked ninth in career field goal percentage (.545) and tied for eighth for most career games played (134). The power forward played in all 17 NCAA Tournament games during her career.

In the summer of 1999, she led the Big East/Nike All-Star team with 14.2 points and 7.8 rebounds. Prior to that, she was named to the 1997-98 Preseason WNIT All-Tournament team.

As a former player under Coale at Norman High, Hansmeyer earned *USA Today* honorable mention All-America and *Parade* magazine third team All-America accolades as a senior (1995-96). She led Norman High to the state 6A title with a 27-1 record, contributing 17.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game her final prep season. Following her senior season, Hansmeyer gained international playing experience and the respect of USA Basketball when she earned a spot on the 1996 Junior National team.

After being out of the high school ranks for six years, Hansmeyer and Coale were inducted into the Norman High School Hall of Fame together in February 2002.



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ASSISTANT COACH

THIRD SEASON AT OKLAHOMA

COLLEGE COACHING CAREER

OU, assistant coach, 2004-present
OU, director of operations, 2002-04

PLAYING CAREER

Southern Nazarene, 1991-93
Lenoir Rhyne, 1990

EDUCATION

Southern Nazarene, 1993

PERSONAL

Born in Norman, Okla.

FAMILY

Wife: April
Daughters: Sadie, Shelby
Sons: Brayden, Hudson

NCAA TOURNAMENTS COACHED

2005
2006
2007

PROMINENT PUPILS

Dionnah Jackson, Sacramento Monarchs
Courtney Paris, 2-time All-American
Leah Rush, Pheonix Mercury
Maria Villaroel, Phoenix Mercury

After serving as director of basketball operations for two years, Chad Thrailkill moved into a new role with the Oklahoma women's basketball program prior to the 2004-05 season. The former high school coach is set to embark on his fourth season as an assistant for the Sooners and head coach Sherri Coale.

Thrailkill is extremely familiar with Coale's style of play as he served as an assistant to her at Norman High. The two produced a three-year record of 76-7 (.916 winning percentage), coached two teams to the state playoffs (1994, 1996) and produced one state championship title (1996).

Thrailkill and Coale have produced a combined record of 152-30 (.835), including a 72-23 record at OU, when they team together on the same coaching staff.

Thrailkill's duties with the Sooners include working with the Sooner guards and assisting with the recruiting efforts, opponent scouting, practice planning and facility scheduling.

Prior to joining the Sooners in July 2002, Thrailkill served as head coach for the Norman North High School boys' basketball program. Thrailkill was named Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year after guiding the boys' team to the 2002 regional title. In 2001, he coached NNHS to the school's first state playoff appearance.

Thrailkill also served a four-year stint as head girls' basketball coach at Westmoore High School from 1996 to 2000, where he coached former Sooner Erin Higgins for two years. His 2000 squad finished second in the state with an overall record of 25-3, while the 1999 team won the state crown with a 25-4 mark. For his coaching performance, he was named the region, Mid-State Conference and Big All-City Coach of the Year. He was also invited to serve as an assistant coach for the Jim Thorpe All-Star Games that summer.

As an athlete, Thrailkill accepted a basketball scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne (Hickory, N.C.). After one season, he transferred to Southern Nazarene (Bethany) where he was a three-year letterwinner. He also earned a bachelor of science in physical education from SNU in 1993.

He and his wife, April, have a nine-year-old daughter, Shelby, two sons, Brayden, 7, Hudson, 3, and a year-old daughter, Sadie.



THE THRAILKILL FAMILY

GUY AUSTIN



ASSISTANT COACH SECOND SEASON AT OKLAHOMA

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Director of Sales and Marketing, Ford Center and Cox Convention Center, Nov. 2005-July 2006
- Sales Manager, Ford Center and Cox Convention Center, April 2003-Nov. 2006
- Owner, Austin Land and Cattle, LLC

PERSONAL

Born in Seminole, Okla.

FAMILY

Wife: Julie
 Daughter: Alex
 Son: Cameron



THE AUSTIN FAMILY

Bringing a wealth of executive experience in corporate, sports and family-owned businesses, Guy Austin joined the Oklahoma women's basketball program as Director of Operations in July, 2006.

The Seminole, Okla., native left his job as Director of Sales and Marketing with Oklahoma City's Ford Center and Cox Business Services Convention Center to pursue the new venture with OU.

The position was not a major change of scenery for Austin, who has worked daily with sports and entertainment entities since 2000. Austin was part of the management group that hosted the NBA's New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets, minor league hockey's OKC Blazers and the Arena2 Football League's OKC Yard Dawgz. This is in addition to numerous live concerts and shows from a variety of prominent artists.

While with the Sooner program, Austin will manage the team's finances, plan official visits for potential student-athletes and coordinate the summer basketball camps. He will also oversee the OU Fast Break Club, Guest Coach, Coaches' Clinic and Sooner Big Sis programs, in addition to assisting in the numerous marketing aspects for the Sherri Coale-led team.

"Guy brings a wealth of business expertise to our program at a pivotal juncture of growth for Oklahoma women's basketball," said Coale. "His extensive marketing background, as well as his experience in event management, will infuse our efforts as we strive to build upon the foundation our players have laid both on and off the court."

While with the Ford and Cox Centers, Austin was responsible for the oversight and implementation of marketing and sales strategies. He managed a team of five full-time employees in the execution of premium seating sales, corporate partnerships and event awareness. In addition to being responsible for customer satisfaction and community relationships, he also worked closely with the upper level management team in event operations and problem solving.

Prior to his position as Director of Sales and Marketing, he also served as Sales Manager for the OKC arenas and Director of Special Events for Express Sports.

Before joining the corporate sector, Austin was the owner and operator of Austin Land and Cattle, L.L.C. Austin oversaw the 1,600 acre ranch and 1,000 head purebred cattle operation in his hometown of Seminole. He also handled all sales, advertising and marketing.

Austin's last name should be very familiar to Sooner fans. His grandfather's name appears on the Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course. Additionally, the late Jimmie Austin has endowed a women's basketball scholarship in honor of his late wife, Marie. Guy's uncle, Paul, is a former OU regent.

Austin and his wife Julie have two teenage children: daughter, Alex, and a son, Cameron. The family of four resides in Norman.

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TIM OVERMAN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH
Fifth Season | Creighton, 2000

Entering his fifth season with the Oklahoma women's basketball program as the strength and conditioning coach is Tim Overman.

Every head coach will say that strength and conditioning plays a large role in the success of the team. In his short, but productive, five years with the University of Oklahoma, Overman has been a part of six conference titles and 13 NCAA Championship appearances.

Overman's goals are to improve on-the-court performance and help each athlete become the best basketball player she can be. He's also dedicated to the overall wellness of each student-athlete as he stresses the importance of a balanced diet.

That kind of commitment earned him a spot on head strength coordinator Jerry Schmidt's staff that trains OU's national powerhouse football program. In 2002, Overman was directly responsible for implementing strength training, speed, agility and conditioning programs for OU's baseball and wrestling teams. Three of the four programs Overman coached that season advanced to postseason action including the national championship gymnastics team and the NCAA third-place wrestling team. In 2003, he added women's basketball to his résumé as well as continuing his coaching of baseball and wrestling, two programs he has worked with since his arrival.

Prior to OU, Overman was a volunteer assistant strength coach for the University of Iowa football program in 2001, where he gained a variety of experience.

Overman served an internship at Athlete's Performance in Tempe, Ariz., in 2000 which allowed him to work directly with professional athletes. He was heavily involved in improving athletes' sports specific needs such as flexibility, speed training, weight training, nutrition and physical recovery techniques.

As an undergraduate at Creighton University, Overman had the opportunity to develop workout, testing, rehabilitation and maintenance programs for the Bluejay athletes. He also served as a student trainer for CU.

The Mt. Vernon, Iowa, native is a certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and personal trainer. Overman belongs to the National Strength and Conditioning and the Strength & Conditioning Coaches Associations.



CAROLYNN LOON
HEAD MEDICAL TRAINER
Third Season | Ohio State, 1999

Carolynn Loon is entering her third year with the Oklahoma sports medicine department and the women's basketball team. The Phoenix native joined the Sooner fold after four years as an assistant athletic trainer at American University in Washington D.C.

Loon also supervises the medical care for the softball and men's and women's tennis teams.

Loon earned a bachelor of science with honors in liberal arts from The Ohio State University. She continued her education with a master of science in exercise and movement science at the University of Oregon.

While at American, Loon worked with the women's basketball, field hockey, tennis, lacrosse and swimming teams. In addition to serving as an intermediary between team physicians, coaches and parents, Loon also coordinated rehabilitation and warm-up regimens.

Prior to American, she served as a graduate assistant at Oregon where she worked with the softball and women's soccer programs. On top of her standard work responsibilities with the Ducks, she also arranged meal guidelines with a nutritionist and a year-round cardiovascular conditioning and flexibility program.

Loon has served as the main hosting athletic trainer for several major events, including the qualifying round of the 2003-2004 NCAA Field Hockey Tournament, 2002-03 Patriot League Women's Lacrosse Championship, 2002-03 Patriot League Men's Tennis Championship, 2001-02 Patriot League Volleyball Championship and the 2000 USA National Master's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

During her undergrad days at Ohio State, Loon worked with seven teams, including the nationally-recognized football squad. While in Columbus, she served as the hosting student athletic trainer for the 1998 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships, 1998 Jesse Owen's Track and Field Classic and the 1998 Big Ten Cross Country Championships.

Loon is certified by the National Athletic Trainer's Association as an athletic trainer, qualified examiner and model. She also is certified in CPR/AED by the American Red Cross.

Loon resides in Norman with her husband Dr. Leehu Loon, who is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture for OU.

LEEHU & CAROLYNN LOON





BRITNEY BROWN
VIDEO COORDINATOR
First Season | Oklahoma, 2007

Beginning her first season off the court, Britney Brown serves as the team's video coordinator. Brown starred as a Sooner point guard from 2003 to 2007 and is now working towards a master's degree.

Brown oversees the taping and breaking down of practice video tape. Additionally, Brown is regularly on site to assist coaches and players with the team's video library archives. Brown also coordinates all exchange requests and acquisitions.

Brown played 129 games with the Sooners, starting 59 at guard. She averaged 3.9 points and 2.5 assists for her career. As a junior, Brown was named honorable mention All-Big 12 after a stellar season when she led Oklahoma to the first perfect Big 12 record in the conference's history while averaging 7.0 points and 4.3 assists.

Brown, 22, was born in Okmulgee, Okla., to Richard and Patricia Brown, but grew up in Norman. Her father is a Big 12 Conference football official.



KATE GAINES
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Third Season

Kate Gaines joined the Oklahoma women's basketball program with school in full swing in September 2005. To her credit, she quickly transitioned into the role and contributed to the efficiency of the basketball offices.

Prior to joining OU, Gaines stayed home for five years with her two young children, daughter Hannah, 7, and son Gabe, 3. Prior to that time, the Choctaw, Okla. native gained a diverse and impressive amount of managerial experience.

From 1999-2000, Gaines oversaw the construction and completion of The Remington at Memorial, a \$6 million luxury apartment community in Tulsa. She also implemented a marketing plan that helped produce 50 leases prior to the completion of construction. As property manager, she was in charge of hiring, daily operations and the yearly operating budget.

She began her career in property management and sales while serving as a leasing agent for the Tulsa-based company Chardonay.

From 1995 to 1997, Gaines served in three position for Dillard's. As an area sales manager, she managed the shoe and men's departments which netted combined annual sales of \$10.4 million.

The former Miss Oklahoma is married to Ryan Gaines, who joined the baseball staff as coordinator of operations in August 2006. The couple and their two children reside in Norman.



DR. DONALD MCGINNIS
TEAM ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON
11th Season

Entering his 11th season as the University of Oklahoma women's basketball team orthopedic surgeon is Dr. Don McGinnis. He also provides primary care for OU's football, baseball and softball teams.

Dr. McGinnis is a 1990 graduate of OU's College of Medicine and currently is an orthopedic surgeon at the McBride Clinic in Oklahoma City.

In addition to his clinical practice, he is a clinical instructor and the Director of the Division of Sports Medicine at the OU Health Sciences Center. He serves as an orthopedic surgeon and coordinator of orthopedic coverage for OU Athletics.

He also serves as a team physician for the United States Snowboarding team, the Oklahoma City Blazers' hockey team and the Oklahoma City Redhawks' baseball team.

Dr. McGinnis and his wife, Stacy, have four sons: Austin (14), Tyler (12), Connor (10) and Garrett (8).



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PAULA SMALLING
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
17th Season

Paula Smalling is in her 17th year with the Oklahoma women's basketball program. She began as a part-time employee and has participated in and witnessed the growth and development of the program into one which is known nationally. In 2001, she received the Sooner Service Award in recognition of her hard work and dedication.

As office manager, Smalling is an instrumental part of the Sooners' program. She is responsible for numerous duties from fielding phone calls and handling correspondence for the coaching staff to maintaining various departmental records.

The Norman, Okla., native met and married her husband Connel while both were attending OU. The Smallings have two grown daughters, Keri Fullbright and Jennifer Waggoner, and are the proud grandparents of Abbie, Kade, and Madison Waggoner and Hannah Fullbright. They are active members of McFarlin United Methodist Church in Norman.



DR. STEVE SMITH
TEAM PHYSICIAN
Ninth Season | Central Okla., 1987

Entering his ninth season as the primary care physician for the Oklahoma women's basketball program is Dr. Steve Smith. He is also the primary care physician for OU's men's and women's tennis, gymnastics, cross country and track and field, women's soccer, softball and volleyball programs.

Dr. Smith was appointed as the primary care physician for Oklahoma's Athletics Department in August 1999. He began working at Goddard Health Center as an assistant clinical professor from OU's College of Medicine in August 1997.

After earning his M.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 1993, he completed a three-year residency at In His Image Family Practice in Tulsa and was board certified in family medicine in 1996. He then returned to OU and completed a fellowship in sports medicine in 1997 from the Primary Care Sports Medicine program at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. He received a bachelor of science from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1989.

Dr. Smith and his wife, Cindy, have an 10-year-old daughter, Makenzi, and a four-year-old son, Braden.



JARED THOMPSON
MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR
First Season | Oklahoma, 2004

Entering his first season as the liason between the women's basketball team and media is Jared Thompson, OU's associate media relations director. Previously, Thompson worked two seasons with Oklahoma's men's and women's track and field teams during their stellar 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Thompson has also coordinated media activites for OU's football, baseball, softball, cross country, women's gymnastics and men's golf teams.

The Tulsa, Okla., native has assisted in the promotion for Adrian Peterson's and Jason White's Heisman Trophy campaigns and Courtney Paris' 2007 national awards campaign. Thompson has played a major role is the publication of the football team's regular season and bowl media guides, regularly voted among the best in the nation by an association of media relations directors.

Thompson, who has been with OU's athletics department since February 2004, graduated from Oklahoma with a bachelor's in journalism and mass communication in December 2004. He received his master's degree in adult and higher education/intercollegiate athletics administration in May 2007.



Angela Walker begin her first season as a full-time staff members after spending four seasons as a student manager, including serving as head manager during the 2004-05 season, and the last two seasons as a graduate assistant equipment manager.

Walker is responsible for all equipment and apparel ordering, distribution and storing. She also works closely with Nike, the official apparel supplier of Oklahoma athletics. Additionally, Walker oversees the undergraduate manager staff.

Walker, a native of Oklahoma City, has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and master's degree in adult and higher education/intercollegiate athletics administration.

The Westmoore High graduate played basketball as a freshman and sophomore and was a team manger her final two seasons.

Walker is the daughter of Philip and Mitzi Walker and Kim Parenzan.

ANGELA WALKER
EQUIPMENT MANAGER
17th Season



JESSIKA CARRINGTON
STUDENT MANAGER



MICALA FRANTZ
STUDENT MANAGER



MONIQUE GAINES
STUDENT MANAGER



JESSE GREADDINGTON III
STUDENT MANAGER



MARIEKA WILLIS
STUDENT MANAGER



RONNI WOODSON
STUDENT MANAGER



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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

DAVID AND MOLLY SHI BOREN



DAVID L. BOREN

13th President, The University of Oklahoma

David L. Boren, who has served Oklahoma as governor and U.S. senator, became the 13th president of the University of Oklahoma in November 1994. He is the first person in state history to have served in all three positions.

Boren is widely respected for his academic credentials, his longtime support of education, and for his distinguished political career as a reformer of the American political system. A graduate of Yale University in 1963, Boren majored in American history, graduated in the top one percent of his class and was elected Phi Beta Kappa. He was selected as a Rhodes Scholar and earned a master's degree in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University, England, in 1965.

In 1968, he received a law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he was on the Law Review, elected to the Order of the Coif, and won the Bledsoe Prize as the outstanding graduate by a vote of the faculty.

As Oklahoma's governor from 1974 through 1978, Boren promoted key educational initiatives that have had an enduring impact on Oklahoma. Established during his tenure were: the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, the Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program, and the Oklahoma Physicians Manpower Training Program, which provides scholarships for medical students and medical personnel who commit to practice in underserved rural areas. Also, the first state funding for Gifted and Talented classes was provided in 1976 and, from 1976 through 1978, Oklahoma ranked first among all states in the percentage increases of funding for higher education.

One of Boren's most far-reaching projects in promoting quality education at all levels is the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, which he founded in 1985. The foundation recognizes outstanding public school students and teachers and helps establish private local foundations to help give academic endowment grants to local public schools. As a senator, he was the author of the National Security Education Act in 1992, which provides scholarships for study abroad and for learning additional languages, as well as legislation to restore the tax deductibility of gifts of appreciated property to universities in 1993.

Boren, also a former state legislator, spent nearly three decades in elective politics before becoming the president of the University of Oklahoma. Boren was the youngest governor in the nation when he served from 1974 to 1978. Known as a reformer, Boren campaigned with a broom as his symbol. During his term, he instituted many progressive programs, including conflict-of-interest rules, campaign-financing disclosure, stronger open meeting laws for public bodies, and more competitive bidding on state government contracts.

During his time in the U.S. Senate -- from 1979 to 1994 -- Boren served on the Senate Finance and Agriculture Committees and was the longest-serving chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. From his days as a state legislator and governor of Oklahoma to Washington, Boren carried a commitment to reform, leading numerous efforts to make government work better for American citizens. As chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, he strengthened oversight of secret government programs and reformed the procedures for Presidential notice of such programs to Congress.

For more than 10 years, he led the fight for congressional campaign finance reform and for legislation discouraging administration and congressional staff from cashing in on government experience and contacts by becoming lobbyists. In addition, he introduced legislation seeking to limit gifts and travel subsidies that government workers, including members of Congress, can receive from lobbyists. Boren also chaired the special 1992-93 Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, which produced proposals to make Congress more efficient and responsive by streamlining congressional bureaucracy, reducing staff sizes and reforming procedures to end legislative gridlock.

Boren left the U.S. Senate in 1994 with an approval rating of 91 percent after being reelected with 83 percent of the vote in 1990, the highest percentage in the nation in a U.S. Senate contest in that election year.

Boren served from 1988 to 1997 as a member of the Yale University Board of Trustees. His university experience also includes four years on the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University, where he was chairman of the Department of Political Science and chairman of the Division of Social Sciences. In 1993, the American Association of University Professors presented Boren with the Henry Yost Award as Education Advocate of the Year.

In April 2004, Boren received the Mory's Cup from the Mory's Association at Yale University. In making the presentation to Boren it was noted that he was the first Yale graduate in the university's history extending over three centuries to have served as a Governor, U.S. Senator and President of a major university.

Under Boren's leadership, the University of Oklahoma has developed and emerged as a "pacesetter university in American public higher education," with 20 major programs initiated since his inauguration. The number of new facilities started or completed on the campus during the Boren years has matched the explosion in new programs.

Since 1994, almost \$1 billion in construction projects have been completed or are under way on OU's three campuses. Among the largest of the current projects are the \$18.7 million renovation and expansion of historic Holmberg Hall, home of music and dance programs; the \$67 million National Weather Center; the \$19 million addition to the Michael F. Price College of Business; the \$17 million Gaylord Hall for journalism and mass communication; the \$27 million Stephenson Research and Technology Center; and the \$83.5 million stadium project. The Health Sciences Center has a new Student Union, and the new \$24 million Stanton L. Young Biomedical Research Center.

Above all, the Boren years have been marked by an emphasis on putting students first. There is not a university president in the country who is more committed to students as his number one priority. He teaches a freshman-level course in political science each semester and is one of the few presidents of major universities to teach.

Boren is married to Molly Shi Boren, a former judge and English teacher. Molly Boren has two degrees from the University of Oklahoma, a master's degree in English and a Juris Doctor degree from the OU College of Law. A native of Seminole, Boren has two children, Carrie Christine Boren, an Episcopal minister, and David Daniel Boren, a member of the United States Congress from Oklahoma. Devoting much of his life to public service, Boren drew from the example of his parents, the late Congressman Lyle H. Boren and Christine Boren.

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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



JOE CASTIGLIONE

Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Programs, The University of Oklahoma

Principle Centered Leader . . . Visionary . . . Passionate Advocate for Student-Athletes . . . Establishes Standards of Excellence & Cultural Values . . . Builder of Championship Programs

Each of those characteristics, standing alone, describes the 11th director of athletics in University of Oklahoma history. However, just as he has brought together different groups who are committed to one goal, you must combine those traits to get the complete picture of the person who has led the OU athletics department since 1998.

Joe Castiglione has established a pattern of excellence that few in his profession can match. In an environment where every decision is made reflecting the department's mission statement "Inspiring champions today . . . Preparing leaders for tomorrow," forming the background, Castiglione is leading the department that has written one of the most successful eras in school history.

Quick to give credit to the student-athletes and coaches, the staff and the university administration, the donors and the fans, Castiglione was the one who implemented the changes that led to success. When he was hired in 1998, the search committee believed they had found a rising star in the field of intercollegiate athletics administration. Everything that has happened since his arrival at OU has cemented that reputation.

The accomplishments of the department and its student-athletes, coaches and staff have earned national recognition for the university and the department. Recognized as the 2007 PRISM Award winner by the School of Sports Management at the University of Massachusetts, OU was just the second Division I winner and all of the programs recognized by the selection panel were started under Castiglione's leadership. The PRISM Award annually recognizes one Division I intercollegiate athletics department that demonstrates industry-leading excellence and innovation in sports management.

His peers have honored him for the department's achievements as well. In October 2004, the Bobby Dodd Foundation named him Athletics Director of the Year. In 2003, he was inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators Hall of Fame. In June 2001, he received the General Robert R. Neyland Athletic Director Award for lifetime achievement from the All-American Football Foundation. The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) named him Central Region AD of the Year in 2000.

Perhaps his most unique achievement over the last nine years for Castiglione, though, came when he received his master's of education degree from OU in May 2007. To understand the need for education and lifelong learning, OU's student-athletes just have to look at their AD who started and completed his master's degree while running the department and maintaining his priorities to his family.

The 11th director of athletics at the University of Oklahoma has celebrated six national team championships and numerous conference team titles; record numbers of graduating student-athletes and record-setting grade point averages for Sooner teams; dramatically increased donor giving; huge increases in ticket sales for all sports; major facility improvements, and development and construction of new facilities. And, as aggressive as the push to improve, expand and excel has been, he has produced a balanced budget in every year of his tenure, a first since the early 1980s.

Credited with energizing OU's fund-raising efforts, Castiglione was instrumental in the athletics department's major campaign, Great Expectations: The Campaign For Sooner Sports. The campaign ended in November of 2003 with more than \$125 million raised or pledged. Unique in its approach, the largest fund-raising effort in OU athletics history included projects that impact each of OU's nearly 500 student-athletes and has become a national model for intercollegiate athletics.

Castiglione has cultivated numerous million dollar gifts, including the largest capital gifts in history for athletics at OU, and some of the largest ever for the university as a whole. He has driven dramatic facilities projects, including a \$70 million project at Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. Others include a \$17.2 million renovation of Lloyd Noble Center; phase I of The Headington Family Tennis Complex; John Jacobs Field; the Everest Training Facility, one of the largest indoor practice areas in the country; and Phase II of the soccer-tennis complex. Other projects completed in his tenure have included the redesign of the Sooner football practice fields; the Port Robertson Wrestling Facility; phase I of the Sooner Soccer Complex and John Crain Field as well as additional renovations to the McCasland Field House; L. Dale Mitchell Park, the Charlie Coe Golf Learning Center, the OU Softball Complex and Barry Switzer Center.

His administrative work, which has seen significant reorganization and the hiring of nine head coaches, also included the negotiation of multi-million dollar multi-media rights contract that produces more than \$5 million in annual revenue for the athletics department.

Castiglione was hired on April 30, 1998, after serving as athletics director at Missouri. In his 17-year career with the Tigers, Castiglione, who was named director of athletics at Missouri on Dec. 15, 1993, was credited with rebuilding sports programs, hiring outstanding coaches, implementing an innovative master plan for facilities, inspiring record-setting increases in fund-raising and balancing the budget in each of his five years as athletics director.

A 1979 Maryland graduate, Castiglione received the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award in April 2007. He began his career as the sports promotions director at Rice. He then worked a year as director of athletic fund-raising at Georgetown before being hired in 1981 at Missouri as director of communications and marketing.

Active on the national and conference level, he is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Collegiate Women Sports Awards, the Gatorade Collegiate Advisory Board, and the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame. He has been named to the executive committee of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He served two terms as chair of the Big 12 Board of Athletics Directors and is a past president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association and NACDA. He served a four-year term on the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet and the NCAA Baseball Committee and is a past member of the NCAA Football Special Events Certification Committee. He recently agreed to serve on the NCAA Diversity Leadership Strategic Planning Committee and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Discussion Group. In 2007, he was named to the Phi Delta Theta Foundation Board of Trustees.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Castiglione was born Oct. 8, 1957. He is married to the former Kristen Bartel, a 1990 graduate of the University of Missouri. They are the parents of two sons, Joseph Robert, Jr., born on December 20, 1996, and Jonathan Edmund, born on March 21, 2000.

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OU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The mission of the University of Oklahoma Athletics Department is to inspire champions today and prepare leaders for tomorrow by providing an excellent environment to enable student-athletes to achieve their highest academic, athletic and personal aspirations.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Passion for Excellence
- Commitment
- Respect & Responsibility for Self & Others
- Appreciation for and Encouragement of Gender & Cultural Diversity

Philosophy

The University of Oklahoma Athletics Department promotes excellence in athletics without compromising excellence in academics or integrity in its commitment to rules or conduct. Student-athletes are encouraged by the coaching and administrative staff to maintain a balance between athletics, academics, and the social aspects of college.

It is believed that athletic participation gives an added dimension to the student's overall college experience and provides an opportunity for social, moral, emotional, and cultural growth and development.

The athletic programs strive to create traits that once acquired will carry over and benefit student-athletes in their personal and professional endeavors. The University of Oklahoma maintains a tradition of excellence in intercollegiate sports.

The Athletics Department continues to uphold this tradition by striving to make each athletic team and individual of championship caliber. Its staff members work to instill in student-athletes an appreciation for hard work, perseverance, and pride in accomplishment. It is believed these attributes will be utilized throughout the student-athlete's life.

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Administration	8200
Baseball	8354
Basketball, Men's	4732
Basketball, Women's	8322
Business & Finance	8440
Compliance	8561
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