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The Rose Sharp Rose Garden

David and Molly Boren have announced that the rose garden honoring former OU first lady Rose Sharp, newly established at the Lindsey Street residence where she lived, will be relocated to Boyd House upon completion of the historic presidential home's renovation. At the dedication of the garden, the honoree equated her lifelong love of roses with universities:

"Roses are really like universities. They both need a good, solid foundation to reach their full potential.

"Then they need tender, loving care. They need to be fed, to be nurtured and to be cultivated. They will thrive with creativity and experimentation.

"Sometimes both need to be pruned—very carefully. You must know when, where and how much pruning to do.

"Finally they need protection. It is important to take action as soon as you notice a blemish or any other sign of damage. You must not allow the damage to spread and destroy the vitality of either the rose or the university.

"If all these steps are followed, both roses and universities will produce a dazzling display of beauty."