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MUM'S THE WORD—When University landscape specialist Allen King designed this fall's chrysanthemum extravaganza, he worked secure in the knowledge that the showcase gardens on Van Vleet Oval would exist in perpetuity, endowed by alumnus Morris Pitman and his daughter, Jill Pitman Jones, both of Oklahoma City, and his son Russ Pitman, Houston. The 15,000 mums, plus 6,000 representatives of four varieties of Joseph's Coat, reached their peak in mid-October, just in time for the Dad's Day crowd and a visit from members of the National Chrysanthemum Society, who bused in from their convention in Fort Worth to view the spectacular autumn showing.