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"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"—Award-winning political analyst Tim Russert, center, with OU President David Boren, left, leaves Holmberg Hall to lead the processional to Oklahoma Memorial Stadium for the May 11 Commencement ceremonies. The moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," described by *Washingtonian* magazine as the best and most influential journalist in Washington, D.C., received an honorary degree from OU and delivered the Commencement address as approximately 2,500 degrees were granted to the Class of 2002. While confessing that he remembered nothing from the Commencement addresses he had heard, Russert exhorted the new graduates to reject the conventional wisdom that success is only for the rich, the privileged or the lvy-League educated: "People with real values have a way of helping, teaching and connecting with one another."