

# SOONER MAGAZINE

## contents

Winter 2004

Volume 24 ■ Number 2



### 2 A LAST, LOVING GIFT

The Willed Body Program removes the long-established anonymity surrounding anatomical donors and introduces their families to OU medical students who benefit from this final benevolence.

### 6 STILL A STUDENT AT HEART

What Clarke Stroud didn't think of doing as a college student probably hasn't been done. Now he is dealing with another generation from the other side of the vice presidential desk.

### 11 CONNECTING WITH SCANDINAVIA

Scandinavian students have come to the University of Oklahoma since 1980 via a program created to say thanks to countries that shielded thousands of Jews from Hitler's "final solution."

### 14 HAULING IN THE HARDWARE

As a team, the 2003 football Sooners mourn the one that got away, but as individuals, they couldn't have done much better than eight national trophies awarded to players and coach.

### 20 PADDLING THEIR OWN CANOE

Yes, concrete floats, and when skillfully designed, it can be crafted into a competitive racing vessel that could propel its dedicated team to academic accolades and even a national title.

### 24 AMERICA'S MAYOR

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani came to Norman to meet and greet, discuss the essence of leadership and courage under fire and collect an honorary doctorate.

### 26 HAVEN FROM THE STORM

Alone, frightened yet undeniably excited, 14-year-old Trude Kirchhausen escaped Nazi Germany on a journey that eventually led her to a sorority house at the University of Oklahoma.



OU Athletics Media Relations

PAGE 14



Chris Ramseyer

PAGE 20

*PROLOGUE* • INSIDE FRONT COVER  
*FROM THE BOOKSHELF* • PAGE 31  
*POSTSCRIPT: THE MISSING GIFT* • PAGE 32  
*"LIGHTS ON FOR OU RESEARCH"*  
• INSIDE BACK COVER

**ON THE COVER** • *Once shielded from thinking of willed bodies as real people, today's OU medical students learn all they can about the donors from those who knew and loved them best. Story on Page 2.*

Cover design by George T. Dotson.

#### EDITOR

Carol J. Burr

#### ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Margaret French

#### ART DIRECTOR

George T. Dotson

#### STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Robert Taylor

#### PUBLISHER

The University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc.  
Ron D. Burton, President

**Sooner Magazine** is published quarterly by the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. with private funds at no cost to the taxpayers of the state of Oklahoma. The magazine is printed by the Transcript Press, Norman, Oklahoma, and is intended primarily for private donors to the University of Oklahoma and members of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.

Opinions expressed are those of the author and do not reflect the official position of the University of Oklahoma or the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc.

**Copyright 2004** by the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. Address all inquiries and changes of address to: Editor, Sooner Magazine, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019-0685. Phone: 405/321-1174; email: [sooner magazine@ou.edu](mailto:sooner magazine@ou.edu). Letters to the editor must be signed and are submitted with the understanding that they may be reproduced; emailed letters must include name, address and phone number for verification. Letters not intended for publication should be so marked.