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COMMENCEMENT 2011 – The rite of passage that is OU Commencement in the modern era is no dry observance of academic time served. No pomp, no pageantry is omitted as cap-and-gowned graduates process across campus and into the stadium, led by Pipes and Drums of the Highlanders of Oklahoma City, the Kiowa Black Leggings Society, and a sea of flags representing the large international student contingent. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates gave the address, honorary degrees were awarded and a fireworks display to rival the Fourth of July climaxed an evening to remember.