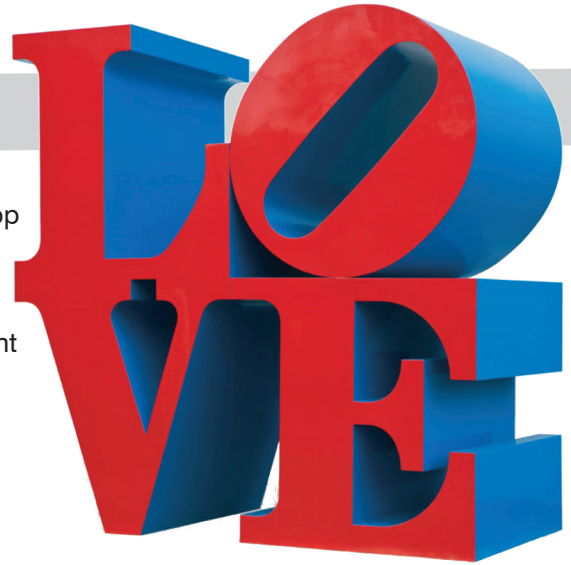


# Sooner Shorts

## Love Comes to Town

A limited edition casting of the iconic LOVE sculpture by pop artist Robert Indiana greets prospective students outside the Visitors Center on the north oval of OU's Norman campus. The sculpture was a gift to President David Boren from OU alumnus William Obering. The statue made its debut in front of Jacobson Hall just before Valentine's Day.



OU Athletics Department

## We are the champions

The OU's men's tennis team won its first ITA NCAA Indoor National Championship in Chicago this past February. Led by Coach John Roddick, OU's number-two seed team defeated the University of Southern California Trojans 4-2 in the finals. It was an especially sweet victory, since USC beat the Sooners in the national championship this fall.

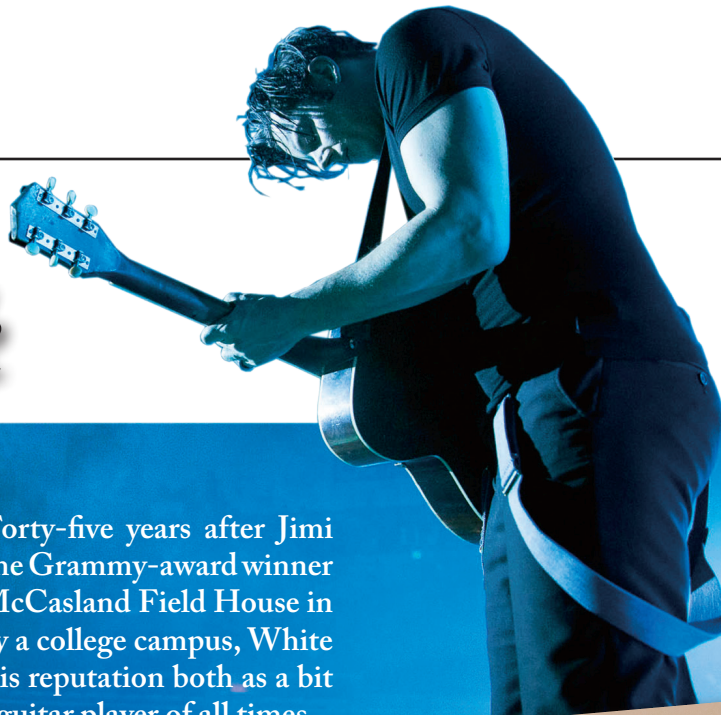
## Jeff House Rock



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Rubble is all that remains of the 72-year-old Jefferson House, built on the northeast corner of Jenkins and Lindsey. Constructed along with Jones and Wilkinson Houses, all three were originally named for past U.S. presidents, but OU football coaches soon outranked them. Jefferson House was intended to serve as housing for lower-income freshmen men. Meal costs were pro-rated and all members were expected to "take turns waiting tables and doing common tasks." More recently, it had been home to Sooner female athletes until Headington Hall became OU's newest residential housing in 2013. Next in line for demolition is the Gomer T. Jones Residence Hall, located north of Jefferson House.

# Sassy Jack



**I**t's not easy following Hendrix. Forty-five years after Jimi blew the roof off the place, eight-time Grammy-award winner Jack White blistered the paint at McCasland Field House in February. One of his first times to play a college campus, White more than held his own, living up to his reputation both as a bit of an eccentric and one of the greatest guitar player of all times.

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**Coat Check** – Tom Brokaw, special correspondent and managing editor of NBC Nightly News, accepted the Gaylord Prize for Excellence in Journalism during a luncheon at Oklahoma Memorial Union on Feb. 26. In addition to claiming the Steuben Glass eagle, symbol of journalistic excellence, Brokaw was reunited with a coat he had last seen in 1989, while covering the fall of the Berlin Wall. Before going on camera, Brokaw traded his black raiment for a blue cashmere overcoat worn by then-NBC foreign correspondent and current OU journalism professor Mike Boettcher. After 26 years, no word if Boettcher got his coat back from Brokaw.



Hugh Scott



Michael Willmus

**For The Kids** – More than 2,500 OU students boogied to the beat for 12 hours in March to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals that directly benefit Oklahoma's children with life-threatening illnesses. Soonerthon 2015, the official philanthropy event of the OU Campus Activities Council, broke all records this spring, raising a total of \$561,268.

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