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- 4 THE UNIVERSITY TURNS 125** From barren prairie to a thriving research and academic institution, the story of OU's evolution during the past 125 years is like the Sooner spirit—almost too big to contain. With three campuses in Oklahoma and a burgeoning Study Abroad center in Arezzo, Italy, the university looks very different than the fledgling school of David Ross Boyd's day.
- 14 DISCOVERING GALILEO** Although he did not use the term, the scholar from Pisa, Italy, certainly took an “interdisciplinary” approach to his studies. A new exhibition across OU's three campuses celebrates the connections Galileo made between art and medicine, music and science, imaginatively illustrated with hands-on displays and original works from OU's own History of Science Collection.
- 20 MADAM PRESIDENT** Those familiar with Beth Garrett during her undergraduate days at OU knew she was an intellectual powerhouse. Her resume includes stints as law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and as legislative director for then-U.S. Sen. David L. Boren. On Sept. 18, Garrett broke new ground as the first woman president of Cornell University, but at her core, she is still a Sooner.
- 26 ALL THE WORLD'S A CLASSROOM** If you think all college students spend their summers sleeping in and lounging by the pool, meet Luke Bartz and Daniel Meschter. The two Boren Scholars began their yearlong assignments in May—Luke at the U.S. State Department in Austria and Daniel in the Arab-American Language Institute in Morocco. Their time in class and at work is just part of the educational experience.

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On the Cover • One of the first official duties of Oklahoma Territorial Gov. George Washington Steele was to sign the bill that created the University of Oklahoma in 1890. Since that time, the university has expanded in area, disciplines and dreams. President David L. Boren says he would like to take OU's first president, David Ross Boyd, on a tour of how OU has grown. To see what that looks like, see story Page 6.

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