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- 4 ON HIS OWN TERMS** The winningest football coach in Sooner history has left the stadium. Bob Stoops reflects on his 18 seasons at OU, which include a national championship, 10 Big 12 championships, and a record surpassing that of coaching legends Owen, Wilkinson and Switzer.
- 10 “BODIES IN MOTION”** The theme of OU’s fifth annual Native Crossroads Film Festival was indicative of the protagonists in the features, docs and shorts presented during the weekend, but it also describes the determination and creativity of the filmmakers who tell their stories through moving pictures.
- 14 THE SECRET WORLD OF MICROBIOMES** From the remote savannahs of Tanzania to tombs in the Himalayas, OU anthropologists are leading the study of ancient DNA to see if the microbes that humans lost along the way could be the key to fighting present-day diseases like diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis.
- 22 THE MOST UNLIKELY CHAMPIONSHIP** Patty Gasso coached the season of a lifetime, overcoming a 10th-seed ranking for her Sooner softball team to win 11 straight games on the way to back-to-back national championships, proving once again never to count the Sooners out.
- 26 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON** How many national championships can a university win in a single season? Four, if you are lucky enough to be a Sooner. Five, if you count a national title in doubles tennis. (*Sooner Magazine* does.) See highlights from men’s and women’s gymnastics, softball, golf and tennis.
- 28 THE MODERNIST HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE** While many legacies of organic modernism are succumbing to old age and neglect, the OU College of Architecture and a determined preservationist are working to save the former home of architect Herb Greene to use as a teaching tool for future generations.

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