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# Stoops contract: \$5 million by 2011

OU regents also approve raises for coaches Capel, Coale and others.

**BY GUERIN EMIG**  
World Sports Writer

ARDMORE — Bob Stoops will make nearly \$5 million as Oklahoma football coach in 2011, should he remain that long, according to his

revised contract approved Wednesday by the OU Board of Regents at their regularly scheduled meeting in Ardmore.

The regents also approved raises for OU basketball coaches Jeff Capel — his

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Columnist Dave Sittler on OU's slick allocation of athletic funds to academics. **B1**

guaranteed salary increases from \$1.05 to \$1.5 million — and Sherri Coale, as well as

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**Stoops**

## Clinic to get Tisdale name

**BY SHANNON MUCHMORE**  
World Staff Writer

ARDMORE — The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa will name its planned north Tulsa speciality clinic after OU basketball legend and Tulsa native Wayman Tisdale, OU's board of regents announced

Wednesday.

The regents also extended President David Boren's contract through 2014 and announced that the athletic department would contribute about \$7 million to academic programs this year, helping prevent tu-

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### Recorded and predicted highs for the week

- Monday ..... 98
- Tuesday ..... 100
- Wednesday ..... 101
- Thursday ..... 101-103
- Friday ..... 101-102
- Saturday ..... 101-102
- Sunday ..... 96

Source: The National Weather Service and The Weather Channel

### Precautions in extreme heat

Reduce outdoor activity, particularly during the afternoon and late morning.

Limit alcohol and caffeine consumption and increase your water intake.

Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Spend as much time as possible in an air-conditioned building; visit a library, shopping mall, community center or other public indoor place if you don't have air-conditioning at home.

Play close attention to those at increased risk for heat-related illness, including young children, senior citizens, people with chronic medical conditions such as heart disease or high blood pressure, and outdoor laborers.

Never leave a child or animal unattended in a vehicle.

Source: EMSA

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# 100° AND RISING

Emma Lackey, 4, of Glenpool, takes a break from watery fun Wednesday amid hot temperatures at the new QuikTrip Corp.-sponsored 41st Street Plaza, at 41st Street and Riverside Drive.

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## EMSA treats 10 for heat-related illness; high-risk temps continue Heat Alert today

**BY DAVID HARPER AND ALTHEA PETERSON**  
World Staff Writers

Despite isolated rain showers across parts of northeastern Oklahoma, the weather and air quality combined Wednesday to put area residents at risk of heat exhaustion and respiratory problems.

More of the same conditions are predicted throughout the week.

By 8:45 p.m., EMSA paramedics had treated 10 patients with heat-related illnesses on Wednesday, as the temperature rose above 100 degrees. As a result, an EMSA Heat Alert that began Tuesday was continued for a third straight day on Thursday, agency spokeswoman Tina Wells said.

Also Wednesday, the National Weather Service extended an excessive heat warning for northeastern Oklahoma until at least 7 p.m. Friday.

The heat and still air combined to push the Tulsa metropolitan area over the Environmental Protection Agency's ozone standard Wednesday.

At 8:15 p.m., the central recording station had recorded an eight-hour average of 0.094 parts per million. The west station recorded an eight-hour average of 0.083 parts per million, and the north facility displayed a 0.077 reading for the eight-hour

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## DTU era will end; new voice envisioned

It will stop providing downtown services, but members aim to become a voice for property owners.

**BY P.J. LASSEK**  
World Staff Writer

Downtown Tulsa Unlimited will close its doors Tuesday after 52 years of providing downtown services and events, such as Mayfest, a farmers market and the annual Christmas parade.

Although its mission will no longer exist, its membership will not disband, DTU Chairman Don Walker said Wednesday.

"The plan for the organization is to become a true property owners association and sustain a voice in the decisions of the Downtown Coordinating Council," he said.

City officials announced in February that the coordinating council would be created to take over the management of the city's Business Improvement District, which assesses fees on property within the Inner Dispersal Loop to fund the downtown services. The council's first meeting is set for next week.

The city's new Tulsa Stadium Assessment District will come into being July 1 with a higher assessment rate than that of the current district, which expires Tuesday.

The 30-year annual fee will be 6.5 cents per square foot of land and structure. Of that, 4.3 cents will go to construct the downtown ballpark, and the remaining 2.2 cents is to pay for downtown services.

Walker said the newly formed group, which will move to a smaller office and have only one employee, also wants to act as a watchdog.

"We want to take a positive approach to assisting downtown, but at the same time hold the city and all players accountable for the use of the assessment fees

SEE **DTU A4**

# Woman charged in death knew of meth danger, officer testifies

**BY MATT BARNARD**  
World Staff Writer

A woman who is implicated in a meth-lab fire that killed her husband knew about the drug's volatility but still allowed him and her co-defendants to make the drug in her apartment, a police investigator testified Wednesday.

Amber Ketcher, 28, Christopher Stinson, 26, and Bobby Warren, 18, are charged with felony murder on allegations that they caused the March 30 Comanche Park Apartments blaze that fatally injured Ketcher's husband, Sean Ketcher. He suffered massive burns and died the next day, authorities said.

Tulsa Police Officer Brian Booth

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View a map and list of meth labs investigated by Tulsa police since 2008. [tulsaworld.com/methlabmap](http://tulsaworld.com/methlabmap)

questioned Ketcher after the crowded townhouse where the meth was being cooked burst into flames. She

said she was aware of other fires tied to methamphetamine production yet didn't stop the men from setting up the lab, he said.

"I asked her if she had seen all the meth lab fires on TV, and she said that she had but didn't think it would happen to her," Booth testified.

On Wednesday afternoon, Spe-

cial Judge Allen Klein ruled that evidence against the suspects was sufficient for a trial. An arraignment is scheduled for Monday.

The felony murder charge against the three defendants asserts that Sean Ketcher's death occurred while they were in the commission of

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# PAY:

Athletic director Castiglione was happy with the regents.

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baseball coach Sunny Golloway and softball coach Patty Gasso. Staff members for Capel, Coale and Stoops were given raises as well. Stoops' reworked deal, which was extended two years through Dec. 31, 2015, allows for a current guaranteed \$2.975 million. It also calls for a \$700,000 annual stay bonus, first payable Oct. 1. Meaning, when Stoops takes the sideline for the next OU-Texas game, he will be making \$3.675 million. An additional bonus, termed in the contract an "Additional Stay Benefit," of \$800,000 will be paid following Jan. 1, 2011. Factoring in the \$700,000 bonus already in place, as well as the automatic \$200,000 annual private-funds bump also built into the contract, Stoops stands to make \$4.875 million in 2011. And that is before performance-based bonuses also included in the deal. Should the Sooners compete for the Big 12 championship and a BCS bowl that season, as is typical under the coach, Stoops would clear the \$5 million mark.

All told, his seven-year pact is worth \$30.125 million.

"This university is so fortunate to have a terrific leader, an outstanding football coach, a person with impeccable character like Coach Stoops," OU athletic director Joe Castiglione said after the regents adjourned, "with a proven record of success. With Jeff Capel and Sherri Coale, you see there's a common thread of characteristics. ... We feel just as grateful to have them leading our programs. We're grateful that our president and our board show the leadership and demonstrate their support for what we're trying to achieve."

## Basketball

Capel, who last season coached the OU men to 30 victories and their first Elite Eight appearance since 2003, had his contract extended two years through June 30, 2016. As with Stoops' contract, there are annual bumps built in — \$50,000 through the 2011-12 season, then \$70,000 through 2013-14 and \$80,000 through 2015-16 — and two tiers of bonus money allowed.

Capel receives a stay bonus of \$1.1 million following June 30, 2014, and what is termed a "supplemental" stay bonus of \$400,000 following June 30, 2016. Should he remain OU coach through the 2013-14 season, Capel is in line to receive \$2.84 million.

As it stands, his current guarantee of \$1.5 million makes him the third-highest paid coach in the Big 12 Conference, behind Kansas' Bill Self and Texas' Rick Barnes, whereas before he ranked sixth. It also symbolizes what Castiglione hopes is a pre-emptive strike against programs that have shown

**"We are very grateful that he has expressed his passion to stay and build this program, and create it as a destination job."**

Joe Castiglione

On OU men's basketball head coach Jeff Capel

interest in the 34-year-old coach after OU's past two seasons.

"What he is attempting to build with the program is outstanding," Castiglione said of Capel. "It's important for continuity, because people around the country are seeing Oklahoma basketball in a very special way. He and our team have opened people's eyes, and hopefully made it attractive to be part of this program and its growth and where it's headed ...

"We are very grateful that he has expressed his passion to stay and build this program, and create it as a destination job."

Coale, who steered the OU women to their first Final Four since 2002 last season, closed in on the \$1 million mark Wednesday. Regents approved a \$60,000 guaranteed income hike to \$900,000, with performance-based bonuses built in as well. Coale's contract continues through July 1, 2017.

## Baseball, football assistants

Golloway, whose Sooners bounced back from two straight shaky seasons to win 44 games and host an NCAA regional last year, was given a three-year extension through the 2013 season. He will make a guaranteed \$201,000 under terms of the new deal.

"You don't always reflect on one year," Castiglione said when asked if Golloway's extension was a result of his '09 success, "although it does validate things are being done the right way. I think this year established some momentum in our program that we haven't had in a while."

Among OU staffs, Capel assistants Mark Cline, Oronde Taliaferro and Ben Betts all received \$12,000 raises in guaranteed income. But the raises issued Stoops' assistants varied.

Offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson was given the highest bump, \$100,000, to a guaranteed \$385,000. Defensive coordinator Brent Venables was next at \$50,000, to \$395,000.

Quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel, perhaps cashing in on the success of Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, received a \$44,000 raise, to \$200,000.

Other staff raises ranged from \$25,000 (Jay Norvell) to \$15,000 (Cale Gundy, Jackie Shipp and James Patton) to \$10,000 (Bobby Jack Wright and Chris Wilson).

The regents also bumped Gasso's salary to \$133,000 and approved contracts for new coaches Ryan Hybl (men's golf, \$100,000) and John Roddick (men's tennis, \$99,800).

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## SALARIES

The previous annual salaries of Oklahoma coaches whose raises were approved by the OU Board of Regents on Wednesday, and their new annual guaranteed figures:

### Football

- Bob Stoops, head coach — \$2,925 million to \$2,975 million (will be \$3.675 million Oct. 1)
- Brent Venables — \$345,000 to \$395,000
- Kevin Wilson — \$285,000 to \$385,000
- Bobby Jack Wright — \$245,000 to \$255,000
- Jackie Shipp — \$225,000 to \$240,000
- Cale Gundy — \$220,000 to \$235,000
- Jay Norvell — \$210,000 to \$235,000
- James Patton — \$220,000 to \$235,000
- Josh Heupel — \$156,000 to \$200,000
- Chris Wilson — \$185,000 to \$195,000

### Men's basketball

- Jeff Capel, head coach — \$1.05 million to \$1.5 million
- Oronde Taliaferro — \$174,000 to \$186,000
- Mark Cline — \$156,000 to \$168,000
- Ben Betts — \$141,000 to \$153,000

### Women's basketball

- Sherri Coale, head coach — \$840,000 to \$900,000
- Jan Ross — \$147,600 to \$158,000
- Chad Thrailkill — \$101,800 to \$109,000
- Stacy Hansmeyer — \$86,500 to \$92,000

### Baseball

- Sunny Golloway, head coach — \$187,800 to \$201,000

### Softball

- Patty Gasso, head coach — \$124,440 to \$133,000

# CLINIC:

The Tisdale center is expected to be completed in about 20 months.

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tion increases and layoffs.

The Tisdale announcement was a fitting tribute, many said.

OU-Tulsa President Gerard Clancy said in a telephone interview that it "honors Wayman and his commitment to both excellence and service to the community."

The clinic has special significance because of Tisdale's battle with cancer, a disease that will be treated at the \$20 million clinic to be built at 36th Street North and Harvard Avenue, he said.

Tisdale died in May at age 44 of complications from bone cancer.

The Wayman Tisdale Health Center is expected to be completed in about 20 months. Site preparation will begin in the fall, Clancy said.

The basketball star's older brother, Weldon Tisdale, was in Ardmore on Wednesday for the announcement. He said the new center has the potential to make a major difference in the health of north Tulsa residents.

"One of the problems we often face is a lack of educating the community on the necessity of making sure we keep our bodies in check and checked," he said. "And I think this will help draw some attention to the need for individuals to make sure."

Wayman Tisdale was too humble to think of his name being on a building, and he would have been floored, Weldon Tisdale said.

"On behalf of Wayman's wife, Regina, and his family, we consider it a great honor to have this center named after him. ... It is momentous," he said. "Honored is probably not a strong-enough word."

Wayman Tisdale was an all-American at Booker T. Washington High School and for three years at OU. He played for the 1984 U.S. Olympic basketball team and was in

## Wayman Tisdale Health Center

- Cost: \$20 million
- Location: 36th Street North and Harvard Avenue
- Size: 43,000 square feet
- Services: Urgent care, cardiology, advanced MRI and CT, outpatient surgery, endoscopy and chemotherapy
- Expected opening: Early 2011

the NBA for 12 seasons.

The board of regents also approved extending Boren's contract until November 2014. However, Boren did not receive an increase in salary.

Boren, 68, has been OU's president since 1994, when he left the U.S. Senate for the post. An endowed chair in his name was approved Wednesday, and regents said they want to raise \$500,000 for it.

The regents also approved OU's fiscal year 2010 budget of \$1.5 billion, which includes \$3 million from the athletic department to academic programs. Athletics usually donates \$1 million a year to academics and donates some of its revenue. The total amount of support expected from athletics this year is about \$7 million.

"This additional support from the Athletics Department has helped the university avoid tuition increases for students and layoffs of faculty and staff," Boren said.

"I appreciate the support from the department in helping continue to promote academic excellence in a tough economic year. I especially am grateful that this support will help us lighten the burden on Oklahoma families by having no tuition increases this year."

Also at the meeting, regents approved the first phase of the Schusterman Center Library at the main OU-Tulsa campus.

The 22,000-square-foot building has a budget of \$8.8 million and includes reading rooms, an information gallery and library staff offices.

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# DTU:

The organization had held a downtown services contract since 1979.

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that all downtown property owners are paying," he said.

The new assessment fees will pay for all of the maintenance and economic development plans and a significant portion of the ballpark, he said.

As the city attempts to provide downtown services, "DTU wants to be respectful and assist in the transition to a new organization for services," he said.

DTU lost in the bidding this month to provide some maintenance services downtown, such as landscaping and street sweeping.

The city awarded the service contract to Unlimited Sweepers and Cleaners LLC of Oklahoma City, which

was the lowest bidder.

DTU's contract with the city expires Tuesday. DTU has held the contract, with annual renewal, since the current assessment district was formed in 1979.

Walker said that if DTU had won the new services contract, it would have remained open.

As of Tuesday, other DTU-sponsored functions such as economic development, marketing and special events will cease, he said.

Mayfest's board will take over the festival's management, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau will take over the DTU marketing Web site, he said.

DTU has been paying for the electricity for the specialty "acorn" lights installed as part of the downtown street improvements from the 2006 third-penny sales tax program, he said.

After the lights were installed, he said, neither the city nor property owners accepted responsibility for them, "so DTU just paid the bill because we knew the lights had to be on."

Paul Strizek, the Public Works Department's manager of planning contracts, said the city would use the assessment fees to keep the lights on and to maintain the public rights of way, landscaping and sidewalk furniture.

Any needed maintenance other than that provided by Unlimited Sweepers will be handled by the department, and the city will cover the cost, he said.

"Over the years, DTU has done a fabulous job maintaining downtown," Strizek said. "In my opinion, most people just take it for granted what DTU has done."

Walker said he did not know who will continue the Christmas parade, farmers market, Devour Downtown, and other events DTU has sponsored.

DTU was formed in 1957 as a nonprofit organization with a mission to bring merchants back to downtown following the development of Utica Square.

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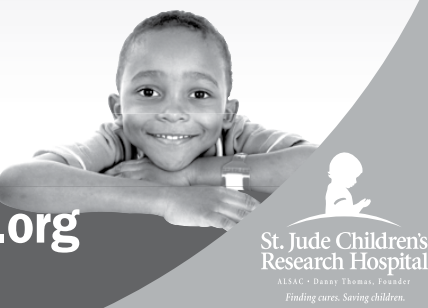
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