

NORMAN — The chrysanthemum gardens on the University of Oklahoma's Van Vleet Oval are in full bloom, depicting OU's logo and the words Oklahoma and Sooners in deep red and white. The short-lived dramatic display is the culmination of work that began in late March, when 1-inch plugs were purchased and placed in a greenhouse to grow until they were ready for planting in gardens in June. Football fans flocked to the gardens Oct. 7 to view the annual display. "They just seem to love it," said Allen King, OU director of landscape and grounds. "Everybody was dressed in red and white and taking pictures with their kids." The blooms are at their peak for one month to six weeks each year during football season. An especially large number of admirers are expected for homecoming Oct. 28.