OU President David Boren, left, and the May commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient, former President George Bush, lead the Class of 1997 from Bizzell Memorial Library to Oklahoma Memorial Stadium for the morning ceremonies. The processional, a revival of an old University of Oklahoma tradition, included the Kiowa Black Leggings Society color guard, a corps of bagpipers, international flag bearers from each of the countries with students at OU, and University and state education officials. Other honorary degree recipients were Edith Gaylord Harper, Mary Eddy Jones, Wilma Mankiller and OU President Emeritus Paul F. Sharp. Following the University ceremonies, individual colleges held afternoon convocations in which each graduate was recognized.