### People

- Prof. Thomas L. Landers, Dean of the College of Engineering, has been appointed to the Army Science Board, the scientific body that advises senior leaders including the Secretary of the Army and Army Chief of Staff.
- Prof. Young Kim, Dept. of Communication, has been awarded the Top Scholar Award for Lifetime Achievement by the Division of Intercultural and Development Communication of the International Communication Association.
- Computer Science Prof. Krishnaiyan Thulasiraman received the 2006 IEEE Technical Achievement award for “sustained and outstanding technical contributions for nearly four decades to graph theoretic foundations of circuits, systems and computing.”

### Scholarship

- The 97th volume of the annual *Isis Current Bibliography of the History of Science* has been released by the University of Chicago Press. The oldest and largest of its kind in the world, the latest edition is edited by History of Science Prof. Stephen P. Weldon.
- Dr. Andrew Horton, Director of Film and Video Studies, published his 20th book, *The Passport and Other Short Stories by Antonis Samarkis*, which he translated from modern Greek. A March press conference was held in New York City.

### Feature: Institute for Environmental Genomics (IEG)

- Led by Botany and Microbiology Prof. Jizhong (Joe) Zhou, the IEG was established in April, 2006 to advance scientific research and education in environmental genomics and to stimulate bio-economic development in Oklahoma.
  - IEG funding exceeds $2.3M including support from the OK Department of Energy to develop efficient processes for improved ethanol production by *Clostridium* bacteria. Other renewable energy research is being conducted in collaboration with the BP Bioenergy Center.
  - IEG is hosting five visiting scholars, supporting seven postdoctoral fellows, and mentoring several graduate and undergraduate students including four doctoral students from other institutions.

### Funding

- Prof. Yiqi Luo, Botany and Microbiology, was awarded an NSF grant to hold a national workshop in Norman (22-24 Oct) on ecological model data assimilation. The workshop is part of the National Ecological Observatory Network, a major NSF project that will study ecosystems from the scale of microbes to continents.
- Education Prof. Mary John O’Hair, Director of the K20Center, received $2.65M through 2012 from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust to continue R&D for technology-rich learning environments in Oklahoma schools. This project, recognized 3rd nationally for producing substantive change, demonstrated an astonishing 217% greater increase in Academic Performance Index scores over the State’s average increase.