People

- Paul Minnis, Professor of Anthropology, was one of four North Americans invited to participate in the “Climate Change and Ethnoecology” symposium at Oxford University in April, 2007. The symposium examines how environmental knowledge developed by thousands of indigenous cultures over thousands of years can be useful in dealing with climate change and sustainability.
- Randolph Lewis, Associate Professor in the Honors College, has published his latest book, *Alanis Obomsawin: The Vision of a Native Filmmaker* (U of Nebraska Press), the first devoted to a Native American filmmaker.
- K.K. (Muralee) Muraleetharan, Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, was elected a Fellow of American Society of Civil Engineers.

Research Campus

- Brian H. Fiedler, Professor of Meteorology, has been awarded an NSF grant to study multiple vortices within tornadoes using computer models. Such vortices occur under special circumstances and are believed responsible for often erratic damage patterns in tornadoes.

Feature:

- The Institute for Oklahoma Technology Applications (IOTA), directed by Prof. John Antonio, provides administrative and technical support to multidisciplinary applied research and technology projects.
- IOTA currently focuses on Aerospace, Environmental, Logistics, Materials, Security, and Transportation.
- In FY 06, IOTA’s portfolio exceeded $15M.
  - $10M of R&D in aerospace maintenance resulted in $80M of quantifiable savings for Tinker Air Force Base.
  - Investigators from six units received $7M to develop environmental remediation technologies at the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

Funding

- A contract has been awarded between the U.S. Postal Service and University Outreach to provide Education and Training Services for the National Center for Employee Development (NCED) in Norman, OK.
  - The five year contract is in its second year of the first Two-Year Option (January 2007 through December 2007), and is funded at $13,500,000. Total approved funding for this contract to date is $28,227,500.
  - The contract funds over 200 training, technical and support staff that work at NCED. The University has been providing training services to the U.S. Postal Service for over 17 years.