People

- Dr. Matt Haugland, a recent Meteorology graduate mentored by Prof. Ken Crawford, won the National Collegiate Inventors Competition with a new method for predicting local surface temperature and other parameters. The award carries a cash prize of $25,000.
- Dr. Haugland is starting a private company in Norman.
- Weathernews is testing Dr. Haugland’s invention for agriculture, road weather and aviation. Dr. Haugland is a native of California and came to OU in 1999.
- Kristin Shamas, Communications doctoral student advised by Prof. Clemencia Rodriguez, has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship.

Research Campus

- The Medical Imaging Group, headed by Prof. Hong Liu, received its first major grant -- $1.6M/5 years from NIH to improve cancer diagnosis -- since locating to the SRTC. This is a collaborative project with HSC.
- The Genome Center, headed by Prof. Bruce Roe, received a new NSF grant of $3.8M/3 years for the next phase of its gene sequencing work.
- The second floor of One Partners Place will be finished in February, housing the Radar Innovations Lab, Research Campus Operations, and Dr. Risser.
- Two Partners Place will be finished in April, housing the K20Center, Center for Spatial Analysis, Atmospheric Technology Services Company, Inc., and Weather Decision Technologies, Inc.

Feature: College of Earth & Energy

- Research expenditures in the School of Geology and Geophysics are at record levels ($1.93M), increasing 243% over the previous year.
- A new $530,000 NSF grant was awarded to increase Native American participation in the geosciences. It involves faculty in the Colleges of Earth and Energy, Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, Arts and Sciences, and Fine Arts.
- Devon Energy is providing $1.9M to study ways of improving energy production in the Barnett Shale.
- Randy Keller, a new faculty member from UTEP, brought more than $1M grants with him to OU.

Funding

- The College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences reports current projects totaling $64M, an increase of 16% from last year.
- Research expenditures in the Mewbourne School of Petroleum and Geological Engineering are increasing dramatically (red curve below), as is funding of graduate research assistants.