Prof. Joe Zhou, Department of Botany & Microbiology, has submitted 14 proposals since January totaling $12.5 million.

Prof Andy Fagg, School of Computer Science and Prof. Adam Brown, School of Art, are receiving rave reviews for Bion -- an interactive network of sensors that has been converted into a dramatic art display. Bion was exhibited at Living Arts in Tulsa and other exhibits are being planned around the nation. Plans also are underway to start a private company in Norman.

Since January, the Office of Research Services has offered 13 workshops and short courses to faculty and students on topics ranging from locating funding to understanding indirect costs. A dozen more will be held by Christmas.

The Office of the VP for Research is launching
- A Centers Initiative to help faculty compete for national center grants.
- An Excellence in Proposals Initiative to help early career faculty develop competitive proposals. This personal mentoring program may involve bringing successful retired faculty back to serve as mentors.

Working with Dr. Risser, the Office of the VP for Research is evaluating strategies to increase external funding and broaden OU’s research portfolio.

Basic Commerce and Industries, Inc (BCI) is moving into One Partners Place. BCI provides software support to government and industry clients.

Weathernews and Japan Railway East made two visits to the Research Campus in August to discuss placing a test bed of small radars in Japan. These radars, a test bed of which is located between Norman and Lawton, would be developed by the new OU Radar Innovations Lab, which is part of the Strategic Initiative in Weather Radar.

The six faculty hired as part of the Strategic Initiative in Weather Radar have doubled their cumulative funding every year since the initiative began (2003).

OU is part of a $200 million NSF proposal, led by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, that would establish the most powerful supercomputing facility in the world, capable of performing one thousand trillion calculations per second.

The OU Supercomputing Center (OSCER), led by Dr. Henry Neeman, received a $250,000 NSF grant to develop ways of using idle desktop PCs to solve large problems in computational biology.

The K20Center, led by Prof. Mary John O’Hair, received a $1 million NSF grant for professional development of rural science teachers.