People

- Dr. Richard Todd and Prof. J. R. Cruz, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the “Best Paper Prize on Signal Processing and Coding for Data Storage” at the 2007 IEEE International Conference on Communications in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Professor Michael Pfau, Chair of Communication, and Dr. Michel M. Haigh, 2006 OU graduate and Assistant Professor at Penn State, received the “Top Faculty Paper Award” at the May, 2007 annual meeting of the International Communication Association.
- Bryce Ballard, Petroleum Engineering Senior, won first place in the undergraduate division of the Society of Petroleum Engineers Rocky Mountain/Mid-Continent/Eastern 2007 Regional Student Paper Contest.

Scholarship

- English Prof. Francesca Sawaya was awarded an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for 2006-2007, and a Sabbatical Fellowship from the American Philosophical Society for 2007, to work on her book “Power and Art: Patronage and Modern American Literature.”
- Dr. Fred Beard, Professor of Advertising, has published “Humor in the Advertising Business: Theory, Practice, and Wit” (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers).

Feature

- The Research Campus Operations Office, also known as The Link (link.ou.edu), is now fully operational in the Stephenson Research and Technology Center. The Link is a single point of operational coordination for interests both internal and external to the University, and it also represents a new culture of community, providing a centralized meeting location for new ideas and innovations not only in science, technology and partnerships but also in administrative practices, policies and procedures.
- The Research Campus has launched a new web site at http://urc.ou.edu.
- Techrizon, a Stanley Company, recently opened an office on the Research Campus. Headquartered in Lawton, OK, Techrizon provides integration and professional services to the US Government.

Funding

- Professors Chandra Rai, Carl Sondergeld, Richard Sigal, and Jeff Callard, Petroleum Engineering, have been awarded a 2-year $3.1 million grant from Devon Energy Corporation to study the Barnett Shale.
- Dr. David Moxley and Dr. Julie Miller-Cribbs have been awarded a Masters Advanced Curriculum (MAC) Project grant for $25,000/yr over three years by the Council on Social Work Education to enhance work in mental health, substance use, and health.
- Prof. Yiqi Luo, Department of Botany and Microbiology, and external colleagues received $900,000 from the U.S. EPA for a four-year study to assess how global climate and land use changes during the next century might affect mercury cycling processes.
People

- Zoology Prof. Laurie Vitt received Western Washington University's 2007 College of Sciences and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award.
- Kathleen Welch, Professor of English, was named a Fellow of the Rhetoric Society of America.

Scholarship

- Prof. Traci L. Carte, MIS, received a Fulbright award to travel to Colombo Sri Lanka in spring, 2008 to teach and conduct research at the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
- Interior Design Prof. Abimbola O. Asojo's article titled "Technology as a Tool for Globalization: Cross-Cultural Collaborative Design Studio Projects" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Interior Design.
- The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian is showcasing the work of Prof. Edgar Heap of Birds, Native American Studies, at the Venice Biennale’s “Most Serene Republics” two-part public art installation which runs from June 6 to Sept 30 in Washington, DC.

Feature

- OSU and OU faculty and staff have developed the Simple Irrigation Plan (SIP) web site (http://sip.mesonet.org) to help homeowners irrigate for healthy lawns and make better use of water resources.
- With funding from NOAA and OU, the National Weather Center building recently installed Science On a Sphere®, described by NOAA as “a room sized, global display system that uses computers and video projectors to display planetary data on a six foot diameter sphere, analogous to a giant animated globe.” NOAA developed Science On a Sphere® as an “educational tool to help illustrate Earth system science to people of all ages. Animated images of atmospheric storms, climate change, and ocean temperature can be shown to explain complex environmental processes in a way that is intuitive and captivating.”

Funding

- Prof. Dimitrios Papavassiliou, School of Chemical Engineering and the Energy Center, received a 3-year, $292,500 NSF grant to investigate the transport of contaminants in turbulent flows using a computational methodology pioneered by his research group.
- Profs. Julie Miller-Cribbs, David Moxley & Lisa Byers received funding from the Hartford Foundation for a 3-year project titled “Social Work Practice with Native American Elders: Sustainable Content for Cultural Responsiveness in the Advanced Year of the MSW Direct Practice Curriculum.”
- Prof. William Beasley, School of Meteorology, received a 3-year, $404,000 grant from NSF to study electromagnetic properties of cloud-to-ground lightning.