People

- Prof. Robert L. Kerr, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, received the 2008 Franklyn S. Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression.
- Quyen Arana, Associate Director of the K20 Center, spoke at a Congressional briefing on tax credits and college opportunity in the context of community service.
- Prof. J. R. Cruz, Tilley Chair in Electrical Engineering, was selected as an IEEE Communications Society Distinguished Lecturer for 2009-2010.

Scholarship

- Dr. Andrew Horton, the Jeanne H. Smith Professor of Film & Video Studies and an award winning screenplay writer, is under contract with Inspire Films of New Zealand to produce his screenplay “Make a Joyful Noise,” a New Zealand/New Orleans jazz sheep farm romantic comedy currently in development for production.
- Prof. Charles Kimball, Religious Studies, gave the opening plenary lecture at the National Baptist-Muslim Dialog in the 21st Century Conference. He also presented lectures about obstacles and opportunities for Christians and Muslims at Stetson University in Florida.

Private Company Highlight

- Norman start-up, Base Velocity LLC, has developed a highly successful iPhone application known as RadarScope. Based on award-winning technology created at the Oklahoma Climatological Survey and used by emergency managers across Oklahoma, RadarScope is the only product on the market for viewing high-resolution NEXRAD Doppler radar data using a handheld device.
- Base Velocity was co-founded by Mike Wolfinbarger, Justin Greenfield and Stdrovia Blackburn, all OU employees and OU graduates.
- RadarScope is listed as one of the top five paid weather applications for the iPhone, and its developers were selected as Oklahoma Innovators of the Year by the Journal Record.

EDGE Grant Awarded to OU

- Prof. Shivakumar Raman, David Ross Boyd and John A. Myers Professor of Industrial Engineering, is the leader of one of five projects chosen competitively across Oklahoma for funding in the first round of the Economic Development Generating Excellence (EDGE) program.
- Receiving $3 million over two years, the Shape Engineering for Advanced Manufacturing (SEAM) project will bring to market advanced reverse-engineering techniques for building replacement parts that no longer exist for aircraft and other complex systems. Included is the creation of a new private company in Oklahoma.
- Unique to SEAM is the ability to create small numbers of highly specialized parts that typically are available only at high cost. In addition to OU as project lead, both OSU and the University of Tulsa are involved.