Men’s Basketball Wins LSC North, Williams Honored
UCO won its third straight Lone Star Conference (LSC) North Division title and put together a school-record 16-game winning streak during the season. Central junior guard, Daunte Williams was named to the 2010 State Farm Division II All-America Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). The team was voted on by member coaches of the NABC, with 16 players from around the country selected for the All-America team. Williams, who becomes UCO’s 20th All-American, was the only player from the LSC on the elite team.

UCO Ranks 10th For Highest Rated Professors
RateMyProfessors.com has UCO ranked number 10 out of the top 25 universities listed with the highest rated faculty for 2009-2010. Each year, RateMyProfessors.com’s annual, unscientific rankings capture student-generated ratings of college professors and faculty, with more than 6,500 schools, 1,000,000 professors and 10,000,000 ratings. The site uses a five-point Likert scale as well as a binary scoring system for students to rate professors. Dr. LaDonna Atkins, associate professor for Human Environmental Sciences at Central, received the highest overall quality rating for faculty rated at Central, in addition the most number of ratings in categories including easiness, helpfulness and rater interest.

U.S. Women’s Sitting Volleyball Team Wins World Cup
The U.S. Women’s Sitting Volleyball Team won the World Organization for Volleyball Disabled (WOVD) World Cup held March 21-26 in Port Said, Egypt, after defeating the Netherlands in the gold medal match. While the women ended the tournament with a 3-1 victory over the Netherlands, the U.S. Men’s Sitting Volleyball Team went 2-5 in the tournament, and finished with an impressive sweep of Algeria. Both teams train at the University of Central Oklahoma, an official U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site. The U.S. women, ranked No. 2 in the world, finished the tournament with a 6-0 record and lost only three sets, all to the Netherlands. The U.S. Men and Women are preparing for the WOVD 2010 Sitting Volleyball World’s set for July 10-18 at Central’s Hamilton Field House. The tournament will host 20 national teams and 600 athletes from around the world.

UCO Receives National Recognition For Community Service
Central was recently named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. This is Central’s third consecutive year to be named to the Honor Roll.

UCO Student and UCO-based Oklahoma A+ Teacher Recognized
The prestigious DaVinci Institute honored Edmond native Melanie Stout, a junior teacher education student at UCO, and Cecelia Cameron, second grade teacher at Freedom Elementary in Sapulpa, which is a member of the UCO-based Oklahoma A+ Schools network, for their commitment to creativity and academics. Cameron is the first Oklahoma A+ Schools teacher to be honored with an award from the DaVinci Institute for nurturing creativity throughout the curriculum and integrating arts into lessons. Stout was named a DaVinci/Martin Scholar along with eight other teacher education students from across the state for distinguishing herself in academics and service to her university, as well as showing a commitment to teaching in Oklahoma schools.

Academic Adviser Named ‘Outstanding Adviser of the Year’
Stephanie Kahne, an academic adviser at UCO, was recently honored with Outstanding Adviser of the Year from the Oklahoma Academic Advising Association (OACADA) for consistently providing superior services to students and staff at Central in the respective areas. The award’s purpose is to recognize a university/college adviser who has demonstrated qualities beyond the basic scope of their job, and reflects perspective, initiative and efforts, which transcend the boundaries of the adviser’s designated responsibilities. Kahne was presented with her award during the 2010 Spring OACADA Conference in February.