UCO Named National Game Day Challenge Winner
The University of Central Oklahoma won first place in two of five categories in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2010 Game Day Challenge. The win advances Central's role as a national leader in innovative sustainability initiatives. Central was one of 77 universities and colleges to participate in the challenge, encouraging campus communities to implement waste reduction programs during a home football game in October, and was the only institution to win in multiple categories.

UCO Administrator Receives Grant For Substance Abuse Study
The American Psychoanalytic Association awarded Bruce Lochner, Ph.D., an $8,000 grant to study ways to reduce alcohol and drug use among college students by pinpointing possible motivations for the behavior through psychotherapy. Lochner, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and director of the Student Counseling Center, believes recognizing the motivations that lead to alcohol and drug abuse is key in preventing relapse. The study is funded for one year, with the possibility of continued funding.

UCO Alumna Receives Prestigious Fulbright Scholarship
Recent Central graduate Natalie Blasdel, now a 10th grade teacher at U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City, received the prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA). Through the ETA program, she will teach in Spain for a semester. A part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, the ETA places U.S. students as English teaching assistants in schools overseas, improving foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the U.S. while enhancing the recipient's own foreign language skills and knowledge.

UCO Alumna Appointed New Secretary Of Veterans Affairs
As Oklahoma's new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Retired Major General Rita Aragon, who earned both a bachelor’s and master's degree from Central, plans to continue serving Oklahoma's veterans and to help fulfill the defense needs of our nation. Aragon was appointed to the position by newly sworn-in Governor Mary Fallin. Aragon noted that she would love to see Central's dedication to returning veterans replicated throughout Oklahoma, helping those who serve our country receive a first-class college education.

UCO Student Named Brad Henry International Scholar
Shelby Nelson, a senior Organizational Communication major, was recently selected as one of six Brad Henry International Scholars. She will spend the spring semester participating in an international study and internship program at Swansea University in Wales. Established in 2008 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Brad Henry International Scholar program provides a $10,000 stipend for selected students to participate in semester-long study or research programs affiliated with Swansea University.

Chambers Library Receives Illustrated London News Donation
Thanks to efforts by Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, Ph.D., director of the Central History Education Program, Central's Chambers Library recently received a donation of newspapers dating between 1856 and 1873 from Dr. John Hasler of Colorado. The donation consists of 29 volumes of the Illustrated London News, the world's first illustrated newspaper. Through vivid illustrations, these papers provided what is considered by many to be some of the best coverage of the American Civil War. For more information about the newspapers please visit http://library.uco.edu/archives.