Bob Huck has worked in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the OU Tulsa Schusterman campus for four years. In his role as Technical Project Management Specialist, Bob provides vital support to faculty and students, ensuring that lab equipment is configured and functioning properly. Bob is also involved in on-going research including free space optics, both fixed and mobile; Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and hybrid networks. Bob is pursuing his Ph.D. in general engineering with an emphasis in optics and networking.

Bob’s father was born in Lima, Peru. However, it wasn’t until 2001 that he was able to personally discover his culturally rich heritage. Bob has since returned to Peru several times, most recently this summer. Joining him on this six day, 40 mile hike from Soraypampa to Machu Picchu were Dr. Jim Sluss, Director of Electrical and Computer Engineering at OU’s Norman and Tulsa campuses, his wife Julie and 15-year-old son Tyler.

The six day journey to Machu Picchu involved traversing rugged terrain and knife-edge passes ascending to an elevation of 16,255 feet. With the assistance of a team of mules for hauling provisions and porters who served as guides, Bob, Jim, Julie and Tyler experienced sights and sounds that can only be seen and heard in Peru. These included six avalanches occurring on a nearby 20,000 foot mountain, passing a herd of llamas and camping in a remote village near a small school attended by seven students who walk more than an hour to get to the remote location.

Bob Huck and Dr. Jim Sluss have come down from the mountain, but not without first proudly donning their OU College of Engineering t-shirts for a spectacular photo-op not soon to be forgotten.

Facts about Machu Picchu:
Machu Picchu ("Old mountain") is situated on a mountain ridge above the Urubamba Valley in Peru, which is 80 km (50 mi) northwest of Cusco. Often referred to as "The Lost City of the Incas", Machu Picchu is probably the most familiar symbol of the Inca Empire. It was built around the year 1450, but abandoned a hundred years later, at the time of the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire. Forgotten for centuries, the site was brought to worldwide attention in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, an American historian. Since then, Machu Picchu has become an important tourist attraction.