

SWOSU-Sayre Receives \$20,000 Grant

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre recently received financial help to improve and modernize facilities in Patterson Field House.

SWOSU-Sayre received a \$20,000 grant from Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to help refurbish the bleachers in the field house.

SWOSU-Sayre Dean Sherron Manning and Registrar Terry Billey wrote the grant for the campus.

“We were thrilled when we found out that we were awarded the grant money,” Manning said. “MODA’s generosity helped us complete a project that we’ve had in the works for some time.”

Manning said the field house’s bleachers have been sanded, varnished and motorized, and they’re now handicap accessible and have steps with handrails and side rails.

“All of our students and campus visitors will benefit from these improvements,” Manning said.

The field house is utilized by SWOSU-Sayre for events that bring high school students to the campus, such as the 200 area seniors who attend the annual Career Fair each November. Events are also held every year for SWOSU-Sayre students.

The MODA grant was combined with student facility fees to pay for the \$53,000 in upgrades.

“We would like to publicly thank MODA for its financial assistance, especially in light of the difficult economic climate that Oklahoma higher education faces,” Manning said.