

SWOSU Alumni & Friends Landscaping Project Nearing End

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A partnership between alumni and friends has resulted in a positive beautification program to enhance the grounds of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

In 2003, the SWOSU Alumni Association announced a massive landscaping project. Today, at the end of 2005, the project is moving right along with a completion date in the fall of 2006.

“Our program really accelerated last year when the alumni association decided to offer up to \$15,000 in matching funds and another \$10,000 this year,” said Linda Jones of Edmond who has served as chair of the landscaping committee. “We’ve had great response to this project and couldn’t be more pleased with the beautiful outcome on campus.”

There are four buildings that are currently being landscaped, including the Pharmacy Annex, east entrance to Rankin Williams Fieldhouse, Stewart Hall and Neff Hall.

Jones said landscaping plans are in place for 2006. Projects include the south entrance to the Conference Center, parking lot pocket beds throughout campus, and the planting of at least 50 new trees on campus.

SWOSU President John Hays said the university is very appreciative of the alumni association for its efforts on these ongoing and upcoming projects.

Buildings that have recently been completed include Education, Technology, Campbell, Oklahoma Hall south side, Rogers/Jefferson Halls entrances and the Campus Safety corner.

Others projects since 2003 include the Administration Building, Old Science Building and Al Harris Library. Numerous trees have been planted around campus, and stand-alone beds have been placed south of the Burton House, north of the Student Government Association house, south of Old Science Building, and the southeast corner of Milam Stadium.

Jones said Steve Bieberich, Neal Vassar and Dean Jackson, all area landscaping experts, have assisted the SWOSU Alumni Association. The intent of the project was to place long-lasting, low maintenance and green foliage throughout the year with peak enhancement during the fall and spring semesters while most of the students are on campus.

Anyone who would like to help or make donations to the project, please contact the SWOSU Alumni Office at 580.774.3267.