



November 18-December 13
Preregistration for currently enrolled students
Call Counseling Office ext. 313

November 19
UTPB Presentation
Cafeteria 9pm

November 20
Winter Dance
Cafeteria 9pm

Sunday, November 17, 2002

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Contributions benefit baseball/softball programs



Mitchell Goodger, of Snyder Brick and Tile, loads up Dave Hanes, WTC's Home Run Club President, with brick to be utilized for the WTC Sports Complex. Snyder Brick and Tile will be donating \$4000 worth of brick for the project. (WTC Photo)



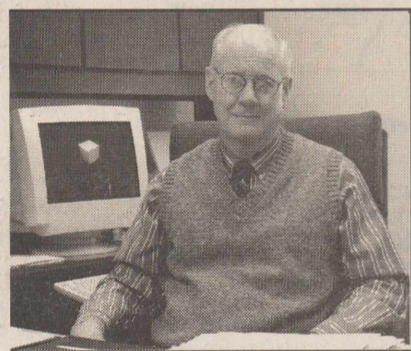
Jeffrey Martin, American State Bank branch President, and Shawn Ragland, West Texas State Bank Vice President, recently presented Dr. Greg Williams with a check for \$4000 towards a \$10,000 pledge from each bank given towards WTC Sports Programs. (WTC Photo)

Getting to Know You

Dr. Jim Palmer- Hired August 17, 1971

What led you to WTC:

My wife's parents live in Colorado City. I was an instructor at Sul Ross State University on a leave of absence to complete my PhD at the University of Oklahoma. We came to Colorado City to celebrate Christmas with my wife's family. My mother-in-law told me about the college being created here in Snyder and encouraged me to come over and check into the possibility of being employed here. I think she was concerned that I had already taken her daughter off to Oklahoma and from there may move to no-telling where.



I came for the initial visit unannounced, expecting to make my mother-in-law happy and nothing else. It worked out that I met both Dr. Brock and Dr. Clinton on this initial visit and was so impressed by both of them, especially Dr. Clinton's vision of what type of instruction was going to be created here and all his innovative ideas, that I decided to get a little more serious about the application process.

I had ties to this area already. My parents had lived in Snyder for a few years after I left to go to college. I had worked for Sun Pipeline Company and Holder Brothers' Construction company during the summers and Christmas vacation so I knew a little about Snyder and what I knew I liked. The closer I looked the more I was impressed with both the prospects of the college and the community. Evidently Drs Brock and Clinton felt the same way about me and made me a job offer that exceeded in pay what I was being paid at Sul Ross. I pleased my wife, my wife's parents and myself when I accepted the position here and I have never regretted having done so.

Where do you go from here:

I am not planning on going anywhere for a few years. I enjoy what I do and feel that this is what I am supposed to be doing with my life at this time. After that I suspect I will retire.

I have considered several options. Maybe doing some financial consulting work, do a lot of traveling and commit significantly more of my time to mission work and other activities involving sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ at home and around the world.

Most Memorable Moment:

Possibly the most memorable was seeing my wife, adorned in her bridal attire, coming down the aisle toward me during our wedding ceremony. She was so beautiful, so radiant and about a third of the way down the aisle she stopped. I thought, "Oh, no!, she is backing out on me!" Her train had caught under one of the church pews and she was waiting for someone to "free" her so she could continue on. That was definitely a memorable moment.

Hardest decision you've ever made:

I think of several, but for this moment I would say the decision to go back to the University of Oklahoma full time to complete my doctorate degree. It was difficult for me and even more difficult for my wife who had to support me during that time. She never hesitated, but was always fully supportive.

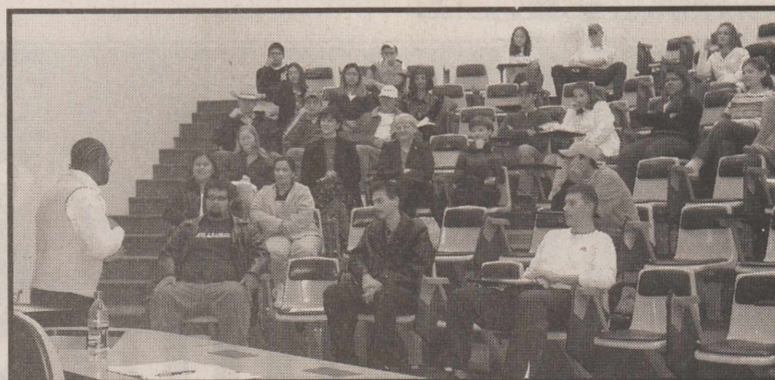
Favorite Book:

I have so many that it is difficult to say just one. As a young man, Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations* greatly influenced my life. Others that have greatly influenced me in recent years are: C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*; Phillip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace* and *The Jesus I Never Knew*; Max Lucado, *The Applause of Heaven*, *In The Grip of Grace*, *Traveling Light* and several others.



The audience received a real treat last Friday night when WTC's "Applaud the Arts" program, along with the Texas Commission on the Arts hosted a performance by the Lone Star Brass Quintet November 8 at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Theatre.

This year, the Lone Star Brass is celebrating its twentieth season! Twenty years of performing, touring, recording, and presenting countless educational programs. The Lone Star Brass has toured extensively throughout the United States. The quintet's members are principal musicians in the Midland/Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Members of the Lone Star Brass have performed with recognized national and international orchestras, and have performed as soloists in a variety of venues. Committed to education, they have conducted master classes at colleges and universities and given countless children's performances around the country. (WTC Photos)



The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted a health fair on campus Tuesday with sessions on cancer awareness, stress management, and genetics. The panel on cancer survival included Carol Haynes, Troy Lilly, Margaret Presswood, Vicky Rowland, and Janet Wesson; WTC science instructor, Sue Freemyer, conducted a PowerPoint presentation on genetics; and Roderick McDaniel, from Amarillo, offered a session on stress management. During the afternoon, over 170 local 5th graders met in the WTC gym for a presentation on health issues. (WTC Photo)

Favorite Movie:

Probably *High Noon*, though there are others that I like as well.

Favorite spare time activity:

Traveling and doing mission work, especially in Brazil; reading; gardening; watching football

Names of family members:

Wife: Patti Sue Harrison Palmer; Son: James Kirkland "J.K." Palmer, Son: Joshua Bronson "Josh" Palmer

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be:

I am assuming that this is a conversation where the person would be seen as well as heard in a face-to-face meeting. If this assumption is correct the answer is easy, Jesus the Christ. In a sense I already talk with Him, so it could be that I am already accomplishing this.

Should I be required to select someone who is not deity, I would probably select my dad who has been deceased for thirty-four years. There are so many things I would like to tell him that I didn't tell him when he was alive. After that, probably Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians, a great hero of American history.

Interested in Becoming a Public School Teacher?

Texas will need over 82,000 new teachers by 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest growing occupations over the next 5-10 years and beyond, with demand and growth continuing to increase.

In addition to signing bonuses of up to \$3,000, Texas teachers just received a \$3,000 pay increase - the highest across the board increase nationwide - raising the average teacher salary to \$38,857. Special programs and incentives are available to help people become and remain teachers.

Are you a recent college graduate? A mid-career changer? A teacher from another state or country? Someone who does not yet have a college degree? There are many ways to become a teacher.

Area residents will have the opportunity to learn about the UTPB Teacher Certification Programs next Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre. Dr. Pete Ienatsch, UTPB Dean of the College of Education will be on hand to review the requirements of their certification programs and to answer questions about the possibility of obtaining coursework in Snyder.

Students in the UTPB teacher education program receive their Bachelor's degree in one of the arts, sciences, or humanities while fulfilling Texas State Board for Education Certification requirements. Most elementary education students complete a major and a minor, while secondary education students generally complete a major and 24 hours in a second teaching field. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree may be eligible to pursue post-Baccalaureate certificate.

For further information about the UTPB Teacher Certification Programs, please contact the WTC Vocational Instruction Division at (915) 573-8511 ext 250.

