



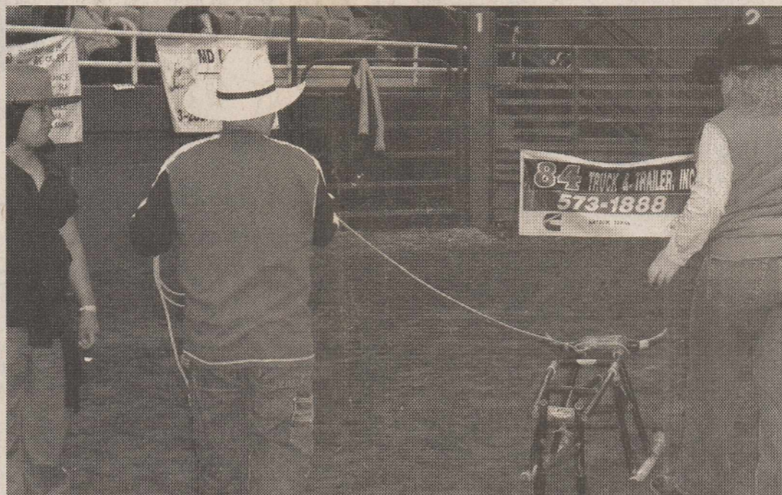
**PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
APRIL 3-6, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 10-13, AUSTIN, TX**

Sunday, April 6, 2003

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

Rodeo Team members volunteer time for kids



Rodeo Time

WTC rodeo team members volunteered their time last Friday to conduct the annual "Exceptional Rodeo." The event is held each year in conjunction with the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Over 40 students from the community with special needs participated in rodeo activities assisted by team members. Coach Rhodes says the event is always a big hit with the students as well as with the team members. (WTC Photos)



Let's See What Develops



By **Dennis Noblett,**
Director of
Development

You have read before in this column the virtues extolled of the giving nature of the people of this area.

Well, some of our local and area businesses need to be recognized for their generosity in our car giveaway and in two employee drawings, one we've had and another we will have Monday, April 7.

In our car giveaway we gratefully acknowledge:

- (1) Albert DeLoera and staff at **Texas Finance, Inc. and Texas Rapid Returns.**
- (2) Carolyn Barbee and staff at **Barbee Medical Supply.**
- (3) Drew Bullard and staff at **Bullard Computer Solutions.**
- (4) Fran Farmer and staff at **First American Bank.**
- (5) Bill Wilson III and **Wilson Motors** for donating the 2003 Ford Focus - there wouldn't have been a giveaway without it!

In our employee drawings we thankfully recognize:

- (1) Sarah and Robbie Peterson of **The Auto Clinic**, a *WTC Business Partner*.
- (2) Melody Martin and **Tiger Health and Fitness**, another *WTC Business Partner*.
- (3) Tracy Toland and her staff at **Techno Salon**, and, yes, still another *WTC Business Partner*.
- (4) Angie Strickland and her "pit crew" at **Fast Oil Change**, and, yes, you guessed it - another *WTC Business Partner*.
- (5) Jamie Phillips, **ING** representative for WTC and based in Midland. (No, not a *WTC Business Partner*, but many employees partner with him in retirement investments.)
- (6) Carolyn Barbee, **AGAIN**, and **Barbee Medical Supply**. (Did I mention that she is also a *WTC Business Partner*?)

More acknowledgements to come in the future!

Teacher Certification Program begins with UT Permian Basin

Area residents will have the opportunity this Fall 2003 semester to pursue Teacher Certification Programs in Snyder as the result of a partnership between Western Texas College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB). This fall, UTPB will offer the teacher education core courses, which satisfy introductory requirements for those wishing to teach elementary grades up to Grade 4 and those wishing to teach Grades 8-12.

The concept behind the joint effort would allow individuals to stay in Snyder while earning their bachelor's degree and teacher certification. While it may not be possible to complete 100% of the necessary coursework in Snyder, a significant amount could be available making the pursuit of the degree attractive. Junior and Senior level coursework and education classes will be provided by UTPB. Planned course delivery from UTPB to Snyder this fall will be via interactive television (ITV).

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Proposed teacher certification fields will include "Early Childhood - Grade 4" and "Secondary Certification - Grades 8-12". Undergraduates in UTPB's teacher education program earn their bachelor's degree in an approved area while fulfilling certification requirements. Students typically complete a multidisciplinary major or an academic major and supporting minor, and will consult with faculty members in Education and the academic discipline for help in planning a program. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree may be eligible to pursue Post-Baccalaureate certification.

UTPB coursework scheduled for this fall is as follows:

EDUC 3352 901	The Exceptional Child	TTH	2:00-3:15 (ITV)
EDUC 3362 901	Bilingual/Multicultural Education	TTH	4:15-5:30 (ITV)
EDUC 3370 901	Foundations of Education	MW	5:40-6:55 (ITV)

A related Education course offered by WTC for Fall 2003 and transferable to UTPB is PSYC 2308 Child Growth and Development (equates to UTPB's EDUC 3341 Child/Adolescent Psychology).

Individuals interested in taking UTPB courses this fall are strongly encouraged to make application to UTPB and meet with UTPB Educational staff to set up a degree plan.

For questions about the UTPB Education Program Visit the UTPB School of Education website at: <http://www.utpb.edu/educ/index.htm>

Direct questions concerning Education programs to Dr. Pete Ienatsch
Email: ienatsch_p@utpb.edu
Phone: (915) 552-2120
Campus Website: <http://www.utpb.edu>

WTC Contact: John Gibson Dean of Vocational Instruction
Email: vocareers@wtc.edu
Phone: (915) 573-8511 ext 250

UTPB Contact for Admissions and Enrollment: Ms. Vickie Gomez, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Phone: (915) 552-2605
Email: gomez_v@utpb.edu

To apply online to UTPB

1. UTPB website: <http://www.utpb.edu/>
2. Click on Prospective Students
3. Click on Admissions Applications
4. Click on Transfer Student Application (if you have 24 hours or more. If not then click on appropriate application).
5. Click on Electronic Application
6. Just follow the directions. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact Ms. Gomez.

Getting to Know You

**Tammy Wesson, Talent Search Director
Hired: April 29, 1985.**



What led you to WTC:

After receiving my bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University in 1983, I married and lived in Tyler, TX, where I worked as an office assistant for a doctor. I then moved to Snyder in May 1985 with my husband, Jay. Snyder is his hometown, and he needed a career change and wanted to be closer to his family. My first job was working in the financial aid office here on campus. After working in that position for a few months, I started teaching part time in the Computerized Business Technology Department and eventually stepped into full time for 17 years. Recently, I assumed a new grant director's position for

Educational Talent Search. This is a federally funded TRIO grant that provides guidance services for students 6th - 12th grades and individuals up to 27 years of age to pursue a college education.

Where do you go from here:

I'm excited about the possibility of the addition of more TRIO grants in the future. Just in the few months that I have been working with Talent Search, I have already seen positive results from secondary students, parents, and WTC.

Most memorable moment:

Being a part of the WTC family is special. While attending a conference in Houston with several WTC instructors, I went into premature labor with my now 13-year-old son. Janet Halbert, retired English instructor, missed her plane and stayed with me until family arrived at the hospital. We laugh now about the taxi ride to the hospital and the look on the driver's face, but at the time, it was anything but funny. When I was allowed to return to Snyder, I was overwhelmed by concern shared by all here at WTC. Coming to work each day is more than just a job; it's a place where you are surrounded by friends who care and encourage you to be your best.

Most difficult decision:

Stepping out of a teaching career into a grant director's position is the most recent hardest decision I've made. I loved teaching and miss the students, but this new position gives me the opportunity to use different skills and develop new ones. I believe that knowledge is power. With this new job, this message will be delivered to approximately 600 students across seven counties each year.

Favorite Book and Author:

Alexander and His Terrible, Horrible Very Bad Day (Not sure on the exact title) . . . It's a children's book.

Favorite Movie:

Hunt for Red October and *Patch Adams*

Spare Time Activity:

Family activities such as hunting, water skiing, snow skiing, Florida beaches, and tennis.

Family Members:

Jay Wesson, Plant Operations Director, Cogdell Memorial Hospital
Kalli - sophomore at Snyder High
J.W. - 7th grader at Snyder Junior High
Taylor - 5th grader at Northeast Elementary

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