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## **Grace F. Thorpe collection - Scrapbook: Return Surplus Lands to Indian People, 1971**

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Skelton, a former student at West Texas State University, excavated the jaw himself in nearby Palo Duro Canyon during the late 1930s. He kept it in a cement cast until recently, when he moved to Austin to take a position with the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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Harrison describes the creature as being a crocodile-alligator type amphibian. He says the jaw dates back 180 million years to the Triassic period, when the Panhandle was mostly marshes and swampland.

"This particular jaw is unusually large with many fine teeth," Harrison says.

He adds it was also unique in that the six large front teeth, each about three inches long and as big around as a nickle [[sic]], were found intact.

Harrison says the large teeth were probably used to catch prey. It is believed the creature fed on fish and other marine life.

With the six large front teeth and the more than 30 smaller teeth, it is evident the phytosaur's diet was not restricted to small prey, he says.

Harrison says that during the Triassic period phytosaurs were quite prevalent [[sic]] throughout the Texas Panhandle.

For several years, an entire phytosaur skull has been on display in the museum. However, it is smaller than the jaw donated by Skelton and bears few teeth.

Also donated by Skelton were a camel jaw and a lower jaw of a mammoth [[sic]]. Both were discovered near Clarendon.

The phytosaur jaw is broken in a few places and will need to be repaired before it goes on display in the museum.

Dr. Miller Selected Outstanding Educator

Dr. Jerry Don Miller, associate professor of business at West Texas State University, has been selected for the 1971 edition of Outstanding Educators of America.

In announcing the selection Aug. 10, publishers of the annual awards volume said the educators are picked on their talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service and professional recognition.

Miller, 32, returned to West Texas State in 1970 after receiving a Ph.D. in finance at Louisiana [[sic]] State University. He had taught here from 1936 to 1966.

Miller received Bachelor of Science in psychology and Master of Business Administration degrees at North Texas State University.

Miller, taught at Eastern New Mexico University from 1966 to 1968 and was a graduate assistant while working on his Ph.D. at LSU in 1968-1970.

Two Aid In Research Under Foundation

Two WTSU undergraduates participated in research projects sponsored by the Robert A. Welch Foundation this summer.

Michael Balch, Levelland senior, and Chris Tully, Canyon junior, received \$200-a-month scholarships to assist in the research projects conducted at WTSU.

Balch, a bio-medical science major, worked with Dr. Eugene Crowder, head of the chemistry department, on a project involving infrared spectroscopy.

Tully, a chemistry major, assisted Dr. James D. Woodyard, assistant professor of chemistry, in the study of carbenes and carbenoids.

Woodyard and Crowder derived the student salaries from research grants of \$10,000 each.

Since 1966, the Welch Foundation has awarded research grants to six members of the WTSU chemistry faculty. Students participating in the research projects since 1968 have numbered over 30.

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