



"If it happened in Fort Worth ... it's news to us!"

The Chaser

Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

November 1995

Verlie Edwards' President's Platform

The gig at Annie G's

I hope everyone plans to attend the Golden Gridiron Nostalgia Party at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Gilliland manse, 4405 Cumberland Road N. Directors meet at 7.

You're right, this is a change of about everything that could be changed — time, date, place — but it couldn't be helped. Look on the bright side. In true Gridiron tradition, we can party into the night, or at least until Jim and Ann send us home.

A ton of memorabilia has been rounded up for you to look through, plus we're debuting a dazzling Gridiron video history compiled by Ann, many of you and the talented archivists in UTA Special Collections.

You'll want your own copy of the video history. Orders will be taken. We're researching the cost.

If you know folks who have been involved in the show but did not receive an invitation, encourage them to attend. We anticipate Gridiron alumni from near and far to drop by.

Also, haul out those old dog-eared scripts and programs and props and autographed napkins you've kept stashed in the attic and want to share.

Five dollars at the door buys beer (thank you, Coors Distributing), frozen margaritas and grazing rights at the bounteous hors d'oeuvre bar.

The Gillilands' is best reached by helicopter. If you're in a car, go to 6400 Camp Bowie and look for Clayton Road E; turn south; go about one mile to Brants Lane, turn left; go to Tamworth, turn right; go to Cumberland Road N, turn left; look for cars.

Lost? Call 731-8600.

May we be serious for just a moment?

RSVP!!

*call by Nov. 16:
Jack Raskopf
921-6944*

*Special thanks,
Rocky
Deutscher,
for helping coordinate everything.*

OK, serious is over.

In Remembrance

The Fort Worth SPJ chapter, the journalism profession and the City of Fort Worth lost a true friend Oct. 17 when Joe Holstead, the chapter's vice president for programs, died. We extend our condolences to his wife, Wanda Conlin.

Joe held a variety of radio and television positions in a 38-year journalism career, including 16 years with WBAP radio. An outgoing man as comfortable with the barbecued beef as the broadcast mike, he enjoyed acting and had been featured at Casa Mañana, Shakespeare in the Park and as star of the Gridiron Show.

The Board of Directors has established a broadcast scholarship in Joe's name. Contributions may be sent to the Texas Gridiron Club, P.O. Box 3212, Fort Worth 76113.

Long-time UTA firecracker/fan honored with scholarship

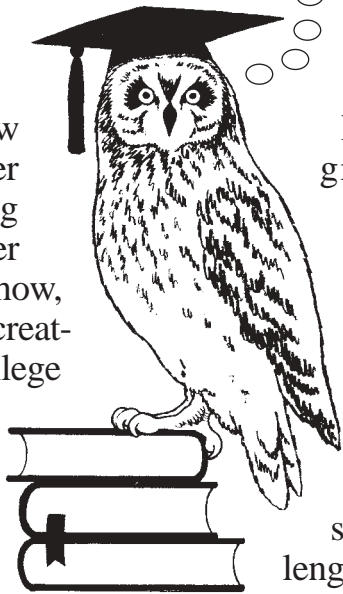
As a way to show appreciation for her years of outstanding work for the chapter and the Gridiron Show, the SPJ board has created a designated college scholarship in the name of Donna Ann Darovich.

Darovich, director of the newly created UTA public affairs department, heads the script committee for the Golden Gridiron show in March.

A former SPJ chapter president and writer for three newspapers, including the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, she is a popular speaker and emcee for civic and professional groups.

Only her mother and her sister use her middle name.

You're a hoot, Darovich!



Sanders to chair task force on ethics

Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Bob Ray Sanders will chair a task force to consider proposed changes in the society's Code of Ethics and make recommendations to the SPJ Ethics Committee. Revisions were discussed at length at the national convention last month in St.

Paul, Minn. Delegates voted to return the revisions to the Ethics Committee for additional review and chapter input.

A draft of the ethics code was distributed at the October Fort Worth chapter meeting, which featured an address by SPJ national President Kelly Hawes. For a copy of the ethics code, call Verlie Edwards at 336-5165 or 441-8458.

"If you ever have the opportunity to attend a national convention, I urge you to do so," said chapter President Edwards, who along with former President Dorothy Estes, immediate past President Kay Pirtle, Secretary-Treasurer Bill Stone and UTA chapter President Nancy Bartosek represented Fort Worth in St. Paul. "It's three full days of timely professional development."

Especially interesting, she said, was the opening session featuring laconic folk-humorist Garrison Keillor, who donated his trademark red socks for a celebrity auction benefiting the SPJ Legal Defense Fund — just pulled them off right there and sold them — and presentations on the O.J. Simpson trial and using the Internet as a reporting tool.

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