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At an ethical crossroads

TCU's Babbili to discuss challenges journalists face

At the age of 10, Anantha Babbili learned about real hunger as he watched his rural Indian village wither under a drought.

As a young reporter with Reuters, he witnessed firsthand the murder and mayhem of the 1971 Bangladesh war.

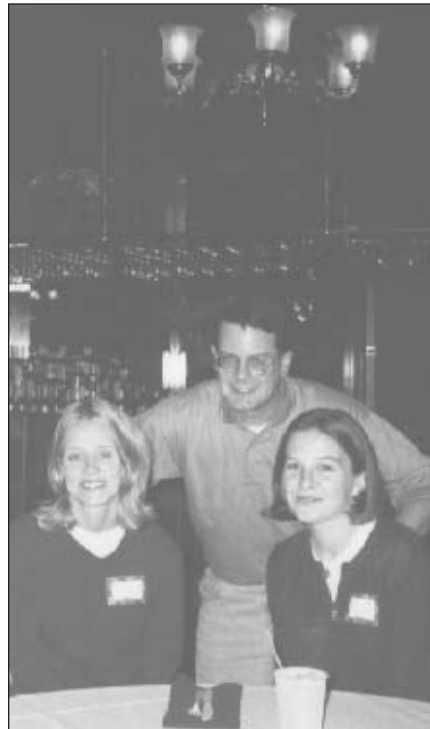
These upheavals helped shape a man who would go on to earn four degrees and become a world expert on media ethics (and be named 1997 Texas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, selected from 39 nominees representing 29 schools). Now chairman of TCU's journalism department, he spent a week in Slovakia in October sharing his expertise with journalists from Eastern Bloc countries torn by civil wars.

The dialogue continues Nov. 11 at Water Street Seafood, one block south of I-30 on University Drive in University Park Village. Fresh from an APME lecture in Austin, Babbili will detail his Slovakian experiences and the ethical

RSVP

(by Friday, Nov. 7)

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They're everywhere, these journalism Eagles

Kendra Whitley, Matt McQueen and Lara Wallentine of the University of North Texas maintain the recent trend of UNT students appearing in *The Chaser*. They were all smiles at Billy Bob's Texas in the Fort Worth Stockyards last month to hear national SPJ President Fred Brown.

challenges facing today's journalists.

A choice of chicken Veracruz, fried shrimp or the catch of the day, each with a salad, vegetables, rice and bread, highlights the \$15 meal. Students pay half price.

Socialize at 6:30 p.m. — there's a cash bar — with dinner at 7. Board meeting is at 5:30.

— Nancy Bartosek

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'Communicators Christmas' benefits kids

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Are you tired of playing with yourself?

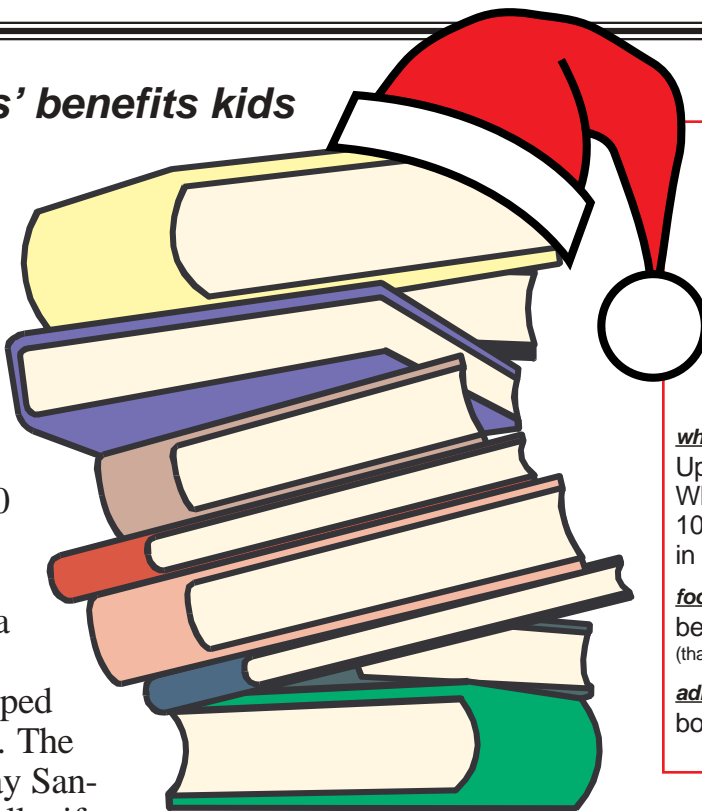
We thought so.

That's why this Christmas, we will eat, drink and be merry with 200 of our closest allies. SPJ is joining PRSA, IABC, WICI and the Ad Club for one big alphabet soup of a "Communicators Christmas" party.

Admission is one or more unwrapped children's books, valued at about \$15. The folks at John Peter Smith Hospital play Santa with them — all year long, hopefully, if we collect enough.

The idea for this group jolly-up originated two years ago with the local Public Relations Society of America, and this year the chapter invited the rest of us to come along. We benefit from the fellowship, a great silent auction and the realization that we're helping kids.

"It's been really wonderful for the kids in our pediatric in-patients department," says Drenda Witt, PR director at JPS. "The kids often get attached to books they are given and want to take



what:
SPJ/PRSA/
IABC/WICI/
Ad Club (whew)
Christmas
party

when:
5-8 p.m.
Dec. 10

where:
Upstairs at the
White Elephant,
106 E. Exchange
in the Stockyards

food:
beer, barbecue
(thanks, Miller Brewing)

admission:
books for kids



them home. Some of them don't have any books of their own at home."

Witt says some video books, taped books and a lot of activity books as well as traditional readers have gone home with kids the last couple of years, thanks to the party.

Invitations should hit your mailbox in a couple of weeks. To ensure ample consumables, we are asked to RSVP to the PRSA voice mail. Call 347-8649 and leave a message.

— Carolyn Poirot

Students emphasized as membership drive heats up

The Woolsey Wagon has hit TCU and UTA, and a campus chapter near you could be the next stop for Fort Worth SPJ's scholarships and memberships VP, Mark Woolsey.

Area journalism students, consider this an invitation to get active with Fort Worth SPJ.

Annual \$10 dues brings this newsy letter guaranteed to keep you apprised of monthly dinner meetings, which in turn prom-

ise to be informative, entertaining and tasty (usually all at the same time).

"The meetings offer a chance to network and build contacts with those who are practicing the craft full time," Woolsey said. "And they just might help you get a leg up in the job market."

Woolsey noted that the Fort Worth and Dallas chapters are hosting the national convention

in 2002 and that more opportunities for involvement are just around the corner.

"With the national convention and other projects in the works, we need your input and help," he said. "In return, jumping into the fray with us can only benefit you both professionally and personally."

For information, call Woolsey at home, 467-4515, or at work, (972) 263-1230.
