

# The Chaser

Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

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## *O Swami, our Swami*

Who needs Jeane Dixon,  
the masses ask, when we  
have Jack Tinsley?

**C**asting his fearless forecast to members of the Society of Professional Journalists on January 19 will be SPJ's answer to Sidney Omar, Jack Tinsley.

For years, Tinsley, the senior vice president and editorial chairman of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, has been looking into his crystal ball and predicting events such as Academy Award, Super Bowl and World Series winners, what the economy will do and who'll be newsmakers.

Balcony Restaurant, 6100 Camp Bowie, is the place, and

the cost is \$14. The price includes chicken breast stuffed with apple and almonds in sherry sauce (whoa), rice, vegetable, salad and light dessert. Wine may be purchased separately.

We'll gather Tuesday at 6 p.m. and begin eating at 6:45 p.m. Students eat for half price, thanks to the generosity of the Star-Telegram (and that's really generous, if you've ever seen these students eat).

Reservations may be made to Anne Miller's answering machine, 731-1199, by Friday, January 15. This will be a

shared meeting with the great women of Women In Communications, Inc. so make your reservations early.

Tinsley is a native East Texan who became a journalist when he wrote his first bylined sports story at the age of 15.

He is a graduate and Distinguished Alumnus of Sam Houston State University.

A 30-year veteran of the Star-Telegram, Tinsley served 10 of those years as executive editor, during which time the newspaper won two Pulitzer Prizes

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## Greetings for January!

Now that the holidays are behind us and we're knee-deep in January, it's time to look ahead to major spring events.

Gridiron Executive Producer Jack Tinsley reports plans are progressing smoothly for our April 2 show. Please note that we have changed our rehearsal location to the Fort Worth Symphony's Orchestra Hall on Trail Lake Drive. Ad sales for the Yellow Jaundice are in high gear, but like all newspapers, we always have room for another ad. Call Jack, or Director Michael Price, or Head Script Writer Mike Sweeney with questions, comments or ideas on any aspect of the show.

Planning is also underway for the Region 8 Convention here. Dates are Friday, April 30, through Sunday, May 2. Since Chaser Editor Kay Pirtle is badgering me for this column, more details will be coming next month.

Thanks to Anne Miller, Bill Bengé, Verlie Edwards, Keith Kahle, Bill Lawrence, Kay Pirtle and everyone who worked so hard and donated items to make our annual Holiday Party and Auction a tremendous success.

**Jumper Cable**  
by **DOUG JUMPER**  
PRESIDENT, FORT WORTH CHAPTER

## TCU Plans Intern Program For Minority Students

TCU's journalism department has begun a college publication internship program for minority high school students. Internships are available in writing, editing, photography, design and production. Interns will work under the guidance of student editors one or two evenings a week on the Skiff newspaper. They will write, edit stories, compose headlines, take and develop pictures, design pages and produce them on a computer. Interested high school students should apply for the program by contacting Paul LaRocque at 921-7425.

## New Members

Say "howdy" to new members Greg Turley, 5009 Pershing #19, Fort Worth, TX 76107; Maribeth Ashley; Bill Bengé and Brad Wright.

New address for an old member: Cynthia Puckett, P.O. Box 2155, Amarillo, TX 79105-2155.

Another good ol' Gridiron great, George "Eddie Chiles" Hedrick, has retired from TUElectric. His home address is 5636 Blueridge Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76112, phone 654-9090.

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(1981 and 1985).

A key staff writer in the S-T's coverage of the JFK assassination, Tinsley has won numerous awards, including a National Education Writers' first place for a 1965 series titled "Academic Freedom in Texas."

Tinsley is executive producer of the 1993 Texas Gridiron Show and is immediate past president of SPJ.

He is an inductee into the C.E. Shuford Journalism Hall of Honor at the University of North Texas, where he also is a member of the journalism advisory council. He currently chairs the Sam Houston State Journalism Advisory Council.

Tinsley is a 3-time judge of Lufkin's Southern Hushpuppy Olympics, once having been paired with that noted anti-bordello crusader, Marvin Zindler of "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" fame. He has been a judge for several years of Athens' Miss Blackeyed Pea Beauty Pageant.

A man of cunning and dexterity, Tinsley has met and shaken hands with every U.S. president since General Dwight Eisenhower.

The writing legacy continues in that every member of his immediate family is a journalist; wife Anne Miller is a writer, son Ben is a police reporter with the Amarillo Globe-News and daughter Anna is courts reporter with the Odessa American.

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Final words from the Editor, Kay Pirtle: Gear up for Gridiron

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