

The Chaser

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Take a typical Texas summer day, combine it with a screening of this season's award-winning — just ask us, we'll tell you — Gridiron romp, a cool dip in the pool, great barbecue, only marginally significant conversation from some of the city's most famous and infamous citizenry — just ask them, they'll tell you — and what do you have?

SPJ Splash Day!

Starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 10, the social event of the season will be held at Jim and Ann Gilliland's house, 4405 Cumberland Road N.

Thanks to the Gilliland VCR, connoisseurs of rank tomfoolery will relive those unbridled Gridiron moments on the Round-Up Inn stage. Once again they will thrill to the robust warbling of Ed Hanley, Darla Robertson and Greg Turley, the big-eared radiance of Rich Connor as Ross Perot, the advanced terpsichore of some folks who really shouldn't, but hey, it's



for scholarships.

No reason to worry about the red velvet rope, either.

It's been returned to Harveson & Cole.

Back in the chow line, journalistic revelers and friends will feast on Cousin's barbecue brisket and chicken, potato salad, the murkily named hobo beans and all the trimmings. Presumably with the beans will come one evening's accommodations at the

Presbyterian Night Shelter.

The meal will cost members \$10. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be provided by SPJ Fort Worth.

For reservations and directions, call 731-8600 by Thursday, July 8. That's Ann Gilliland's answering machine, taking over the duties previously held by Anne Miller's answering machine.

Has anyone ever actually talked to these women on the phone?

Ah, a topic for another time.

Tag, Mike Price, you're it.

For the Good Times

Tradition dictates that now is the time when the grizzled, outgoing president waxes nostalgic and delivers a moist-eyed review of the feats and foibles of the past Fort Worth SPJ year. Long live tradition!

We had a year of great meetings, a profitable Christmas party and auction, a not-so-profitable Region 8 Convention and an outstanding Gridiron Show. The many people who strived so hard to make these events happen deserve more thanks than just listing their names, but this is all the space Chaser Editor Kay "Six Grafts Is All You Get" Pirtle would allow. In no particular order, these outstanding workers are Susan Dawson, Anne Miller, Kay Pirtle, Verlie Edwards, Michael Price, Jack Tinsley, Carolyn Poirot and Carolyn Ashford. (A gold star with oak-leaf clusters to those of you who recognize these people as the outgoing board of directors.)

There are also a number of nonboard

members (and nonmembers) deserving credit for jobs well-done. Kudos to "Dr." Loyd Turner, Mark "Has Anyone Seen the Region 8 Director?" Woolsey, George "The Second Cousin of Soul" Hedrick, Frank "Lock and Load" Perkins, Bill Benge, Lou Brooks, Roy Eaton, Nancy Burford, Jeff Eaton, Paul LaRocque, Staley McBrayer, John Goble and John Dycus.

Special thanks also to the "Arlington Mafia" — Cathy O'Neal, Donna Darovich and Cheryl Nason.

Saving the best for last, a huge THANK YOU to Executive Secretary Annie "The Iron Czarina" Gilliland. Despite rumors to the contrary, Annie wants to continue as our secretary and is looking forward to working with incoming President Anne Miller. Thank you for your sacrifice, dedication and hard work. Thanks also to Annie's silent helper, Jim "Neon Necktie" Gilliland.

I appreciate everything everyone has done to make my year as president a great one. Thanks for the good times.

Jumper Cable
by DOUG JUMPER
PRESIDENT, FORT WORTH CHAPTER

COMIN'S & GOIN'S by Ann Owens Gilliland

SPJ keeps on growing — say a warm howdy next time you see these new members: **Angie Summers**, 2309 Hollowridge, #204, Arlington 76006, 640-2051; the city's cable TV ace, **Sue S. Winter**, 2435 Winton Terrace W, Fort Worth 76109, 926-9316; the King of TV-8, **Hal King**, 322 Las Brisas Drive, Arlington 76006, 640-1334, and two Gridiron (and Star-Telegram) greats, **Ruthanne Brockway**, 113 Willow Brook, Lewisville 75067, and **Ken Bunting**, 7405 Laurie Drive, Fort Worth 76112, 496-4381.

SPJ members on the move: **Frank Perkins** has new digs, 1816 Lake Shore Court, Fort Worth 76103, 536-8188. **Christina Zarobe**'s new address is 1919 Companion Way, Arlington 76006; kept her phone number, 261-1986. **Ann Genett-Schrader** has moved to 3205 Susan Court, Bedford 76021.

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Congratulations, '93-94 officers and directors: President Anne Miller, VP/Membership & Scholarships Susan Dawson, VP/Programs Frank Perkins, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Price and Directors Mark Woolsey (1-year term), Ken Bunting (2-year) and,

uh, me (2-year). Verlie Edwards has one year to go as director.

As my final act as Chaser editor, let me thank Anne Miller for always beating the copy deadline and for those outstanding programs, and computer guru John Dycus, whose equipment never failed.

— Kay Pirtle

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