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Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

June 1996

Verlie Edwards' President's Platform

Officers, directors announced Tuesday

Irv Farman, 74

Our condolences to the family of Irv Farman, who died May 25. A noted author/journalist and quite snappy song-and-dance man, he enlivened many a Gridiron show. He will be missed.

Officers, directors elected

Officers and directors will be announced Tuesday. Officer candidates: president, Carolyn Poirot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; VP scholarship/membership, Kay Pirtle, Wedgwood Shopping News; VP programs, Sue Winter, City Cable Television; secretary/treasurer, John Dycus, UTA.

Directors (two chosen): Nancy Bartosek, Star-Telegram; Breck Harris, Lone Star Gas; Ann Genett-Schrader, Occidental Chemical Corp.; Beth Guenzel Park, Lena Pope Home; Frank Perkins, Star-Telegram; Bill Stone, UTA. Returning directors are Mike Cochran, Associated Press, and Dorothy Estes, UTA.

Dorothy Estes retire? NEVER!

An appreciation dinner Aug. 16 at the Worthington Hotel will honor the serenely pluperfect Dorothy Estes, who is retiring after 26 years as UTA Student Publications director. Tickets are \$25. Call John Dycus, 277-2138.

SPJ legal workshop this weekend

The SPJ Legal Reporting Workshop hits the Arlington Marriott on June 8-9 with speakers Fred Graham, who has practiced law and covered legal issues for 25 years; USA Today Supreme Court reporter Tony Mauro and Stuart Taylor Jr., senior writer, The American Lawyer. Members' cost: \$79. Call 317 653-3333.

Witherspoon jumpstarts Dallas SPJ

SMU newspaper adviser and new daddy Mark Witherspoon is bringing the Dallas chapter back from dormancy (so that's what Big D means). Call him at 214 768-4510.

Ethics code coming

The national ethics committee met May 31 in Philadelphia to finalize revisions to the SPJ Ethics Code. The proposed code will go before delegates in September.

FW SPJ to host '97 regional convention

Already working on the '97 regional meeting are Doug Jumper, Mark Woolsey, George Hedrick and Dorothy Estes. Call almost outta-here president Verlie Edwards to volunteer.

National board nominations due July 1

Seats available: president-elect, secretary/treasurer, director-at-large, campus adviser at-large, two campus representatives and six regional directors. To run or make a nomination, contact Melanie Bush, Region 8 director, Tulsa World, P.O. Box 1770, Tulsa, OK 74102.

Verlie

Board meeting

5:30 p.m.

June 11

(prior to chapter meeting)

**Villa Room,
Joe T. Garcia's**

Call Verlie (336-5165)
if unable to attend

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Ever wonder how long funding will hold out for the new FW Weekly? Is someone actually paying for all the ads? Did those hapless miscreants at the Star-Telegram really filch the Weekly's news racks? And how can publisher Robert Camuto be accepted in Cowtown when he's never given an interview shirtless, in a tux coat? • These questions and more — more! — will be yours for the asking at the next chapter meeting, as Camuto and editor John Forsyth tell where they are and where they want to be with their fresh publication. • Newly established weeklies have a discouraging track record in a city where a single newspaper has been king of the hill seemingly forever. But that didn't stop Fort Worth Star-Telegram alumnus Camuto from putting his money where his masthead is. Expect an informative evening. • Join us Tuesday, June 11, in the Villa Room at Joe T. Garcia's for camaraderie, tale swapping and fun. We gather at 6:30 p.m. for mingling, and good food follows at 7 along with the program. • Call Jack Raskopf at 921-6944 for reservations by noon Monday. Price: \$12 (students \$6).

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