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UT graduate

Senior ESPN writer to speak at Feb. meeting

Veteran sports journalist Gene Wojciechowski, senior writer for ESPN The Magazine and author or co-author of six books, will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 11 meeting of ETSPJ at Chesapeake's. Dinner will begin at 6:00.

Wojciechowski, a 1979 UT graduate, joined the magazine's staff as an original member in December 1997. He is a frequent on-air contributor to ESPN SportsCenter and ESPN Radio coverage of college football. He also writes a weekly column for ESPN.Com.

Chicago Tribune

Before joining ESPN, Wojciechowski, 44, spent two years at the Chicago Tribune where he covered the Chicago Cubs and later wrote a weekly general sports column. He came to Chicago after spending 11 years at the Los Angeles Times where he was the paper's national college football and basketball columnist. He has also worked at the Dallas Morning News, the Denver Post and the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel.

During his 21-year sportswriting career, Wojciechowski has covered the Summer Games, Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the four major golf tournaments, the Monaco Grand Prix, the NBA Finals, the Super Bowl, the Final Four, major league baseball, national championship bowl games, the Stanley Cup, and he had an audience with Cuba's Fidel Castro.

National awards

He has won Associated Press Sports Editors national awards for column writing, spot news writing, feature writing and enterprise reporting. He has also been honored by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, the College Foot-

ball Writers Association of America, the Pro Football Writers and the Los Angeles Press Club.

Wojciechowski's latest book is a novel, *About 80 Percent Luck*. Previous books are *Pond Scum and Vultures: America's Sportswriters Talk About Their Glamorous Profession*; *You've Got to Have Balls to Make It in This League: My Life as an Umpire* with Pam Postema; *Nothing But Net: Just Give Me the Ball and Get Our of the Way* with Bill Walton; *My Life on a Napkin: Pillow Mints, Playground Dreams, and Coaching the Runnin' Utes* with Rick Majerus; and *I Love Being the Enemy: A Season on the Court with the NBA's Best Shooter and Sharpest Tongue* with Reggie Miller.

Meeman Lectureship

Wojciechowski will be in Knoxville as speaker for the Meeman Lectureship at UT. The Meeman Lectureship is supported by a grant from the Edward J. Meeman Foundation. Meeman was the editor of the Knoxville News-Sentinel and the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Topic for March 12 meeting: 'Lessons learned from Columbine'

Jack McElroy, new editor of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, will talk about "Lessons Learned from Columbine" at the March 12 meeting of ETSPJ. The meeting will be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria near the UT campus and will begin at 6 p.m.

McElroy's former paper, the Rocky Mountain News, won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the massacre of high school students in Colorado.