

Hogs-Horns author Terry Frei to speak on Anniversary of Big Shootout



Terry Frei, the author of *Horns, Hogs, and Nixon Coming: Texas vs. Arkansas in Dixie's Last Stand*, will speak at North Arkansas College on Dec. 6, the 38th anniversary of the 1969 Arkansas-Texas football game for the national championship, in the John Paul Hammerschmidt Lecture Series. Frei's presentation, open to the public free of charge, will start at 6:30 in the John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center on the South Campus of North Arkansas College.

On December 6, 1969, the Arkansas Razorbacks and Texas Longhorns met in what many consider the Game of the Century. In the centennial season of college football, both teams were undefeated. On that day in Fayetteville, the top-ranked Horns and number two Hogs battled for the Southwest Conference title with President Richard Nixon in the stands to present his own national championship plaque to the winners. Frei's 2002 book, about events on and off the field, and the characters involved, was called a "superb blending of sports, history, and politics" by *The Dallas Morning News*.

The Texas-Arkansas rivalry, which ended with the Razorbacks' move to the Southeastern Conference, resumes temporarily in 2008. The teams meet September 13, 2008, in Austin, and the game in the 40th anniversary year of the Big Shootout will be in Razorback Stadium on September 12, 2009.

A writer for *The Denver Post* and *ESPN.com*, Frei was raised in Oregon, where his father, Jerry, was the head football coach at the University of Oregon during the Hogs-Horns era. Terry is a graduate of the University of Colorado, with degrees in history and journalism. He also has written for *The Oregonian* in Portland and for *The Sporting News*.

Frei's other books are 2004's *Third Down and a War to Go*, recently re-issued in a trade paperback edition, and the just-released *77: Denver, the Broncos, and a Coming of Age*. He is working on his next book and the screenplay adaptation of *Third Down and a War to Go*.

In 2004 Frei was the guest speaker at a Big Shootout Reunion of players from the Arkansas and Texas teams. His web site is www.terryfrei.com. Terry and his wife, Helen, live in Denver.

This will be the 17th presentation in the JPH Lecture Series. As a speaker in the series, Frei follows Astronaut and Cosmonaut Dr. Jerry Linenger, Sherpa mountain guide Jamling Tenzing Norgay, CIA officers Tony and Jonna Mendez, internationally syndicated columnist Gwynne Dyer, former North Vietnam prisoner of war Colonel Edward L. Hubbard, 1972 Olympic 800-meter-run champion Dave Wottle, FDNY Chief Richard "Pitch" Picciotto, Harrison native and music therapy specialist Dr. Frederick (Ted) Tims, Savant Syndrome expert Dr. Darold Treffert, retired Wal-Mart senior vice-chairman Don Soderquist, "Homeless to Harvard" heroine Liz Murray, Navy Commander (retired) Scott Waddle of the USS Greeneville, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* staff writer and Iraq war correspondent Amy Schlesing, animator/filmmaker Gary Goldman, former college and pro football great Keith Jackson, and James L. "Skip" Rutherford, dean of the Clinton School of Public Service.