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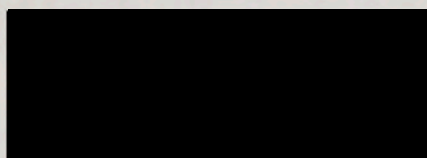
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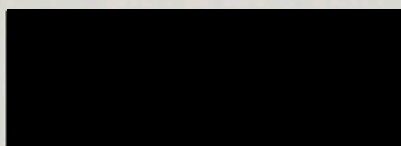
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Ivins says press must strengthen community

By SCOTT W. WRIGHT

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The American press, historic champion of the little people, also must become the nation's modern-day front porch by reporting stories that strengthen citizens' sense of community, a prominent Texas journalist says.

"We in journalism almost can become, if we do it right, the equivalent of the front porch — the place where you hear stories that tell you who you are," newspaper columnist Molly Ivins said Saturday.

Ivins, who pens a syndicated column about national and Texas

politics and has written two books, made the comments to a gathering of University of Texas communication professors and students.

Journalists, she said, should provide audiences "with a sense of what it means to be an Austinite and a Texan and an American — what we laugh about, what we cheer for, who our local characters are and why we put up with them."

Before her speech, Ivins received the 1995 DeWitt Carter Reddick Award for individual achievement in the communication field from UT's College of Communication. The college's

highest award was established in honor of the late DeWitt Carter Reddick, the first dean of the College of Communication at UT, who taught thousands of journalism students from 1927 until his retirement in 1975.

Ivins, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* political columnist, started her career at the *Houston Chronicle*. She also has worked for the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *The New York Times*, the *Dallas Times Herald* and *The Texas Observer*.

She encouraged journalists, who she said for too long have "made the mistake of worshiping the false god of objectivity," to do

some ethical soul-searching and think about "what it is we actually stand for."

American journalists, she said, have an obligation to stand for a sense of community, commonality as a nation and democracy. Coverage of the latter, she said, will "encourage fellow citizens to understand democracy is noisy and confusing and is really best appreciated with a sense of humor."

"I'm telling you there is a lot we can stand for, as journalists," Ivins said. "For democracy. For community. And please, God, just for a little laughter now and then."

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