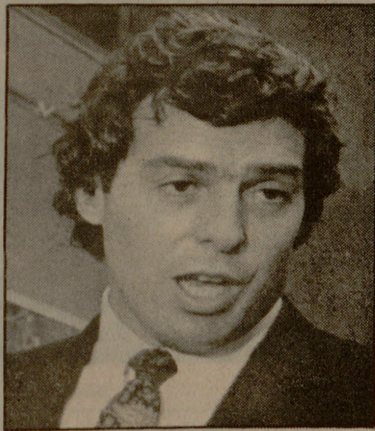


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Mauro challenges students to keep the beach clean

By Susan Stubing
Reporter



Garry Mauro

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro challenged Texas A&M students Thursday to compete in the 1987 Texas Collegiate Challenge Beach Cleanup when the students visit Texas beaches during spring break.

Mauro and Texas State Student Association President Mary Jo Peterman conducted a press conference at A&M as part of a 10-campus tour of Texas colleges and universities to encourage students to join in the "Don't Mess with Texas Beaches" cleanup campaign.

The spring break cleanup is the first phase of the Texas "Adopt-A-Beach" program designed to combat the problem of garbage-strewn Texas beaches. The program asks individuals and civic organizations to sponsor about one mile of a Texas beach per year and sponsor at least three beach cleanups to control garbage.

Students collecting the most garbage on behalf of their school will win a free campus concert by an undisclosed group at the end of the semester, he said.

The competition will be held at beaches on South Padre Island and Port Aransas on March 14, lasting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Port Aransas and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Padre. The school collecting the most garbage from both locations wins.

Mauro, Class of '70, will announce the winner from South Padre Island that afternoon.

"I'm going to be down there at the cleanup," Mauro said, "and all my pounds (of garbage) are going to the Aggie assignment."

"We don't have a litter problem. We have a garbage problem. With more than 200,000 students expected to hit the beaches during spring break, I think this is a real opportunity for Texas students to make clean beaches a fact of life again for Texans."

Peterman said, "We want the people of Texas to know that college students don't mess with Texas beaches and are willing to do their part in keeping them clean."

Mike Sims, A&M student body president, said Aggies like to get involved and Aggies have a good time.

"The spring break beach cleanup provides the ideal time for Aggies to do both," Sims said.

Other schools competing include the University of Texas, Southwest Texas State University, the University of Houston, Corpus Christi State University and Del Mar College.

Individual A&M students or student organizations wanting to compete in the cleanup can contact Sims or call John Hatch at the Texas General Land Office at 1-800-252-7273.

A&M VP says change in duties won't diminish control of office

By Christi Daugherty
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An impending restructuring of the office of the vice president for student services will not diminish the control of the office itself, Vice President John Koldus says.

Based on a suggestion made by President Frank Vandiver, several areas Koldus currently controls will be reassigned to the assistant and associate vice presidents of student services, Dr. Malon Southerland and Howard Perry, who will continue to report directly to him.

Koldus describes the action as one that's been pending for several years and says it's simply a slight dissemination of power. He says his office still will be holding the reins.

"The president had indicated to me that he thought my span of control might be too broad, and he asked me to review that and come up with a recommendation," Koldus says. "What this does is it gives the vice presidents line control, and it gives me fewer people in my direct control so I can spread myself out a little more in new directions."

Southerland and Perry stand to benefit the most from this

move, which is expected to take effect after May 1, Koldus says.

Three departments will report directly to Southerland — the Memorial Student Center, the student activities department,

responsibility, and they'd have liked me to have done it years ago," Koldus says. "I have enjoyed having a little more control over the areas by having all those people (department heads) report directly to me."

gives you a new assignment you're pleased, and it gives me an opportunity to work more closely with these departments."

He says there will be a slight overlap between the time when he takes over the new responsibilities to when he gives up his role as interim commandant, but says he doesn't foresee any problems.

"I'm in the student-personnel business because I love it," he says. "I feel I fit the category of workaholic and I enjoy what I do."

Perry says the new assignment won't be much of a change for him, since he's been somewhat in charge of both areas for some time.

"They've both been under my direction in many ways all along, so this won't be a major change for me," Perry says. "Many times the directors came through me instead of going directly to John (Koldus) anyway."

Koldus says he'd like to hope for some unaccustomed free time from this move, but doesn't expect any.

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and the student legal department.

Southerland is also the interim commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

Perry will have two departments report to him — the department of health services, and the veterans and handicapped services department.

Koldus says that even though this distances him somewhat from the departments, he still will have control since the vice presidents report to him. He says he had already assigned much of the authority of the departments over to them.

"Both of them like having line

"I'm not giving up on them (Perry and Southerland) totally; they'll still have the same responsibilities. But I probably have not used them as effectively as I could have. They're both outstanding people, outstanding administrators."

He admits to some reservations about the timing of the president's decision, but says it was bound to happen eventually.

"I've thought about this for some time, but I'm not sure I would have suggested it myself right now," he says.

Southerland took a diplomatic approach to his new position, saying, "Obviously when your boss

Fort Worth man claims North asked him to spy

DALLAS (AP) — A Fort Worth man says he drew a diagram included in the Tower commission report and that Lt. Col. Oliver North asked him to spy on critics of the Reagan administration's Central American policies.

Phil Mabry, head of a non-profit group called Americans for Human Rights and Social Justice, told the *Dallas Morning News* that he discussed the espionage activities with the former National Security Council aide at a meeting in North's office in February 1985.

"North made some comment: 'We need to be aware of our opposition.' I said, 'Don't worry about that. We can take care of that,'" Mabry, a Fort Worth security consultant, told the newspaper in a story published Thursday.

Mabry said he personally took pictures of leaders of two Dallas-Fort Worth area groups — the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, or CISPES, and the Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America — and other activists, and sent the photos and other material to North.

He said he enlisted volunteers to attend meetings and gather information on the groups.

Michael Lent, a CISPES spokesman in Washington, said Mabry's comments disturbed him but were not surprising.

"What is the NSC doing working with private individuals to collect information on opponents of U.S. policy?" Lent said.

Mabry, who said he was involved in the private

network to aid the Nicaraguan rebels, said a diagram attributed to North in the Tower commission report was actually his own. The drawing used arrows suggesting a flow of weapons and money to the contras.

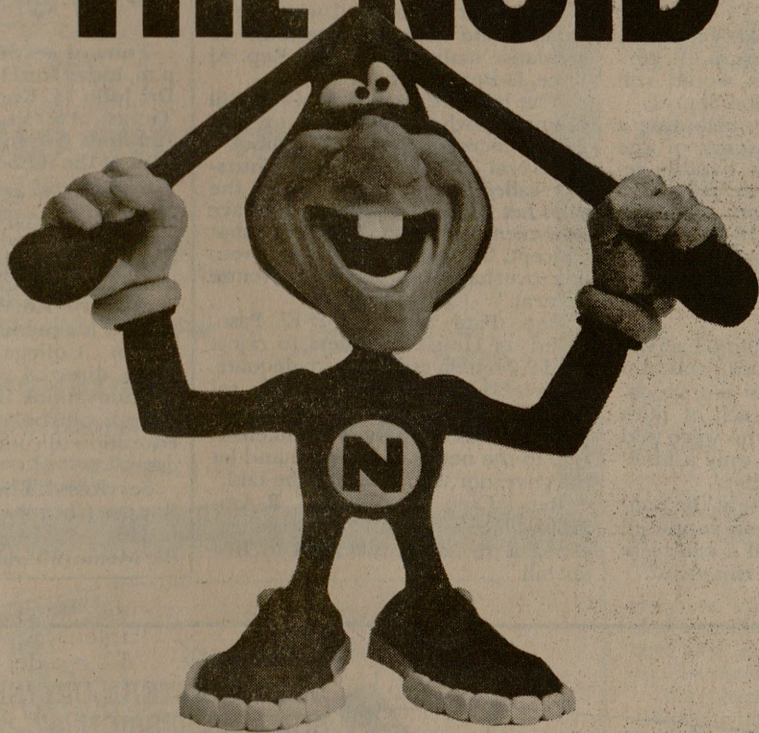
The Tower report includes no evidence to support Mabry's allegations of a link between political action committees and the private contra aid network, the *News* reported.

The diagram shows arrows linking North's name to former State Department consultant Robert Owen, under whose name is the word "weapons," and to conservative activist Andrew Messing, under whose name is the word "funds."

Correction

In a Feb. 27 article, *The Battalion* referred to a gas station in Wixon Valley as "deserted." The intention was not to imply that the station was abandoned, but simply that it was closed at the time the reporter visited the area.

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