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Koldus announces intentions to retire in August

By JEFF GOSMANO

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After 20 years at Texas A&M University, Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, announced on Thursday he will retire Aug. 31.

Koldus said he has been contemplating retirement for several months.

"Every individual wonders when it is the right time to retire," he said. "I think the decision is a composite of your health, personal situation and many other

things."

He said University President Dr. William H. Mobley wanted him to consider his decision longer, but Koldus said, "I think it was just the right time."

Although Koldus will no longer be an administrator at A&M, he said he will live in Bryan-College Station and remain informally connected to the University.

However, Koldus said he will continue to enjoy the community, the people and A&M.

By having student conferences, weekly luncheons with students

and by being accessible to students, Koldus said he was able to keep the University small and personable.

"In an institution of higher learning, the more enjoyable things are, the more friendly the environment, the more successful students are," he said.

Many students know Koldus for a card file he began in 1982 which contains the names of every student he has met. The file has grown to more than 30,000 names.

Another one of his traditions is the weekly luncheons he has with students. Every week, he invites

20 students to lunch.

The University has gone through several noticeable changes since his arrival, Koldus said. He cited the changing physical structure of the campus and the changing student body.

"There is a more diverse student body," he said. "They have evolved into a more talented and bright student body."

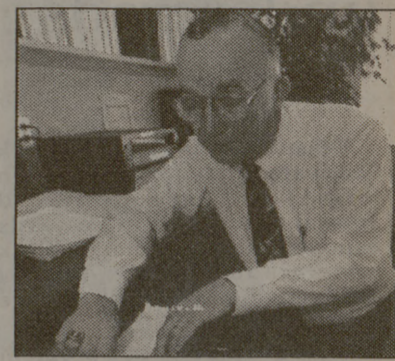
When Koldus arrived at A&M, only 350 student organizations existed, but today that number has increased to 700. "In every area, we provide more services," he said.

In a press release issued Thursday, Mobley said, "No one has had a closer relationship with so many Aggies . . . His (Koldus') compassion, warmth, understanding, humor and innovation have made a lasting mark on the University."

Mobley will select Koldus' successor.

In addition to serving as vice president for student services, Koldus also taught a graduate course in education.

Koldus said he has enjoyed being affiliated with the University but "it's time to do something else."



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Dr. John Koldus looks over the note cards he has kept of all the students he has met at A&M.

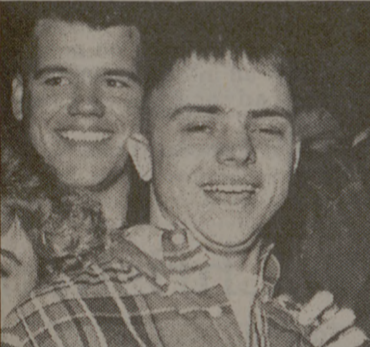
✓ Elections results

Student body president

Taylor, Walker in presidential runoff

By JASON COX

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Rick Taylor is congratulated after hearing the student body presidential election results.

Elections for Texas A&M University student body president resulted in a run off between candidates Rick Taylor and Brian Walker Thursday night.

The run off election will be held Tuesday because neither Walker nor Taylor received 50 percent of the vote. Students may vote in the run off regardless if they voted in the first election.

Taylor, who received 38 percent of the vote, said, "I feel good about making the run-off. There's a lot more work to do, and I've got a lot ahead of me now."

Taylor said multiculturalism is

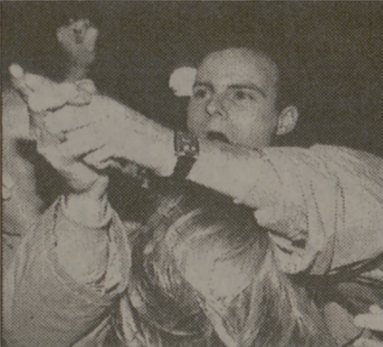
the most important issue facing the student body, and student government needs to lead the way by taking steps to increase sensitivity and awareness of other cultures.

"Student government is the best avenue to work on the problem," he said. "Students shouldn't be forced into a three-hour class."

Brian Walker said he feels great about the election. "We're going to take this one step at a time - we've made one goal and we've got one more to go," he said.

Walker, who received 35 percent of the vote, said if there is one

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DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Brian Walker celebrates after hearing the results of the student body presidential election.

Cadets hit with fines for campaign violation

By GINA HOWARD

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Twenty-six members of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Thursday were fined \$25 each by the Student Government Election Commission for unauthorized campaigning for student body elections.

The commission issued the fines to cadets running for various student offices because of a Corps senior staff memorandum distributed in Corps residence halls Monday. Members of Corps staff said the cadets will appeal the decision.

The memorandum, signed by Will Haraway, sergeant major of the Corps and '93-'94 Corps commander, listed each cadet

running for office and the office sought.

The memo, which states cadets were not required to vote for the individuals listed, suggested "it might be helpful to take this memo to vote."

Steve Beller, student body president, said the last phrase of the memo caught the attention of Student Government.

"When Will encouraged the cadets to bring the list to the polling places, that's when it became an issue," Beller said. "We heard of cadets talking and passing the flyers to people not in the Corps. That is blatantly campaigning."

The Election Commission

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Corps staff, student leaders disagree about fairness of commission ruling

By GINA HOWARD

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The Texas A&M University Student Government overstepped its jurisdiction by imposing fines on 26 members of the Corps of Cadets for election violations, said members of Corps senior staff Thursday.

"The Corps of Cadets is an independent organization, we don't answer to anyone outside of the Commandant's office," said Billy Dean, Corps scholastics officer. "We don't believe the (Student Government) Elec-

tion Commission has any right to tell Corps Staff what or what not to put out."

The memorandum, signed by Will Haraway, sergeant major of the Corps and '93-'94 Corps commander, listed each cadet running for office and the office sought.

Michelle Campbell, election co-commissioner, said Haraway confirmed the memo was distributed during an illegal campaigning time.

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State Senate passes student regent bill

By JULI PHILLIPS

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Supporters of the Student Regent bill are one step closer to victory after the Texas Senate passed its version of the bill unanimously Thursday.

Thirty-one senators voted in favor of Sen. Jim Turner's bill approving an advisory student liaison to sit on each state university system's Board of Regents.

The bill that passed is a modification of the original bill. The approved version calls the student a "liaison," not a regent. The liaison is prohibited from voting and from attending closed sessions.

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Students and legislator aides said this compromise was necessary for the Student Regent bill to pass.

"Asking for more is like trying to walk or run before you can crawl," Turner aide Michael Kelley said during a previous interview. "We have to first get at it there and then show people in the Legislature that students can be responsible."

Texas A&M University Student Body President Steve Beller said the compromise is the only route that can be taken to combat the mind set of student regent opponents.

QUARTERBACK INJURY

Pullig out for Spring

By MICHAEL PLUMER

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Texas A&M University starting quarterback Corey Pullig tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee during a scrimmage at Kyle Field Thursday. He will miss the remainder of spring drills.

Pullig, who took over the starting job from Jeff Granger before the Louisville game last season, will not require surgery.

Until Pullig's injury, spring practice had been almost injury-free for the football team. A&M

head football coach R.C. Slocum said injuries are an unfortunate part of the game.

"Of course it is very disappointing, but players get hurt," Slocum said. "These guys are grown men hitting each other and sometimes things like this happen."

Slocum said Pullig's injury pointed out the need for A&M to develop a backup quarterback.

"It is very important for us to find another quarterback," he said. "I think Tommy (Preston) has made great strides so far this

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Re-named system schools will not receive Aggie rings

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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A rumor that Aggie senior rings may be given to students at Texas A&M's system schools is unfounded, Porter Garner III, field director for the Association of Former Students, said Thursday.

"We've had several calls from students concerned about this, but it's just a rumor," he said. "If this was true, then I would hear something."

"Something as passionate and intense as the senior ring (being given to system schools) is some-

thing that both the students and former students will rebel against," he said.

The concern over sharing the Aggie ring with system schools comes after last month's decision by the Board of Regents to share the A&M name with system schools.

Texas A&I University was changed to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Laredo State University to Texas A&M International University and Corpus Christi State University to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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Seniors



Mark Rollins



Steve Scanlon



Greg Riels

Juniors



Scott Torn



Scott Whitaker

College Republicans to host state convention

By GINA HOWARD

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The Texas A&M University chapter of College Republicans of Texas will serve as host for the College Republicans' 1993 State Convention Saturday at the College Station Hilton Conference Center.

The convention will honor four Republican candidates in the May 1 U.S. Senate special election: Congressmen Jack Fields and Joe Barton, Ray Hutchison and Clymer Wright. The candidates will address the convention during the state luncheon at noon.

Keith Kouba, a junior political science major and College Republicans of Texas chairman, said this a great opportunity to see the can-

didates.

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"With less than one month left in the special election campaign, this may be the last chance for all four (candidates) to be together for students to hear."

-Keith Kouba

four of them to be together for students to hear," he said.

Students attending the state convention will elect new officers,

amend the constitution, pass resolutions for the official platform and listen to the speakers, Kouba said.

The A&M chapter of the College Republicans will bring to the convention the largest delegation in the state with 1,056 members.

"We have twice as many members as any other delegation in the state, which means we have twice as many votes at the convention," said Phil Meuret, president of A&M College Republicans.

This is the first time the convention has been held in College Station.

"That it is here this year has a lot to do with the fact that the state chairman is from College

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Leaders refute affiliation with gay-bashing poem

By TODD STONE

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The Texas A&M University chapter of the College Republicans denied any association Thursday with a local businessman who distributed a poem at an open meeting which degraded homosexuals.

Mark Clements, a graduate of Sam Houston State University, passed out a poem about "fags in the Queen Berets" just before the start of a meeting Tuesday with candidates for College Station city

council and student body president.

Scott Poole, vice president in charge of activities, said Clements is not a member of the College Republicans, and the organization does not support Clements' poem.

"Our organization is not out to publicly demean or humiliate any student organization," he said. "We are an official auxiliary of the Republican Party, and our job is to support the platform and the ideals of the Republican Party and

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