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News Release

OLIVER NORTH LIAISON TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1989--Robert Owen, who served as liaison between Lt. Col. Oliver North and the various factions of the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance during the Congressional ban on aid to the contras will speak at the University of Dayton on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre. The program is free and open to the public.

"One Man's View on Central America: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Should We Care?" is a part of UD's Student Government Association's Academic Speaker Series.

Owen spent two years as a liaison between North and the contras, making more than 25 trips to the region from 1984 to 1986 to meet with Central American government and military figures, contra leaders, fighters and refugees. He distributed more than \$27 million to the contras during his visits as a courier from North. Owen testified in 1987 under a grant of immunity before the House and Senate committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

In his lecture at UD, Owen will relate the events in Washington, D.C., and Central America during the Iran-Contra affair and examine the current situation and U.S. policies toward Central America. He will also discuss the need for U.S. covert action, capability, patriotism and leadership.

For more information on the UD Academic Speaker Series, contact UD's Student Government Association at (513) 229-4444.