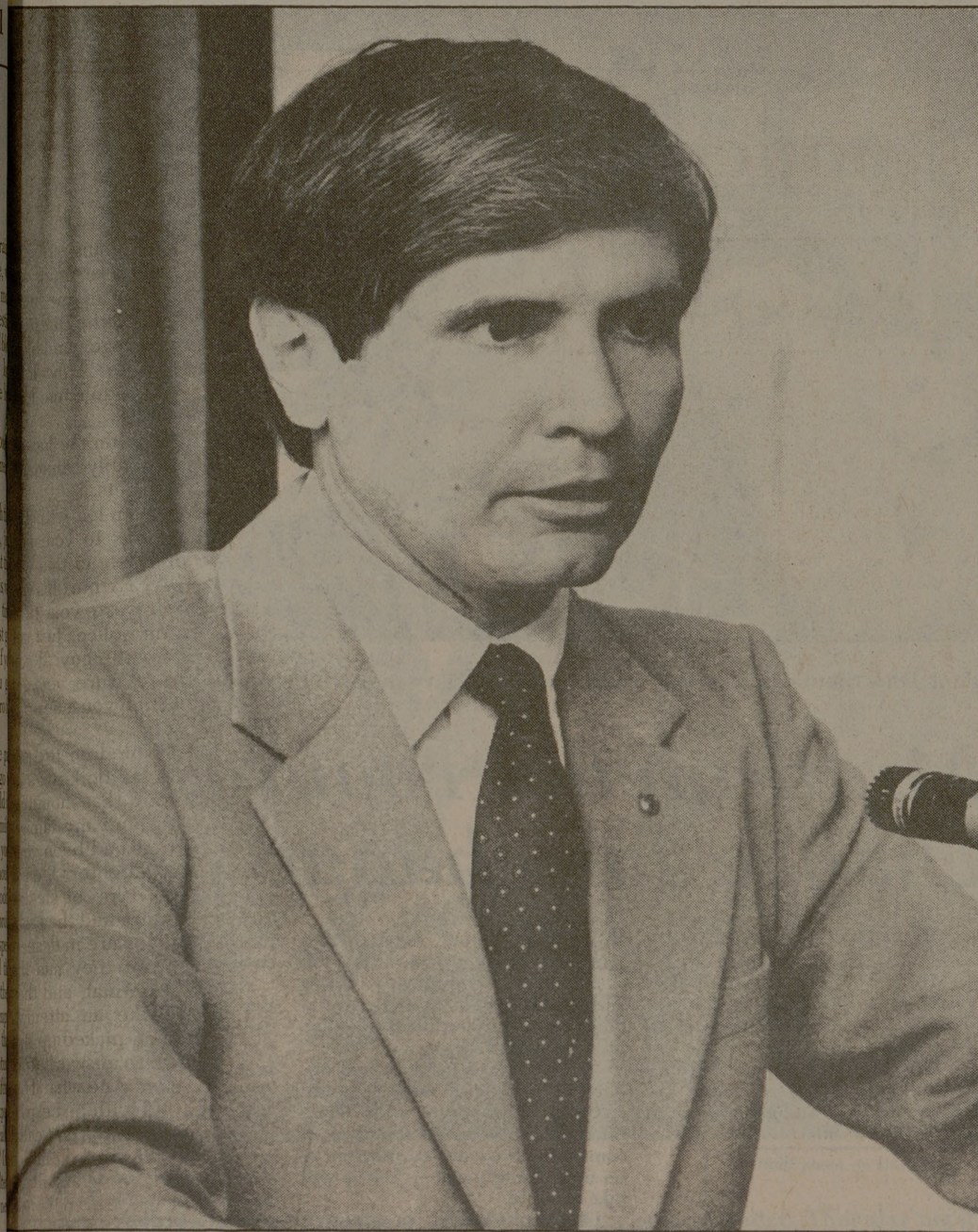


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Malon Sutherland, assistant to the absence of President Frank E. Vandiver Thursday night.

Southerland fills in for Vandiver

Class of '83 discusses policies

By TIM FOARDE
Battalion Staff
The class of '83 meeting didn't get to hear Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver, but instead got a chance to question Vice President Malon Southerland on problems and concerns of the University.
Students asked the vice president about plans to build on Duncan Field, expansion of the campus, dorm construction, limits on enrollment and even Greek recognition.
Vandiver, scheduled to speak at the class of '83 monthly meeting last night, had an administrative problem that demanded his attention and caused him to cancel his speech, Southerland said.
Students asked the administrator about plans to construct a building for the A&M Press on Duncan Field. The field is used for intramural sports and is the site for the Aggie bonfire.
Duncan Field was selected over alternative sites based on conversations with the director of the press and the Board of Regents Building Committee, Southerland said.
"They knew it was on the edge of the intramural field and the bonfire site," Southerland said.

"They were assured that the size and type of building would not interfere with those operations."
The limited amount of space has caused problems for all types of construction plans, he said.
"To look at a campus map and try to find spots for convenience, service and student use is a problem," Southerland said. "Any choice selected will have some detriment to it."
The limited space has brought proposals to elevate Wellborn Road and relocate the railroad tracks at the west end of campus.
"The train is a problem because of the very serious hazard potential. One mistake (such as derailment of cars containing toxic material) and we would have big trouble," Southerland said.
"The Wellborn Road problem is just an everyday inconvenience that involves dividing the campus. We need to maintain one campus, not two or three."
Students asked the vice president about dorm construction plans and why there was a surplus of dorm rooms this fall.
Southerland said the administration plans no new dorm construction because cost to students

would be prohibitive.
The surplus of housing this fall was due to an administrative underestimate of cancellations, he said.
Another growth problem concerns the size of the student body. Southerland said the problem is still unsolved, but slow growth

and ultimately status quo are the objectives.
Student input into these issues is limited, Southerland said, but other issues depend greatly on the opinions of the student body.
He cited the recognition of fraternities and sororities on campus as an issue requiring student input.

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Cable, Greek surveys discussed by RHA

By BARBIE WOELFEL
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The Residence Hall Association voted Thursday night to encourage the Off-Campus Alternative Study Group to use results of a recent Greek recognition survey for investigatory purposes.
The survey, given to hall leaders, was evaluated in several different classifications — such as sex, classification and affiliation with Greek organizations.
"Out of 135 surveys issued, 115 were returned," Stacy Graf, chairman of external affairs for RHA, said. "The general trend of surveys was that we don't recognize Greeks at Texas A&M."
Graf said the purpose of the survey was to obtain information and news on the issue from dorm residents in order to present these to the Student Government's Off-Campus Alternative Study Group.
RHA also passed a resolution to support the Student Senate in its recommendation that an alternate site be considered for present plans to build a University Press building on Duncan Field.
The resolution said plans to build the University Press building would adversely affect on-campus residents by eliminating a

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