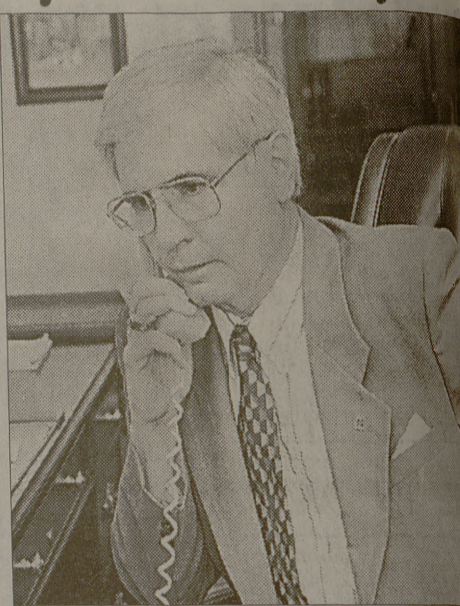


Southerland ready for new year

Vice president for student affairs pledges accessibility

By Michele Brinkmann
THE BATTALION



Amy Browning/The Battalion

Dr. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, says although he has worked at Texas A&M for 27 years, this year he thinks of himself as a freshman again.

"I am still new in this job of dealing directly with certain issues," Southerland said. "I am still new to the students."

This fall is Southerland's first semester to serve as vice president. He took over as vice president for student affairs in February, replacing Dr. John Koldus, who retired last summer after serving 20 years in the position.

Southerland shares Koldus' philosophy of the job. "This is a lifestyle, not a job," he said. "People in this position are in for trouble if they do not have this attitude."

In his position Southerland links students with the administration.

"I am responsible for students," he said. "This is why I am a vice president; the 40,000 students here are my business. I need to listen and react to students."

In August he moved to the vice president's house on campus so that he could be easily accessible to students.

"This is part of my message; I am here on campus to help students if they are having problems," he said. "I am not far away. My house and my office are open 24 hours a day and seven days a week."

When Southerland was selected to replace Koldus as vice president of student services, he asked Dr. E. Dean Gage, then interim president, if he could change his title to vice president for student affairs, and Gage agreed.

Southerland said his newly established title is a national term that is easily identifiable to constituent groups.

"The name puts back at the top the visibility of our office as being available for students," he said. "People will know more clearly what the function of the department is; the name includes a broader perspective than student services."

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, has asked Southerland to help him meet students.

"He is my main access to student leaders," Bowen said. "Dr. Southerland is helpful to me as I try to understand the University."

Bowen said Southerland is a strong defender of the students.

"I have never seen anyone with such an interest in students," he said. "He gets a kick out of this job. Dr. Southerland enjoys inviting strangers to lunch; not many people do."

Southerland said he plans to continue having freshman luncheons this fall because he thinks freshmen need to know who he is. The purpose of these luncheons, held every two weeks, is to allow students to openly discuss issues they are concerned about.

"There is such a thing as a free lunch," he said. "I am ready to talk to everyone, not just student leaders."

He said students wanting to attend the luncheons need to send their names and mailing addresses to his office.

His advice to freshmen is to "do as well as you can the first semester, and remember the first semester is filled with anxiety, new experiences and opportunities. So even if you don't get the best of grades, you should feel good about making it through the first semester anyway."

In order to help new and old students, Southerland said he plans to restructure the student affairs division.

He wants the division to put a greater emphasis on students over traditional age, off-campus students and graduate students. He plans to also enhance the women's issues program.

Southerland said he wants to increase the help off-campus students receive from the University by setting up a crisis team.

There has been growing concern because a stu-

dent committed suicide last year in front of H. Harry's and an international student who was killed not long afterward, he said.

"This is important," he said, "even if it is for a handful of students."

Southerland said the University needs a continuous improvement program.

"If we're going to stay on top," he said, "we need to improve or else we will go stale."

Southerland said one of his biggest challenges is trying to provide quality programs and services with limited resources in the most effective way.

"We don't always have the services that we like," he said. "There is a strain on resources."

In addition to his many responsibilities as president, Southerland has had to face Clam misdeemeanor charges of tampering with government documents.

He and seven other A&M employees were charged in June with listing alcohol purchases, food, beverages, cups and ice on state vouchers. Southerland intends to plead not guilty.

Southerland said the charges have not affected his job but have affected his decisions.

"I am more careful with what I say" he said. "And I take greater notice of what goes through my office."

Southerland has been open with students about his case and said these charges against A&M employees will not affect them.

"All this was a tremendous misunderstanding, an administrative glitch that has been fixed and removed," he said.

Dr. Jan Winniford, assistant vice president for student affairs, said Southerland is proactive the way he approaches his work.

"He does not hesitate to call a meeting, find the facts and work through them," Winniford said. "He is genuine in wanting student input and finding out how actions will affect students, not only asks, but he listens."

Brooke Leslie, A&M student body president, said Southerland's love for Texas A&M translated into success.

Leslie said Southerland is always ready to listen when she has ideas.

"He has been so incredibly supportive," she said. "He has been helpful and ready to listen when I have discussed topics, such as the restructuring of the administration."

"No one is better for his job than he," Leslie said. "He puts his heart and soul into the job, you can tell. Not many people knew if they could fill Koldus' shoes, but he (Southerland) stepped in running."

Southerland said his job is stressful, but worth it.

"I like to think of this job as more of a lifestyle than a stressful job," he said. "I think I have the greatest job in America."

Arf Has Moved!

Look for 4.0 and Go

All sorts of Tutoring across from the Hilton in the Village Shopping Center near the Golden Corral and Blockbuster Video. Look for reviews in the following classes to start on the following dates:

- Acct 229 - Sept. 12 3pm and 7pm
- Acct 230 - Sept. 19 3pm and 7pm
- Bana 303 - Sept. 12 5pm (1 week early) again Sept. 18 (Sunday) 9pm
- Math 151 - Sept. 19 11pm (1 week early) again Sept. 18 (Sunday) 7pm and 9pm
- Math 152 - Sept. 12 9pm (1 week early) again Sept. 19 5pm

For more information, dial 846 - Tutor (8886)

NEW PETROLEUM ENGINEERING STUDENTS
PLEASE ATTEND SPE INFORMATION MEETING
AUGUST 30 7:PM
RICH 318

WOMENS CLUB SOCCER TEAM TRYOUTS
Today 6-8 pm
At the Polo Fields near Bonfire site
For Questions call: Brian 764-2820

VIP RESEARCH
TOENAIL FUNGUS?

ARE YOUR TOENAILS DISCOLORED, CRUMBLING, AND OR THICKENED?
You may have a fungal infection of the toenail. VIP is conducting a research study with a paint-on lacquer that contains an investigational antifungal agent. Individuals who qualify and enroll into study will participate for up to 12 months and receive \$200 for completing the study.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
VIP RESEARCH
(409) 776-1417
(24 Hours a Day)

FREE LUNCH with VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Malon Southerland, Vice President for Student Affairs, will be having luncheons this year for freshmen at Texas A&M. The program is designed to welcome the freshmen and have interaction on their experiences at A&M. The luncheon will be at the Memorial Student Center and will include an open-ended discussion and questions and answers. If you would like to attend, complete this form and return it to:

Dr. Southerland
Vice President for Student Affairs
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 77843-1256
(or Tenth Floor, Rudder Tower)

You will be contacted as space is available.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

FLOPPY JOE'S
software store

IBM and MAC Software - new & used
Try it before you buy it!

Double Speed CD ROM Drive \$159.95	Sound Blasters from \$59.95	SUPRA 14.4 Fax Modem \$99.95
--	---------------------------------------	--

FREE One year membership with this coupon Expires: 09-30-94

JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 FOR FREE HOT DOGS AND PRIZES!

1705 Texas Ave. - Culpepper Plaza 693-1706

Just What You Need. A Few More Academic Requirements.

24 CAP ORGANIZER
Our cleverly designed overdoor organizer displays 24 caps or plays equally well as a scarf, jewelry, tie, belt, or purse holder. It even pinch hits as a drying rack for socks or lingerie. Includes 24 clips that adjust for thick or thin fabrics.
Regular \$ 8.99
SALE \$5.99

PIZZA KEEPER
The pièce de résistance for preserving pizza! Its streamlined size takes up far less fridge space than bulky pizza boxes. Ingenious interior tray lets you stash up to 6 pieces. Dishwasher, freezer, & microwave safe.
\$5.99

HANDS-FREE SHOWER TOTE
Toting your gear from dorm room to shower stall won't make you a basket case if you've got our new Shower Tote in tow. Solid bottom with drain holes lets water flow out, keeps small items in. Toss it over your shoulder, then toss it over a shower head, hook, or doorknob.
\$5.50

The Container Store
Our Back To School Sale 1994

DALLAS 4939 Belt Line Road (1 blk. west of the Tollway) (214) 458-9228 • Central Expy. at Plano Pkwy. (on front of Collin Creek Mall) (214) 424-6063 • Preston at Forest Ln. (214) 386-5054
McKinney at Central Expy. (214) 373-7044 • FORT WORTH Hulen at I-20 (next to Hulen Mall) (817) 346-9980 • ARLINGTON, MIDCITIES N. Collins Hwy. 137 at I-30 (Lincoln Square) (817) 277-4448 or Metro (817) 261-3388 • HOUSTON Post Oak at Westheimer (across from the Galleria) (713) 960-1722 • Sale Ends Sunday, September 11th.

THIS IS JAZZERCISE!

DANCE AEROBICS STEP WEIGHTS FUNK

\$19.94
1 month unlimited classes new members only. Offer expires 09/15/94

- FIRST CLASS FREE
- NO MEMBERSHIP FEE
- SEMESTER SPECIALS
- Jr. Jazzercise Classes Now Offered (5 - 12 yrs. old)
- Line Dancing
- Morning, Afternoon and Evening Classes
- Child Care Available

Jazzercise Fitness Center
Wellborn at Grove, College Station, (1 block south of George Bush Drive)
764-1183 or 776-6696 • 16 Years in the B/C/S area

ATM MEN'S SOCCER CLUB TRYOUTS

Starting: Wed., Aug. 31, 1994 at 5:30 PM
Ending: Wed., Sept. 7, 1994 at 5:30 PM
Location: Zachery Fields on Campus near Bonfire

For more info call:
Nick Pfeiffer 693-1587
Keith Klohn 846-7212

London \$295

Brussels \$318
Madrid \$328
Frankfurt \$348
Tokyo \$428
Costa Rica \$158

*Fares are each way from Houston based on roundtrip purchase. Restrictions apply and are included. Call for other worldwide destinations.

Council Travel
2000 Guadalupe St. • Austin, TX 78705
512-472-4931

Eurailpasses
issued on the spot

If You Have Something To Remember:
Classifieds Can Do It
Call 848-0869

THE BATTALION

Page
Con
lem
the
I
few,
a pr
cur
not
lem
also
lege
did
the
ing

SPECIAL

Cont
lon,
for m
Admi
auto
21 B
able:
Night
sary,
TAMU
11th
INSPI
quilt
Manag
main
Part-t
prefer
at 29H
Compu
be fam
Full lin
Please
Part-t
quilt
Box 44
PART
accept
TO HA
donor
ible (4
day. D
read, s
cash in
year. N
8855.
Evening
a comm
available

Em
INTERN
\$4,000-
Japan, T
Asian lan
ext. JS85
CRUISE
working o
travel (Ha
Full-time
sary. For

Al
s
Colle
82

Gorgeous,
formals. P
764-5877.
Two mobile
846-4247.
Newport Co
furn., walk
\$100 ahead
2 bath. Ac
Available Ne
lease OK. E
SUBLEASE
share), 2 hu
carpet & flo
Furnished 1
shuttle route
Kathy 846-9

Female room
WD, \$270/m
Needed - ferr
WD, bus rou

Tuesday • August 30, 1994

Stick

STICK

MY NAME IS PAUL
EVERYBODY CALLS ME
STUD
OBVIOUS
REASONS

HUGH, I'M B
WITH THE
GROCERS

THE IN

Gener

NOW BACK TO
SITTING, EDGE-OF
GOLF !!!
ID RATHER W
GRASS GROV

ADVEN

NO, NOT THESE PE
CAN, MAYBE I CAN JU
HEAVY BY THEM
MOUT-

Three I

Tu
Partly cloudy
afternoon th
High 94. SE
m.p.h.

Tuesd
Partly cloudy
winds near 5

NO
OP

Texas Av
S. Colle
across