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Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, youngest brother of Democratic presidential hopeful John F. Kennedy, spoke to an overflow crowd of almost 400 in the Fondren Library lecture lounge Saturday morning.

He spent about an hour on campus, vigorously vote-getting for his brother. Kennedy’s brief appearance included two long jokes, a criticism of the Republicans, a brief statement of Democratic aims and a question and answer period.

Kennedy said that Americans are not satisfied with the nation’s progress under Eisenhower’s administration. “A lack of direction and definition of goals are unmistakable,” he said.

KENNEDY sharply attacked Republican foreign policy: “There is great disillusionment with our country’s tremendous decline in prestige abroad.”

He claimed that the Republicans have introduced “not one imaginative domestic policy.”

For the most part, student questioning seemed decidedly hostile. Nixon supporters, conspicuous with their large campaign buttons, turned out in force.

“How do your goals differ from the goals of organized labor?” asked one student.

“Our goals are not necessarily pro-labor,” Kennedy answered. “What we need is a definition of terms.”

Kennedy said that Democratic aims coincided with those of labor in areas such as medical care for the aged and federal aid to education. He said that a $1.25 per hour minimum wage would be good for industrial sections of the nation in that it would keep factories from moving to non-industrial sections to secure cheaper labor.

The president should have three or four alternative rulings that he could use if labor-management relations were bogged down, said Kennedy. Then neither labor nor management would be able to definitely predict the president’s course of action, and both would consequently bargain more in earnest.

STRANGELY, none of Rice’s usually outspoken young liberals asked about the extent to which Kennedy espouses Galbraith’s economic policies.

No mention was made of the Democratic vice-presidential candidate except for Kennedy’s rather juvenile, “A Texan and a Yankee won before and a Texan and a Yankee will win again!”

Kennedy’s visit opened the Rice Forum for this year. He was given a brief introduction by the chairman of the Forum, senior Gary Webb. Webb also heads the Young Democrats at Rice.