Walker promotes Aggie investment

by Gwendolyn Hattaway

Battalion Reporter
In a quiet office on the sixth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library, Dr. Robert L. Walker, vice president for development, helps make decisions that affect lives of thousands of Texas A&M students. Walker coordinates fund raising for the Univer-

All scholarships, gifts and grants are handled through the Development Office.

"We're in the business of providing businesses and people the opportunity to invest in Aggies,' Walker says.

"Altogether last year, us everything from equipment Texas A&M received and supplies to horses and cows.

"When A&M provides good productive employees for a company, a lot of times the comgifts. A lot of different erything from equipment and supplies to make Walker's job a little easier, horses and cows," says Walker.

It's a pretty big job, he says. "There is always plenty to do," Walker says. "Altogether last year, Texas A&M received \$40.7 million in private gifts. A

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Dr. Robert L. Walker

pany will call and ask what they companies give us ev- can do for this University. It's a way of showing their gratitude." Students and faculty help

> he says.
> "Another reason fundraising is so successful at Texas A&M, he says, "is because of the courteous way the student body

treats visitors and the students' overall positive attitude toward

'Also, I sincerely believe all of our faculty help make the development activities here so suc-

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their programs and activities. favorite part of Walker' job, he says, is working with

"It is so refreshing to raise money from Aggies," he says. "You don't have to sell them on A&M. Once an Aggie, always an

Aggie."
Walker is definitely partial to Aggies.

"I love them," he says. Walker has been employed with the University since 1968. As well as being vice president for development he also is responsible for supervising the placement center.

Walker, Class of '58, met his wife at Texas A&M during summer school. Her father was a math instructor at the Univer-

"Back then, it was pretty unusual for anyone to meet his wife at Texas A&M," he says.

Walker received his bachelor's degree in marketing and his doctorate in educational administration from Texas

His daughter and one of his sons have graduated from Texas A&M and another son is a sophomore at the University.

"We have a son that is a senior at Bryan High ... there is a pretty lot of different companies give velopment activities here so successful. They are easy to work good chance that he will go here too," Walker says.



McCandless' position dual role

by Karen Schrimsher **Battalion Staff**

Dr. Charles McCandless, associate provost, says his days are usually spent in meetings.

"Some tend to be more productive than others," he says, "Those are the ones I enjoy."

Prior to the first of this year, McCandless served as interim Dystrophy Association Telethon affairs. His new title is a combination of the two positions associate provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"Some tend to be more than ratios productive others," Dr. Charles provost, says. "Those year are the ones I enjoy."

As associate provost, McCandless is involved in five year planning for the develop-ment of new academic programs and with the allocation of re-

He has been involved in many University endeavors, and has been assigned to committees such as the Master Plan Committee and the Special Energy Management Committee.

McCandless has a long record of public service. He has been a nistration from North Texas member of the Citizens Advis- State University. ory Committee for Capital Improvements for the city of Colcusseling until he was hired in tains.

He worked in athletics and camped and enjoyed the more tains.

president for academic Committee for Brazos County. Last school year, McCandless served as academic adviser for Company I-1. He counseled students in the outfit on academic

matters, visited regularly with the scholastic officer and was responsible for the orientation of freshmen on matters such as how to calculate grade-point He says he enjoyed the role,

lege Station, the Long-Range

planning Task Force of the Col-

lege Station Independent School District, and the Execu-

tive Committee of the Muscular

McCandless, associate but that his time is too committed for him to be an adviser this McCandless is a recipient of

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Award from the Memorial Student Center, and is a member of Leaders in Education. McCandless graduated from Texas A&M in 1956 with a bachelor of science degree in

health and physical education. Upon graduation, he was employed as a coach and physical

education teacher at a junior high school in Silsbee. In 1965 he received a master of education degree in counseling and guidance. One year later, he received his doctorate in counseling and personnel admi-

1961 by Texas A&M as directly of intramural athletics. McCandless has acted

assistant dean of the Colleg Liberal Arts, associate dean the College of Education, director of planning and ins tional analysis.

McCandless likes to play

tive games like raquetball. mitton and handball. Hee watching Aggie football, cially when the team wins "We're an Aggie fa

McCandless says. His attended the University, a with several of their five dren. Their four sons-it also are graduates.

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children. For their summer vacant McCandless and his wife nie traveled to Victoria, Bri Columbia, where they to

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