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AUSTIN--E.D. (Don) Walker has been named president and chief operations officer of the 12-institution University of Texas System.

He was appointed to that post today (Friday, July 29) by the U.T. Board of Regents at its regular meeting in Austin effective Sept. 1, 1977.

Mr. Walker, currently deputy chancellor, has been directing the day-to-day operations of the U.T. System since 1975. The U.T. System has headquarters in Austin, and its component institutions are located in Austin, Arlington, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, Houston, Odessa, San Antonio and Tyler.

Mr. Walker has been with the University since 1955, when he became business manager and comptroller of hospitals of the Galveston Medical Branch, a position he held until 1964. In 1964-65, he was associate director of the Medical Branch.

Joining the U.T. System administration in 1965, Mr. Walker has been, in succession, director of facilities planning and construction, vice chancellor for business affairs, executive vice chancellor for business affairs, executive vice chancellor for fiscal affairs, and deputy chancellor for administration.

He has held the title deputy chancellor since July 1975, when the Board of Regents increased his responsibilities.

Mr. Walker was on the administrative staff at Texas Technological College 1951-55 and was assistant professor of business administration at Sam Houston State University, 1949-51.

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He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948 from Sam Houston State and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1949 from The University of Texas at Austin. In 1976, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown.

He is a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Walker is married to the former Kathryn Keneaster, and they are the parents of a son, Don, Jr.

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