BIOGRAPHY:

Professor Fred J. Walker Jr., VU ’57, retired in May, 1996, after 32 years of service in the Journalism Program at Vincennes University. He established the Journalism Program in August, 1964, assuming at the same time operational authority over The Trailblazer, VU’s student newspaper. He was promoted to Full Professor of Journalism in April, 1971.

Walker was inducted into the National Community College Journalism Association Hall of Fame, August 13, 1994, in Atlanta, GA.

He received, in 1969, the University’s Blue and Gold Cord Award for leadership and service. His other VU honors include the annual Exemplary Service Award in 1992 and the Big Apple Award in 1990.

The Trailblazer, founded in 1923, has merited the national Associated Collegiate Press’ highest rating, All-American, for 52 semesters (1965-1995). Since 1967 VU’s
student newspaper received 196 citations and 54 First Place Awards in the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association Newspaper Contest.

Fred J. Walker Jr., a native of Washington, IN, died December 28, 2006. He bequeathed his private and professional papers, letters, documents, photographs, and other items to the Byron R. Lewis Historical Collections Library at Vincennes University.

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*The Fred Walker Jr. Papers were archived by Jill Larson, Librarian, who also compiled this Finding Aid.*

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Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast
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Fred Walker’s Paper
“A Proposed Solution to a VU
Public Relations Problem”
(Submitted to IU. Journalism Depart.)
May, 1958

Box #20 Folder #4
Publication Program at VU
By Fred J. Walker Jr.
May, 1958

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“Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Contributions
to American Journalism and Its Functions--
A Brief Evaluation of the 32nd President’s

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A Biographical Study of Elihu Stout
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“The Follies of 1957”
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John F. Kennedy Collection
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***A large box containing many awards conferred upon Mr. Walker during his tenure at Vincennes University. 
(This collection is stored at Lewis Historical Library, VU)