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******Southwestern professor to become Microbiology chairman at new Uniformed Services medical school.

DALLAS--Dr. Randall K. Holmes, associate professor of Internal Medicine and associate director of the division of Infectious Diseases at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Microbiology and professor of Microbiology and Internal Medicine at the new Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., effective Sept. 1, 1976.

A faculty member here since 1972, Dr. Holmes will continue his teaching and research at the new federal institution, which is to open its doors to students this fall. He will develop the teaching programs for the department and will recruit its faculty members.

"I consider this a very exciting opportunity," he said. "Infectious diseases are significant problems for the Uniformed Services, and the study of microbiology and infectious diseases will be an important part of the medical curriculum for our students."

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Dr. Holmes is a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College and received both his medical degree and Ph.D. in Microbiology from New York University in 1968. Before joining the center's faculty, he was a research associate in the laboratory of Biochemistry and Metabolism in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolic and Digestive Diseases of the NIH.

In 1975, Dr. Holmes received a National Institutes of Health Research Career Development Award for his research on bacterial toxins and the pathogenesis of infectious diseases.

Dr. Holmes has authored 39 papers and abstracts dealing with infectious diseases. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine and in the subspecialty of Infectious Diseases. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Society for Microbiology, the Society for General Microbiology, the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, plus numerous other organizations.