Zale Lipshy University Hospital At Southwestern Medical Center

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****University Medical Center names Robert Priddy to board

DALLAS -- Robert Priddy of Wichita Falls has been elected to the board of directors of University Medical Center in Dallas. University Medical Center, Inc., is the private, nonprofit corporation that manages the new Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas.

University Hospital is a 160-bed teaching and referral hospital for use by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School faculty.

Prior to the November opening, UT Southwestern was the only one of the top 20 medical schools in the country that did not have a university hospital for referred patients.

Priddy attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business

Administration and graduated with a M.B.A. in 1942. He founded Dual

Drilling Co. in 1951 and served as chief executive officer. The

company was headquartered in Wichita Falls from 1951 until 1983, when

it was sold to the Bechtel Group, Inc., and relocated to Dallas.

Priddy remained chief executive officer from 1980 until his retirement

in 1986. He continues to serve as chairman of the board. From 1955

until 1988 he served as director of the Sabine Corporation, which was

founded by his father, Walter Priddy.

"I joined the board of University Medical Center because I want University Hospital and UT Southwestern Medical School to have a

(More)

greater impact on the Wichita Falls area. I want to make our community and physicians aware of the new facilities that are available," Priddy said.

University Hospital was designed as the hospital of the future. A computerized clinical information management system, installed by Perot Systems of Dallas, frees physicians and nurses of many routine tasks so they can spend more time on patient care.

University Hospital is equipped with the latest in computerized imaging devices including angiography equipment for diagnosing life-threatening vascular disorders, computer-assisted tomography scanning (CAT scan) that produces three-dimensional images of internal organs and abnormalities.

Priddy was born in Wichita Falls in 1918. He and his wife Ruby have four children and six grandchildren.