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* * * * Stull appointed associate dean of UTHSCD
graduate school

DALLAS--Dr. James Stull, associate professor of pharmacology, has been appointed associate dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. Stull, who came to UTHSCD in 1978, will assume duties immediately.

"Dr. Stull is a very dedicated and effective member of the graduate faculty and one with exemplary credentials as a basic scientist," says Dr. William B. Neaves, dean.

A graduate of Southwestern at Memphis, Stull received his Ph.D. in pharmacology from Emory University in 1971. He was a U.S. Public Health Service trainee from 1966-1971, a fellow of the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research from 1971-1973 and an Established Investigator for the American Heart Association from 1973-1978.

Stull served as a research associate in the Department of Medicine at the University of California at San Diego from 1969-1971. In 1971 he joined the Department of Biological Chemistry at the University of California at Davis as a fellow. Remaining at Davis, he served as an adjunct assistant professor in the department of biological chemistry from 1973-74, when he returned to the San Diego campus. The scientist was both assistant and associate professor of pharmacology at San Diego before joining the Dallas health science center.

The researcher's interests include the biochemical regulation of glycogen metabolism; the biochemical mechanisms of drugs and hormones related to contractile performance of cardiac skeletal and smooth muscles; the molecular mechanisms of contraction and regulation by calcium; and the function of protein phosphorylation in metabolic and contractile processes. Stull presented the Oct. 8 Faculty Seminar on "Myosin Phosphorylation: Biochemical Mechanism for Regulating Contraction," sponsored by the Departments of Physiology and Internal Medicine.

"The appointment of Stull will continue the graduate school's tradition of having administrators who maintain active careers in basic research," says Neaves.

"Maintenance of this tradition, which dates back at least to Parkhurst Shore and includes the administrations of Ron Estabrook and Kern Wildenthal, is crucial to the credibility of the graduate school as a research-oriented enterprise," says Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the health science center. "The faculty and students of the graduate school are themselves heavily involved in research and rightly expect their administration to understand and identify with their concerns. Jim Stull has demonstrated both his competency as a researcher and his personal concern for the education of graduate students. He will serve the graduate school exceptionally well as the new associate dean."

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