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******Heart Researcher Appointed Acting
Dean of Graduate School.*

DALLAS--Dr. Kern Wildenthal, a heart research scientist, has been appointed acting dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

Health Science Center President Dr. Charles C. Sprague made the appointment Wednesday, Oct. 13, noting it would allow former graduate school dean Ronald Estabrook to devote full time to his position as chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and his research and teaching activities.

A search committee is at work to make recommendations for a permanent chairman for the graduate school.

Dr. Wildenthal, who holds both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, recently returned from a year as Guggenheim Fellow and Visiting Scientist at the University of Cambridge, England.

A professor with appointments in the departments of Physiology and Internal Medicine, Dr. Wildenthal has developed new methods of heart culture and preservation. As associate director of the Weinberger Laboratory for Cardiopulmonary Research at Southwestern Medical School, he was part of a team which successfully used the little known "diving reflex" to aid in control of a runaway heart condition known as paroxysmal atrial tachycardia.

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Dr. Wildenthal is the recipient of the 1976 Sybil Thorndike Research Award and was named as one of the outstanding teachers for 1975 by the Southwestern Medical School student body.

He has received three research fellowships and a career development award from the U.S. Public Health Service as well as a number of other fellowships and scholarships.

Dr. Wildenthal received a bachelors degree in English literature and pre-medical sciences from Sul Ross College where he was named outstanding student of the year for 1960. He received his M.D. degree from Southwestern Medical School and his Ph.D. from Cambridge.

After internship at Bellevue Hospital in New York and residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital, he was a guest scientist at the National Heart Institute and a special research fellow at Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge.

Dr. Wildenthal has published more than 70 papers on cardiac physiology and metabolism, lysosomal function and myocardial organ culture. He is a member of more than a dozen societies dedicated to heart research and other disciplines.

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