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****Neaves named executive vice president
at UT Southwestern

DALLAS--Dr. William Neaves assumed duties May 1 as executive vice president for academic affairs at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Neaves, who has been dean of UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and interim dean of UT Southwestern Medical School, is the first appointee to this position.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern Medical Center, said that Neaves is "uniquely well qualified for this important new position. As the academic leader of the graduate school for the past eight years and the medical school for the past two years, Dr. Neaves has captured the respect and admiration of the entire faculty. He is widely recognized as an outstanding leader in the business and biotechnology community as well as in academics. His vital role at UT Southwestern will expand even more with his new post."

Neaves came to Southwestern as an assistant professor of cell biology in 1972 after serving as a research fellow in anatomy at Harvard Medical School. During that period he was the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation postdoctoral fellowship and also served as a lecturer in veterinary anatomy at the University of Nairobi. In 1983 he received the Young Andrologist Award of the American Society of Andrology for research contributions to the biology of reproduction. He became a full professor in 1977 and was appointed dean of the graduate school in 1980. In 1987 Neaves assumed the additional responsibility of interim dean of the medical school, a post in which he served until May 1 of this year.

The expert in reproduction has also headed the Medical Scientist Training Program, which trains biomedical scientists who earn both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. He is highly regarded by students both in the medical and graduate schools, and the medical school's class of 1979 voted him Outstanding Teacher.

Neaves served as chairman of the Dallas Mayor's Biotechnology Task Force Scientific Advisory Board in 1984-85. He was a participant on the City of Dallas/Dallas Chamber of Commerce Business Development Mission to the Orient in 1984 and to Japan in 1985.

A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College in 1966, the new vice president attended Harvard Medical School and received a Ph.D. degree in anatomy from Harvard University in 1969.

Dr. Rody Cox, dean of UT Southwestern Medical School, assumed duties as interim dean of UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences May 1.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.