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\*\*\*\*Dr. William Neaves named dean  
of UT Southwestern Medical School

William Neaves, Ph.D., will become dean of Southwestern Medical School on Sept. 1.

Kern Wildenthal, M.D., Ph.D., president of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, announced that Neaves is the unanimous choice of a search committee made up of 16 department chairmen in the medical school and the head of Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Neaves has been executive vice president for academic affairs for the medical center since May 1988. He had previously served as dean of Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and as interim dean of Southwestern Medical School.

Wildenthal said, "As the committee defined the qualities required of a dean at this point in Southwestern Medical School's history, it became clear that Bill Neaves is superbly qualified.

"The dean of Southwestern Medical School needs strong skills in academic leadership; knowledge of the school and the faculty; a full understanding of the education, clinical and research missions of the medical school; and a total commitment to excellence and balance in all three of these vital areas. Bill Neaves has demonstrated his

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qualifications in all these regards, and he has a proven record of leadership and success."

Neaves is a native of Texas, born in Spur in 1943. After graduating from Spur High School in 1962, he attended Harvard College, where he earned an A.B. magna cum laude in biology in 1966. He received a Ph.D. in anatomy from Harvard Medical School in 1969.

From January 1970 to December 1971 he served as a research fellow in anatomy at Harvard. During this 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 1972 Neaves joined the faculty of Southwestern Medical School, where he continued his work in reproductive endocrinology while teaching freshman medical students and graduate students. He directed the anatomy teaching program at Southwestern from 1975 to 1978 and received teaching awards from several classes of medical students.

In 1983 he received the Young Andrologist Award of the American Society of Andrology for research contributions to the biology of reproduction. Besides numerous book chapters and abstracts, he has published more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles describing the results of his research, which has been funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health.

After serving as associate dean from 1977 to 1980, Neaves was appointed dean of Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1980. In addition to administrative responsibility for basic science research and graduate education as dean of the graduate school, he became interim dean of Southwestern Medical School in 1986.

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In 1988 he was appointed executive vice president for academic affairs. In that position, he has been responsible for the academic administration of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and its three schools.

He also directs the biotechnology transfer program of UT Southwestern. This program, funded by a \$3-million grant from the John Hartford Foundation, translates the results of research conducted at the university into public benefit through the auspices of Dallas Biomedical Corporation, an independent company.

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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.