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DALLAS SCIENTIST NOMINATED REGENT
FOR NEW SERVICES MEDICAL SCHOOL

DALLAS--President Nixon has nominated a Dallas medical scientist, Dr. P.O'B. Montgomery, for appointment to the Board of Regents of the new Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Dr. Montgomery, a professor of pathology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, was a chief investigator on a recent Skylab experiment to determine effects of weightlessness on human lung cells.

The nomination, which will go to the Senate for approval, was announced by the White House Wednesday (June 12).

Students at the new university being established in Bethesda, Md., are commissioned members of the uniformed services. It is authorized to grant M.D. and other advanced degrees and is tentatively planned to open in September, 1975.

Dr. Montgomery is being appointed to serve the remainder of the four-year term of Dr. Anthony R. Curreri who was appointed president of the new health university. The term expires May 1, 1977.

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Other members of the board include David Packard, chairman of Hewlett-Packard Co.; Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, USA (Ret.); Dr. Malcolm C. Todd, a physician in Long Beach, Calif.; Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, president of the University of Washington; Dr. Joseph D. Matarazzo, chairman of Medical Psychology at the University of Oregon Medical School; Dr. H. Ashton Thomas of New Orleans; Dr. Durward G. Hall, a retired congressman of Springfield, Mo.; and Dr. Alfred A. Marquez, a San Francisco physician.

Ex-officio members include the assistant secretary of defense and the surgeons general of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Dr. Montgomery, who has previously been recognized for his work in development of an ultraviolet "flying spot" microscope, is currently president of the Biological Humanics Foundation and is a member of and medical adviser to the Board of Directors of the Damon Runyon Walter Winchell Memorial Fund for Cancer Research.

He is listed in "Leaders in American Science," "American Men of Science," "World Who's Who in Science," "Who's Who in American Medicine," Marquis' "Who's Who," and "The International Scholars Directory."

Appointed as Associate Dean in 1968, Dr. Montgomery headed a task force which planned a \$40 million building program for The UT Health Science Center in Dallas. As special assistant to the Chancellor he headed a team which planned the new UT Medical School in Houston and then the University of Texas at Dallas.

He is president of the Board of St. Mark's School, and has been a committee member for the National Cancer Plan and a member of the Pathology Study Section of the NIH. In 1970, he was recipient of the Astronauts' "Silver Snoopy" Award for professional excellence.

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He has been a member of the editorial boards of the journal, "Cancer Research," "Space Life Sciences Journal," and "Texas Reports on Biology and Medicine Journal.

With a team of associates housed in Woodlawn Hospital, Dr. Montgomery developed the scientific instrument package containing human lung cells which flew with one of the later Strylab missions. Purpose of the experiment was to determine if the cells underwent any changes from their earthbound life cycles.

Dr. Montgomery has been associated with the Department of Pathology at Southwestern Medical School since 1952.

After taking a B.S. degree from Southern Methodist University in 1942, Dr. Montgomery received his M.D. from Columbia in 1945. After internship in the Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y., he served as captain in the Army Medical Corps. He was named a fellow in Pathology at Southwestern in 1950. During 1951-52, he was appointed research assistant in Pathology and Cancer Research for the Cancer Research Institute at Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He then was named assistant professor of Pathology at Southwestern in 1952 and full professor in 1961. He was associate dean of Southwestern in 1968-70.

Dr. Montgomery is former president of the Dallas County Hospital District medical staff and former Dallas County Medical examiner. He is author or co-author of more than 100 scientific papers and is a member of more than 30 medical and scientific societies.

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