

# **news** THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS

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DALLAS--A neurosurgeon who has been able to block drug addiction in animals will be a featured lecturer before the North Texas Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience here Feb. 6.

Dr. F.W.L. Kerr, a professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at Mayo Clinic, has conducted a number of experiments with monkeys and rats which have been addicted to morphine.

He has been able to block the addiction by altering the hypothalamus region of the brain by chemical and other means.

Dr. Kerr's speech will deal with this work, being entitled, "Central Nervous System Mechanisms in Experimental Morphine Addiction." It will be given at 8 p.m. in the Callier Hearing and Speech Center, 1966 Inwood Rd., according to Dr. George Moushegian, president of the North Texas Chapter.

In addition, Dr. Kerr will conduct a clinical neuroscience seminar for the Department of Neurology at Southwestern Medical School at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. The scientist's appearance in Dallas is jointly sponsored by the medical school and the Callier center.

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Dr. Kerr was at Washington University Medical School at St. Louis and the State University of New York at Syracuse prior to joining Mayo Clinic.

He received his M.D. degree from the National University in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and did his internship at the British Hospital in that city. He is a fellow of the American Clinical Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and a number of other professional groups.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: Dr. Kerr has agreed to be available for interviews. If enough interest is shown, he will have a press conference from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at Southwestern Medical School. Please contact the Office of Information if you plan coverage.)