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***** Jonsson Visiting Professor, Dr. Paul Berg, to present lectures

DALLAS -- Dr. Paul Berg, professor of biochemistry at Stanford University School of Medicine, will be the 1985-86 Philip R. Jonsson Visiting Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

The Nobel laureate will present the Eighteenth Annual Sigma Xi Lecture on "Novel Minichromosomes for the Study of Gene Function and Recombination in Mammalian Cells" on Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. in room Dl.600. He will also present a University Lecture, "Genes and Genomes: A Changing Perspective," on Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. in room Dl.700.

Berg won the 1980 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his fundamental studies of the biochemistry of nucleic acids with regard to recombinant DNA.

He received a B.S. from Pennsylvania State University and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. Berg served a predoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health and a postdoctoral research fellowship for the American Cancer Society at both the Institute of Cytophysiology in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

Berg was then named a scholar in cancer research in the department of microbiology at Washington University School of Medicine. He later became an assistant professor and then associate professor of microbiology there. He then went to Stanford University School of Medicine as an associate professor of biochemistry and later became chairman of that department. He is now the Sam, Lulu and Jack Willson Professor of Biochemistry at Stanford University School of Medicine.

In addition to the Nobel Prize in chemistry, Berg has received numerous honors and awards, including election to the National Academy of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has served on several committees and editorial boards and also has presented a variety of special lectureships worldwide. Berg's special appointments include serving on advisory boards to the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, the National Science Foundation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

The Jonsson Professorship is sponsored by the Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and annually brings distinguished biomedical scientists to the health science center to highlight the importance of basic research to the advancement of medicine.

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