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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CULMINATES WITH BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

DALLAS — September 24, 1993 — The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will conclude its 50th anniversary festivities with "A Celebration of Biomedical Science," a two-day symposium hosted by Southwestern Medical Foundation Oct. 7-8 at UT Southwestern.

Although most of the seminars are aimed at the scientific community, a 1:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, session on "Directions for Biomedical Science" will also be of interest to the general public. The session will include a panel discussion featuring Drs. James Watson and Francis Crick, who won the Nobel Prize for their discovery of the structure of DNA; Dr. Sydney Brenner of the Medical Research Council; and Dr. Francois Jacob of the Institut Pasteur and a Nobel laureate. The symposium will be in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. Admission is free.

Other sessions will focus on Genetic Disease and Gene Therapy; Signaling and Neurobiology; and Molecular Biology and Development of Cancer. The participants include 10 members of the National Academy of Sciences.

Some of UT Southwestern's top researchers will moderate the symposium. Dr. Jonathan Uhr, chairman of microbiology and holder of the Raymond Willie Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research, in Honor of Laverne and Raymond Willie, Sr., will chair the session on "Molecular Biology and the Development of Cancer." Dr. Alfred Gilman, chairman of pharmacology and holder of the Raymond Willie Distinguished Chair in Molecular Neuropharmacology, in Honor of Harold P. Crasilneck, Ph.D., will head the session on "Signaling and Neurobiology."

Dr. Michael S. Brown, Nobel laureate, director of the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease and holder of the

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W.A. (Monty) Moncrief Distinguished Chair in Cholesterol and Arteriosclerosis Research and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine, will chair the "Genetic Disease and Gene Therapy" session. Dr. Joseph L. Goldstein, Nobel laureate, chairman of molecular genetics and holder of the Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine, will moderate the "Directions for Biomedical Science" session.

"The current revolution in molecular biology has transmuted the investigation of mechanisms of disease into an enormously powerful scientific discipline," said Dr. Donald Seldin, vice chairman of Southwestern Medical Foundation, professor of internal medicine and organizer of the symposium.

"The symposium focuses on basic processes with the expectation that study at this level offers the greatest promise for the understanding of biologic function and its derangement by disease, as well as affording the greatest hope for palliative, curative or even preventive treatment," Seldin said.

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