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*****1968 Nobel Laureate to deliver
Zale Lecture in Pediatrics April 5.

DALLAS--Geneticist Dr. Marshall Nirenberg, who was named 1968 Nobel Laureate for his work in deciphering the genetic code, will speak on "Regulation of Synapse Formation" at the fourteenth annual Morris and Edna Zale Pediatric Lecture April 5.

The lectureship, funded in honor of the Zales by Mr. Leo Fields and his family, has brought outstanding speakers to Dallas, including four Nobel Prize winners in the last 10 years. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics of The University of Texas Health Science Center, and will be held at 4 p.m. in the Hugh Leslie Moore Auditorium at Children's Medical Center.

Nirenberg, chief of the Lab of Biochemical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, will visit the campus in a dual capacity, as he meets with faculty members April 4 and 5 in his additional role as Visiting Professor of Neurology. Dr. Heinz Eichenwald, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, is chairman of the Zale Lecture and hosts Nirenberg in that capacity. Dr. Roger N. Rosenberg, chairman of the center's Department of Neurology and former associate of Nirenberg, will host the informal meetings with the neurology faculty.

Nirenberg is now working in the area of neuroscience. His work is directed at understanding the genetic basis of how the nervous system receives, stores and retrieves information. Rosenberg formerly worked for the scientist at N.I.H. and is still involved in the biochemical development of neural tissue and events which regulate the maturation of the brain.

"Dr. Nirenberg's visit is very significant to the school and to the city of Dallas," said Rosenberg, adding that the researcher may well be remembered along with scientists such as Darwin and Einstein for his contribution to scientific knowledge.

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