

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

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DALLAS--Dr. Robert M. Dowben, professor of physiology at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, has been elected president of the Southwestern Club of the Society of Sigma Xi.

The society, a national honorary organization of scientists dedicated to promoting excellence in research and scholarship, also elected Dr. Julian A. Peterson, assistant professor of biochemistry at UTHSCD, as secretary-treasurer.

The Southwestern Club of the society sponsors a Graduate Student Research Forum each spring at which selected students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences present results of their research.

Dr. Dowben, an internationally-known authority on muscle contraction, active transport and hereditary neuromuscular diseases, replaces the outgoing president, Dr. Parkhurst A. Shore, professor of pharmacology.

The new president expressed the intention that Sigma Xi will play an essential role in encouraging scientific achievement and providing recognition to outstanding students concurrent with the expansion of graduate training at UTHSCD. He pointed out that membership in the Southwestern Club is not restricted to persons affiliated with the center. Plans to invite some distinguished scientists for lectures are being drafted.

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