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****UTHSCD creates fellowship
to honor Ida M. Green

DALLAS -- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas has created the Ida M. Green Southwestern Graduate Fellowship to honor one of its major benefactors. The fellowship was announced by Dr. Kern Wildenthal, the university's president, during the dedication of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Biomedical Research Building on Apr. 21.

The scholarship recognizes the late Mrs. Green's enthusiasm for educational philanthropy and her abiding interest in students. The \$2000 award is designated for an outstanding female student in the Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Lisa Rogers, the first recipient of the Ida M. Green Southwestern Graduate Fellowship, is a student in the Physiology Graduate Program.

At UTHSCD, the Greens have made major contributions resulting in the building of the new Cecil H. and Ida Green Biomedical Research Building and the Green Science Building. The couple also endowed the Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences and the Green Chair in Reproductive Biology Sciences.

Lisa Rogers graduated in 1984 from the University of Nevada at Reno with a bachelor of science in general biology. She received an ROTC scholarship for her studies and graduated a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After completing officers training camp, Lisa was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Rogers entered Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1984 and was named the outstanding first-year graduate student in the Physiology Graduate Program for 1984-1985. She has been working in the lab of Dr. Sergio Ojeda for one and a half years.

Her dissertation concerns the regulation of cytoskeletal protein synthesis in the brain during development. More specifically, she is looking at the effects of estradiol (a female sex hormone) on brain development and trying to determine if estradiol plays a role in the "wiring" of the brain. Eventually she hopes to see if the brain circuitry is different in males and females and if that could be influenced by levels of estradiol present during development.

Rogers is secretary and treasurer of the Graduate Student Organization and a recipient of the Sigma Xi Graduate Student Research Award in 1985 and 1986. She has also been involved in the publishing of two works and will present an abstract to the Endocrine Society in June.

Rogers says, "I enjoy Southwestern Graduate School because I feel that the research is high-powered and there are a lot of good, motivated young people here who are really going somewhere with their research.

"When I was in college, I thought I would not like research because I assumed that the typical researcher was locked away in a lab with no people interaction. I have since discovered that research is what you make of it. It can be very rewarding. When you find something that no one else has found before, it makes you feel good. I now enjoy research more than I ever thought I would."

After completing her graduate studies, Rogers plans to serve a postdoctoral position in the U.S. Army. "Eventually I would like a teaching position that also involves research," she says.

Lisa Rogers is the daughter of James D. Rogers, a retired engineer living in Reno, Nevada.

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Note: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Allied Health Sciences.