

Dr. William Nunn Lipscomb Jr. to lecture

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Dr. William Nunn Lipscomb Jr., Nobel Laureate in chemistry from Harvard University, will present the sixth annual lectureship in chemistry at the University of California, San Diego during the week of April 9.

The lectures, scheduled for April 9, 10 and 13, are co-sponsored by the Calbiochem-Behring Corporation and the UC San Diego Foundation. All of the talks will begin at 4 p.m. in room 2622 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle campus.

On Monday, April 9, Lipscomb will discuss "How Do Enzymes Work?" On Tuesday, April 10, his topic will be "Regulation of Protein Function by Conformational Changes" and on Friday, April 13, he will lecture on "Structure, Bonding and Reactions of Boranes and Carboranes."

Lipscomb, currently Abbott and James Lawrence Professor at Harvard, won the Nobel Prize in 1976 for his study of the structure of boranes, which illuminated the problems of chemical bonding.

He earned his doctorate at the California Institute of Technology in 1946 and joined the University of Minnesota as an assistant professor of chemistry the same year. He attained the rank of professor and chief of the physical chemistry division at Minnesota before moving to Harvard in 1959.

Lipscomb is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and has won numerous honors and awards including honorary doctorates from the University of Kentucky, the University of Munich and Long Island University.

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