



Hear Nobel Prize-winning chemist

Dr. Peter C. Agre, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in chemistry, speak at the annual Richard G. Werth Lecture in Chemistry at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Knutson Campus Center Centrum. Agre's lecture, "My Life in Science," tells of his journey to the Nobel Prize.

As a child, Agre conducted chemistry experiments in the lab of his college-professor father. He never doubted he'd follow his father's career path. Those aspirations seemed far off, however, when the Minnesota native withdrew from high school after his chemistry grade dropped to a "D."

Agre eventually finished his high school degree in night school and went on to study chemistry at Augsburg College. From there he studied medicine at Johns Hopkins where he committed his life to biomedical research.

In 2003, Agre shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovering aquaporins, a family of water channel proteins. The discovery opened the door to a whole series of biochemical, physiological and genetic studies.

The lecture is free and open to the public.