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******Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson to address UT
Southwestern Medical School's 33rd
annual commencement on Saturday, May 24.*

DALLAS--Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will address the 33rd annual commencement ceremonies of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences on Saturday, May 24, at 8 p.m. on the school's campus.

One hundred and thirty-three Doctor of Medicine degrees will be awarded, comprising the largest class ever to graduate from the medical school. This marks the beginning of the school's move toward annual graduating classes of 200 by 1978, initiated by the 1974 freshman class. Last year's class totaled 112 members.

Graduate science degrees will also be given by the graduate school to eight candidates in joint ceremonies of the two components of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. Center president Dr. Charles C. Sprague will preside.

For the first time in the school's history, graduation exercises will take place on campus in the plaza area of the center's recently-completed \$40 million building complex.

A highlight of the program will be the presentation of the Award of Ho Din to an outstanding senior medical student. The \$1,000 award, made annually by the Southwestern Medical Foundation, will be presented by Mrs. Eugene McDermott, a trustee of the foundation.

This year's ceremony will also feature for the first time in a number of years the presentation of academic hoods to the graduates, to be made by Dr. Paul Peters, chairman of the Division of Urology, and Dr. Allan Pierce, professor of Internal Medicine.

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In addition to Mrs. Johnson, who is a member of The University of Texas System Board of Regents, graduates will also hear senior class president Mike Irwin. Both speakers were chosen by the graduating class.

Dr. Joe T. Nelson, also a member of The UT Board of Regents, will confer the degrees. The 119 men and 14 women candidates for the M.D. degree will be presented by Dr. Frederick J. Bonte, Southwestern dean. Candidates for six Doctor of Philosophy degrees and two Master of Science degrees will be presented by graduate school dean, Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook.

Graduate school degrees include two M.S.'s in Rehabilitation Counseling and Ph.D.'s in Clinical Psychology (two), Pharmacology, Cell Biology, Physiology and Microbiology.

The Physician's Oath will be administered to medical graduates by Dr. Gladys J. Fashena, professor of Pediatrics and president-elect of the Dallas County Medical Society. Marshals for the academic procession will be Dr. Jack Reynolds, professor of Radiology; Dr. Hal Weathersby, professor of Cell Biology and Health Care Sciences; and Dr. Bruce Fallis, professor of Pathology.

J. Woodie Holden, father of senior medical graduate Dwight Holden and a retired Church of Christ clergyman, will give the invocation and benediction.

Special music will be provided by a brass ensemble from North Texas State University in Denton. A tour of the center's new facilities will be held in the afternoon.

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