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DALLAS--A brainy new bride walked away with the top honor bestowed on a graduating medical student at commencement for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School Monday night.

Dr. Barbara Elizabeth Murray, who in private life became Mrs. Kenneth Paul Lefner a few days ago, received the Ho Din Award from Southwestern Medical Foundation in recognition of the qualities of intellect and human feeling which are combined in great physicians.

Dr. Murray is the daughter of Dr. Grover E. Murray, president of Texas Tech University at Lubbock, and Mrs. Murray.

She was one of 104 medical students who received their Doctor of Medicine degrees from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, who is a regent of The University of Texas System.

Presenting the Ho Din award was Edward H. Cary Jr., member of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

The award consists of a key and scroll symbolizing the precepts of Ho Din and a check for \$1,000 in memory of Mr. Cary's late father, Dr. E.H. Cary, first president of the foundation.

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Mr. Cary noted that "The awards committee members have given me two insights into the special qualities of this young lady--this new physician. First she has spent the past two summers combining her growing medical knowledge and her deep sense of social responsibility by working in clinics in Latin America.

"And second, she has received a much-coveted internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, one of the most sought-after in the country," Mr. Cary said.

The 25-year-old Dr. Murray attended Rice University at Houston and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution. She was graduated cum laude and named to Phi Beta Kappa. It was also at Rice that she met her husband.

She is an active member of the Student American Medical Association and of the May Owen Branch of the American Medical Womens Association.

The new physician entered Southwestern Medical School in 1969 and was a top scholastic performer. Students from Southwestern traditionally have been at or near the top scholastically on a national basis.

Of the 39 persons who have received the Ho Din Award (there were double awards in some years), seven have become members of medical school faculties. Six are at Southwestern and three of them are chairmen of departments or divisions. Others are in medical administration and with the National Institutes of Health.

In addition to the M.D. degrees awarded in ceremonies at McFarlin Auditorium on the SMU campus Monday night, three others were granted Master of Arts degrees, two Master of Science degrees and four the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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