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Albertans go for Rhodes

by Jennifer Strain

People with impressive academic and extracurricular record and who have sound intellect and character may be eligible to receive one of the most prestigious scholarships in the world, tenable at Oxford University.

"It is probably the most generous scholarship in existence," said D.P. Jones, U of A Law professor and secretary of the Alberta Selection Committee for the Rhodes scholarships.

Established in 1904, under the will of Cecil Rhodes, the scholarships entitle winners to two and possibly three years of undergraduate or advanced study at Oxford. The stipend includes payment of the student's fees, a maintenance allowance to cover room and board, and transportation expenses to and from Oxford. The value of each scholarship thus varies, but is approximately \$20,000 per year.

"There is no limitation as to subject of study," said Jones. "There is

also no limitation as to race, sex or religion. The original will stipulated that only men were eligible, but that was changed by an Act of the British Parliament about ten years ago," he added.

To be eligible, applicants must be unmarried, have at least two years of university study behind them, and be between 18 and 24 years old on the day they would begin attendance at Oxford. They are not required to write an exam. Selection is made on the basis of a personal interview before a selection committee and the applicants record. In his will, Cecil Rhodes listed certain desirable qualities of a scholar: literary and scholastic achievement, interest in outdoor sports, truth, courage, determination, and unselfish interest in one's fellowman.

"We are looking for leaders of the future," said Jones. "Success in academics and sports is important, but those achievements don't necessarily have to be first class. Sim-

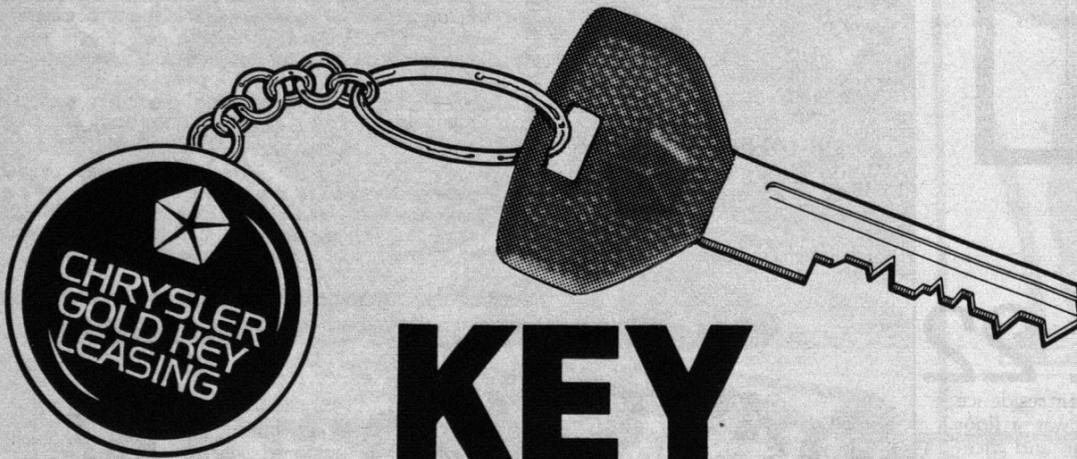
ilarly, a person who is involved in community work should demonstrate to us that he is involved for unselfish reasons." Jones added, "We are looking for a well-rounded person."

There are 80 Rhodes scholarships available throughout the world per year. Eleven are allotted to Canada, of which 2 go to Ontario, 2 to Quebec, 1 to B.C., 1 to Newfoundland, 2 to the Atlantic Provinces, and 3 to the Prairie Provinces.

Alberta candidates go before a Provincial Selection Committee which nominates no more than 3 candidates to appear before a Regional Selection Committee. Saskatchewan and Manitoba do the same. From these 9 candidates, the Regional Committee selects 3 winners.

"In the absence of appropriately qualified candidates, no scholarships will be given," said Jones. "Thus there is no guaranteed scholarship for Alberta, but our candidates usually fare pretty well. We usually get about 20-30 applications from across the province each year," he added.

Applications for the scholarships commencing in the autumn of 1987 must be received by October 1986. Information regarding these can be obtained from Professor Jones, 459 Law Centre. 432-5568.



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students who stay the summer and who gets preference to the rooms when school reconvenes in the fall. There were also rates to work out.

Bruch does not believe the March 23 meeting was too late. "We were asked to keep it open", said Bruch. "Students don't know if they are staying yet, for example if they have jobs."

Our concern is not that many people have signed up over the summer."

One example of the contradictory information students have received is the case of one resident who planned to live in Pembina until the beginning of June. When she went to Housing to deposit her \$50.00, she was told Pembina would be full of people on four month contracts. The same afternoon, another resident was told Pembina would not be full so residents would have to move on only two floors. "I was told the opposite information by the same person, the same afternoon", said this resident.

"Even with something in writing, I don't trust it... There doesn't seem to be a lot of communication and even when there is, a lot comes from us."

"A lot of times I've had to solve their administrative problems... and when there's a problem I don't even get an apology."

Michael Shore, the Vice-president of the Pembina Students' Association, however is more optimistic that now Housing seems to be more aware and "seem more willing to listen."

Shore believes the main problem is that "when a crisis comes up, they react to it", instead of working on a consistent policy. Shore had decided to stay on as vice-president next year because he believes a better relationship can be worked out.

"It's the issue of who's here for whom", said the first resident. "We want to study, we need a place to live. They do have a lot of control over us... We are at risk."