

# Students win coveted Rhodes

by John Kenney

Nobody from Saskatchewan won at two students from the U of A - and the Students' Union Executive - did. Eileen Gillese, vp finance and administration, and Ken McFarlane, vp



Eileen Gillese, SU vp finance

academic, each walked away with a Rhodes Scholarship worth \$5,200 a year and two to three years of study at Oxford University, England after their final screening at Winnipeg over the weekend.

Gillese is one of four women in Canada ever to win a Rhodes Scholarship. This is the first year the competition has been open to women applicants.

The Rhodes Scholarship, begun in 1902 and funded by the Cecil Rhodes Foundation, is awarded to applicants on the basis of academic ability, community involvement and athletics.

Of the 32 Alberta students who applied for the scholarship only 16 were chosen to attend the preliminary interviews in Calgary and, out of this group, only three travelled to Winnipeg for final selection.

McFarlane, a fourth year honors student in political science, described the Friday night in Winnipeg "as essentially a cocktail party where we stood around talking to the judges."

Saturday, McFarlane and Gillese were quizzed by judges about contemporary problems and personal activities for more than an hour.

McFarlane said he'll probably take

jurisprudence and law at Oxford and then return to study law at the U of A. Gillese said she will also take jurisprudence at Oxford but will not likely practise law in Canada.

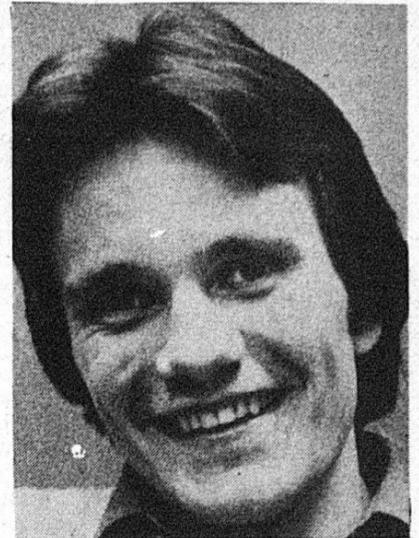
Gillese, a fourth-year commerce student, said she expected that since this was the first year the competition was open to women, there would be a token female applicant from each province. She was, however, the only female among the eight Western finalists.

She described the tension at the Winnipeg finals as significant but nothing to match the experience of last year's Rhodes scholar from the University of Manitoba.

That scholar was hospitalized for stress for two weeks in England before being sent home to rest, Gillese said. It's expected that he will return to Oxford for his second year of study.

Gillese, whose activities have included public speaking and management training, said most of the questions put to her by the Rhodes committee had to do with the energy crisis, the Berger inquiry over the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, and topics related to the economy.

McFarlane was queried on academic questions which he has encountered during his eight months, providing academic representation on various committees and boards of the university, as well as on political issues within Canada.



Ken McFarlane, SU vp academic

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# Board rejects fee hike

by Kevin Gillese

The Board of Governors voted unanimously Friday to reject differential fees for foreign students.

But the Board agreed to review its decision if further information about a two-tier tuition system is received from Alberta's minister of advanced education, Dr. Bert Hohol.

Hohol proposed a two-tier system of tuition fees last spring and has since stated he will not accept any university budget for 1977-78 unless it includes a "significant" increase in tuition fees assessed to foreign students.

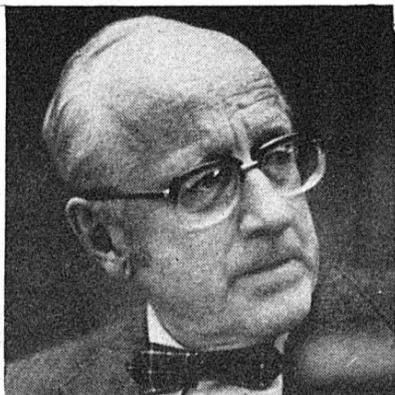
The B of G said Hohol would have to provide further information containing "a clear statement of reasons and a clear mechanism for implementation" of differential fees before the Board would review its decision.

"There's a principle involved here," said Dr. Ross, one of the Board's academic representatives. "As one who received his own graduate education abroad, I am strongly opposed to any move to hinder foreign students from

studying here."

Graduate Students' Association (GSA) president John Cherwonogrodzky echoed Ross' sentiments, telling the Board that while less than five per cent of undergraduates at the U of A are foreign students, 15.7 per

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President Gunning: The university does not have enough foreign students.

## Hohol: decision stays

Despite Friday's Board of Governors (B of G) decision to oppose differential fees for foreign students, Dr. Bert Hohol, the provincial minister of advanced education, maintains there



Hohol: "nothing will change."

will be a differential fee in September, 1977.

"We are arguing about the amount of the fee and certainly not about the decision - that was made back in March," stated Dr. Hohol in a Friday interview.

"I don't want to sound in bad taste but I've thought about the fee differential and considered it for some time, as have the U of A's B of G, but nothing is going to change. I would simply ask the institutions to assist and make recommendations in this decision," Hohol said.

The B of G voted unanimously to reject the differential fees but agreed to review their decision when Hohol provides the Board with "a clear statement of reasons and a clear mechanism for implementation" of the fees.

"Decisions can be changed," commented B of G chairman Eric Geddes. "No decision is so firmly or chipped in stone that it can't be changed."

"The B of G decision to oppose the

differential fee shows the kind of moral integrity which we should expect from our post-secondary institutions," commented Brian Mason, exec. secretary for the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS).

Mason predicted the B of G decision will provoke the provincial government into either amending the Universities Act to place the decision beyond B of G jurisdiction, or else threatening the university with budget cutbacks if the decision is not reversed.

Meanwhile, Hohol denied he ever claimed he would not approve any 1977-78 university budget if it did not include a differential fee for foreign students.

"Absolutely not; categorically not. Anybody who has said otherwise is malicious or misinformed," he replied.

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## SU increase approved

Students' Union fees will be increased from \$34 to \$34.50 next year, following the Board of Governors approval Friday of a recommendation from its finance committee.

An Oct. 6 referendum concerning SU membership in the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) was approved by a 60 per cent majority of the voters, who voted to accept an annual fee increase of 50 cents for membership in FAS.

The Students' Union brought the proposal to the Board of Governors for final approval, since payment of SU fees is a condition for undergraduate registration and stipulated in the university calendar.

The Board's approval of the fee increase was made conditional to passage of an SU constitutional amendment detailing the increase in fees.

## Ballot battle wages

A questionnaire distributed by the department chairmen's committee has again been severely criticized by an academic body on campus.

Last week, the Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta (AASUA) asked full-time faculty members to reject the ballots being circulated by the chairmen's committee concerning a proposal to reorganize the university's power structure.

Now the Executive Council of the Faculty of Arts has passed a similar resolution - opposing the ballot which the chairmen's committee has distributed and also opposing the "entire philosophy ... on which this questionnaire is based."

The resolution says the Council

rejects the questionnaire because it "(is) convinced of the contribution made to the academic development and organization of the University by both the General Faculties Council and the Faculty Councils," and because the questionnaire "leaves no opportunity for a negative answer."

The chairmen's proposal would strip GFC of its current power and make it "an internal Senate" of the University.

The resolution concludes by stating the Arts Council "further rejects the entire philosophy, contrary to the Universities Act and the modern democratic trends of University administration, on which this questionnaire is based."