

All Rhodes lead to Oxford

Eleven Rhodes Scholarships are now open for Canadian students, to be awarded late in November.

A Rhodes takes winners to the University of Oxford for two years, possibly three, a prize worth about 6000 pounds. Scholars may follow courses of study of their own choice, but they must have already completed at least three years of university.

Selection is made on the basis of school and university records, scholastic and literary achievement, fondness and success in outdoor sports, qualities of truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship, exhibition of moral force of character, and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in one's contemporaries, among other things.

The benefactor, Cecil Rhodes, was one of the conquerors of the peoples of Azania (South Africa), and Zimbabwe (called Rhodesia by the colonialists to commemorate Rhodes).

He was a man whose aims were said to live on in the exploitative policies of the present regimes of these countries. The mineral riches of Africa convinced Rhodes and other British capitalists that this area should be conquered and its people subjugated.

Rhodes' philosophy, in his own words, of the proper relationship between the colonialists and the founding peoples of the counties they had ravaged, was:

"I will lay down my own policy on this native question. Either you have to receive them on an equal footing as citizens or to call them a subject race. I have made up my mind that there must be class legislation, that there must be laws passed. These are my

politics on native affairs, and these are the politics of South Africa. If I cannot keep my position as an Englishman on the European vote, I wish to be cleared out, for I am not going to the native vote for support...We

must adopt a system of despotism, such as works well in India, in our relation with the barbarians of South Africa."

The distribution of Rhodes scholarships is weighted heavily

toward predominantly white countries: the U.S. (32), Canada (11), South Africa (9), Australia (6), West Germany (2), New Zealand (2), and Rhodesia (3).

Only seven scholarships are

divided among the non-white nations of the old British empire, Indian, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, and Ghana.

Deadline for Rhodes Scholarship applications is October 26th, 1981.

Bill and Pierre soon to wed

TORONTO (CUP) — If you thought Maggie and Pierre were a strange match, how about Bill Davis and Pierre Trudeau?

Actually, Ontario's Premier and Canada's Prime Minister aren't really getting married. But the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) is planning a mock wedding ceremony between the two October 29 as part of their day of protest against threatened plans by the federal government to cut grants to the provinces by 1.5 billion a year.

If the federal government

follows through with these cuts, students can expect "Much higher tuition fees" and massive cutbacks, OFS information officer Wally Brooker predicted September 27.

Brooker said funding reductions might mean some post-secondary institutions would be closed and others would suffer substantial reductions in library and other services.

"We expect that the provincial government's tuition hike announcement in December or January may possibly be a lot

higher than some people expect," Brooker said.

"Both sides (the federal and provincial governments) are trying to pass the buck. Students should not fall for one government's arguments over another's," he said. The current issue "is to stop the federal government from making the cutbacks."

The day of protest will be centered in Toronto, although OFS is encouraging other Ontario schools to plan demonstrations for the same day as well.

And the mock wedding ceremony?

"Our attitude is that we're getting hoodwinked by both of them (Davis and Trudeau), and that they're in bed together," said Brooker. "They've already had their honeymoon, so we're going to formalize it by having the mock wedding ceremony."

The wedding procession will march to the Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, for a rally and then proceed to the University of Toronto Convocation Hall for an evening of speakers and musical entertainment.

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