3 University of Montana students are Rhodes candidates

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MISSOULA--

Dr. Robert T. Turner, a professor of history at the University of Montana, has announced the names of three candidates who will compete on the state level for Rhodes Scholarships.

A committee of five UM faculty members selected the three candidates from a field of 10 to represent the University in state competition, which is scheduled for Dec. 17 at the University. Dr. Turner is institutional representative for the Rhodes program.

The state selection committee is empowered to select as many as two representatives from Montana at the state meeting to compete on the district level for Rhodes Scholarships Dec. 20 in Portland, Ore. Four Rhodes Scholarships will be awarded at Portland to District 8 competitors.

The three University of Montana Rhodes candidates include Franklin J. Sparhawk, a senior in sociology from Billings; G. John Stratman, a graduate student in history from Havre, and Gregory D. Strong, a senior in history from Livingston.

District 8, which includes Montana, also will feature Rhodes competitors from the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota and Alaska.

"The Rhodes district committee," Dr. Turner said, "will select four Rhodes Scholars, who will attend Oxford University in England during the 1970-71 and 1971-72 academic years."

Dr. Turner said, "Rhodes Scholars must show evidence of leadership, high moral character and physical fitness, as well as very high academic attainment and intellectual interests."

He defined the Rhodes Scholarships "as probably the most prestigious in the world." Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, a UM journalism professor and former dean of the UM School of Journalism, is secretary of the Rhodes selection committee on the state level.

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