2 men named to Rhodes competition

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MISSOULA--

Two former Montana men were selected Wednesday to represent the state in District 8 Rhodes Scholarship competition Saturday in Portland, Ore.

Named to the Rhodes competition following interviews by a five-man committee at the University of Montana were Patrick J. Dowdall, 22, a senior majoring in government at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., and 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kimmitt, also 22, a June graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

In Portland this weekend Dowdall and Lt. Kimmitt will compete with other District 8 Rhodes candidates for four two-year scholarships to Oxford University in England.

Dowdall is a 1966 graduate of Anaconda Central High School, Anaconda, Mont. He is son of John A. Dowdall of Helena, Mont., and Mary A. Dowdall of Missoula, Mont.

Lt. Kimmitt is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he is in paratrooper and ranger training. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Kimmitt of McLean, Va., who formerly lived in Great Falls.

The elder Kimmitt is secretary for the U.S. Senate Majority and as such is top administrative aide to Sen. Majority Leader Mike Mansfield.

Lt. Kimmitt was graduated from Arlington Va., High School in 1965.

Other states represented in the Oregon competition will include Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and North Dakota.

Members of the Rhodes state selection committee meeting Wednesday at the University of Montana included Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, a UM journalism professor who is former journalism dean on the Missoula campus; John H. Toole, a Missoula businessman; Dr. H.G. Merriam, Missoula, a UM professor emeritus; John U. Carlson, a lawyer in Aspen, Colo., and Dr. Irving E. Dayton, vice-president for academic affairs at Montana State University, Bozeman.