

Ellis is named Rhodes Scholar: plans to travel

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Probably one of the most prestigious scholarships today is the Rhodes Scholarship. Recently, Lawrence Thomas Ellis Jr., a black senior at UNC, became the 26th UNC-CH recipient of the award. Ellis received the award on Dec. 18, after being selected as one of four from the Mid-Atlantic District.

Ellis, who is also a Morehead Scholar, is majoring in Philosophy. He chose Philosophy as a major because of the aspects it can have on his life. "It is more than just a skill and the moral theory, which is the field of Philosophy I am studying, that helped me decide how to live my life and the stands I take on various subjects."

However, the 21-year-old does not have any career goals as yet, which was one of the biggest stumbling blocks during the Rhodes interview. He says that in the longrun he would like to try filmmaking, writing, and working on community affairs involving ethical issues. By the time he reaches his early 40s, he may have decided to become a lawyer, he said.

During his childhood, Larry's hero was "Doctor Strange", a comic book magician, whom always fascinated him with his "mystic powers." His childhood dream was to travel to Africa, understandable because he grew up in New York during the 60s when there was much talk about our African roots.

In addition, African students use to stay with his family, consisting of his parents, grandmother, and three older sisters.

Because of the Morehead program, he was able to spend the spring break of '81 in Haiti. He also spent eight weeks of last summer in France and two weeks in Egypt, where he worked and visited friends.

This special internship, which he developed on his own, gave him the chance to work as an archaeologist. During the fall '82 semester, Ellis took leave from the University to work on an independent study project in New Mexico. However, he still wants to travel more, and as a Rhodes Scholar, Ellis will get that chance. Rhodes Scholars receive tuition and fees toward their two-year course of study at Oxford, a living allowance, and 25-26 weeks of vacation.

Ellis hopes to use his vacation time to travel through Europe, Asia, and Africa to meet people with different backgrounds.

As might be expected, Ellis' life is sometimes quite hectic and for this reason he likes to get away to sparsely populated environments "to get a better perspective of the east coast."

Ellis belongs to various organizations which include N.C. Fellow, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, the Order of the Grail, and the Order of the Old Well. He has also served as president of the Carolina Union, chairman of the Carolina Union Human Relation Committee, Minister of Information for the BSM, and as a member of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Conduct. Ellis participates in the UNC Karate Club and has a purple belt. He participated in freshmen and sophomore honor programs and with the UNC-CH Minority Advisory Program.

His other interests include jogging, karate, gymnastics, ballet, and he also likes the arts such as dance, movies and theater.

The Rhodes scholarships were provided for in the will of English statesman Cecil Rhodes. Ellis applied for the scholarship while in New Mexico in the New Jersey district. He was then chosen as one of 12 to go to the state interview. Next, he was selected as one of the two from New Jersey to go to the regional where he was selected as one of the Rhodes scholars from the Mid-Atlantic region.



Melissa Smith and Lin Holmes chat between classes. Lin is a junior from Burlington, Smith, a graduate student from Crawfordville, Florida.

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