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For the third time in three years, a Columbia student has won a Rhodes Scholarship. In addition, 12 Columbia applicants were interviewed as regional semifinalists, according to Assistant Professor of Political Science Carlton Long.

Carl Marci, CC '91, received the fellowship, which provides tuition and expenses for two years at Oxford University.

The successes of the applicants can be attributed to the combined efforts of Columbia College Assistant Dean Blake Thurman and Long.

Thurman said he feels that the positive results are due to a six-year process during which he has worked to publicize fellowships and solicit applicants.

Long organized a Scholars'

Day last year in order to promote interest in varied scholarly programs. With Long's guidance Marci became interested in and applied for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Long, who was a Rhodes Scholar in 1984, was able to give the applicants feedback throughout the process and help them with their essays.

"I tried to settle their stomachs," he said. "I told them that they would be reviewed by competent people -- that they are critical, yet caring, and that they are people."

Marci, a native of Allentown, PA, said that the "well-roundedness" that the scholarship committee looks for attracted him to the program.

Marci's grade point average of 3.74 was not his only qualification. He has also exhibited athletic excellence. Marci is captain of the track team and holds the record for the second best high jump in Columbia history, 6'8".

In addition, Marci had to sub-

mit a 1,000 word essay of his proposed activities during his time at Oxford, a fact sheet, and eight letters of recommendation.

Marci plans to graduate in May with a degree in psychology, and said his main interest lies in public health.

“[I hope to] combine different perspectives not only in the medical community, but of other populations that are not as vocal such as AIDS patients and the poor.”

Marci’s interest in service was also a distinguishing qualification.

“What Columbia University needs to do more of is to be more ‘other’ oriented,” Long said. “Most students who apply have brilliant G.P.A.s but are weak when it comes to service.”

Thurman said he feels that the large number of Rhodes Scholars from other universities, such as Harvard, are due to the institutions’ histories. “All Rhodes committees are composed of former Rhodes Scholars,” he said. “Committee members sometimes see the strengths of their own schools more rapidly than those of others.”

“One problem that Columbia has is getting the word out and making them [the students] believe this is a choice,” Long said. “I would especially like to see more minority students pence Mall in Philadelphia, according to Glass.

Students from Harvard and Tufts Universities participated in a Boston march which moved from Tufts to Harvard through other Boston campuses, and ended at Government Center, where the state legislature is located, according to George.

At UW Madison about 2,000 students and community members marched from campus to the U.S. Courthouse, pounding on windows as they marched, Christensen said.

apply. Some people feel that England is such a removed culture from theirs...but what they don't realize is that Oxford or Cambridge is a gateway to anywhere else they want to go."

Marci said he had considered taking time off before medical school, but he heard about the Rhodes Scholarships and became interested, he said.

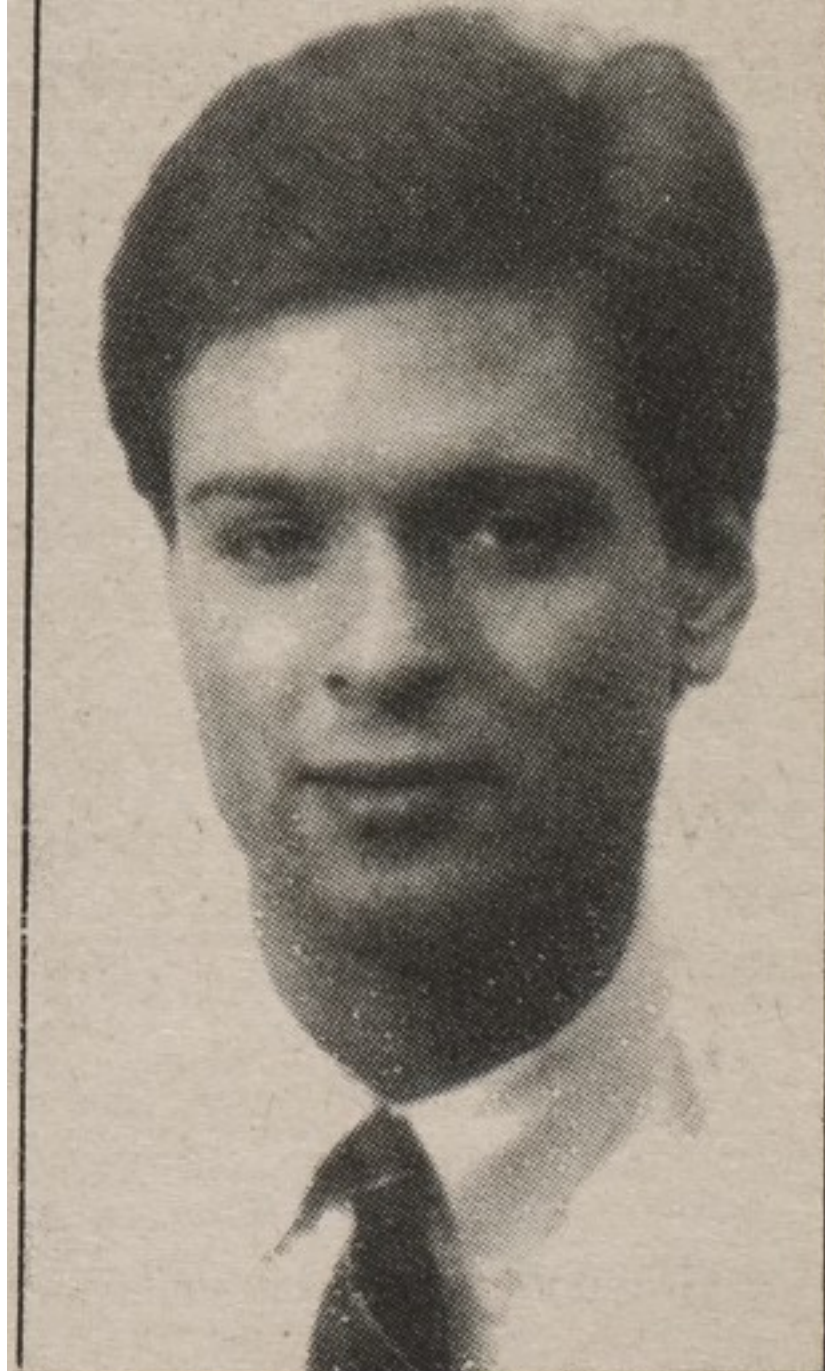
Being named a Rhodes Scholar has already helped Marci with his plans for the future. He has received letters from other Rhodes Scholars who are interested in his work. Being a Rhodes Scholar "provides a strong structure for communicating with people in similar situations," Marci said.

Long said that he cannot overemphasize how much being named a Rhodes Scholar changes one's life.

"Others experience you differently. It has a certain direction and power to it, and it goes along with a sense of responsibility, which I try to emphasize," he said.

Long said he also feels that the success of the applicants will aid the University in general, adding that he hopes Columbia will gain greater alumni support and also more name recognition.

"It enhances the overall stature of the University," he said.



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Carl Marci