Doty Rhodes Scholar; Will Study At Oxford

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Jim Bob Doty, president of Wiess College, was named a Rhodes scholar December 16. He will study modern history for two years at Oxford University in England.

Doty’s selection followed two interviews. At the first interview, in Austin December 12 and 13, two candidates were selected to represent Texas in the final.

The four winners, including Doty, were chosen from among twelve candidates from the six states in the Gulf District, one of eight in the United States.

THE RHODES Scholarship is a cash grant of the English equivalent of $2100. Transportation is paid by the scholar. He attends Oxford for twenty-four weeks of each year, while the remainder is spent on study and travel.

Doty, in an interview, described the Oxford study program as differing considerably from the usual American program. There are no courses as we know them, he said. Lectures furnish little more than an opportunity for the student to hear famous scholars.

The principal tasks done by the Oxford students are the several papers he delivers orally to his tutor. These papers are based upon extensive reading in the scholar’s particular field.

Study at Oxford is more informal than in America. It is also far more specialized and is more expensive, because each scholar has his own tutor.

DOTY WILL BEGIN his study in Oxford’s Honour School of

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Modern History next fall. His course will place heavy emphasis on modern English history and he will also be able to choose a side field.

Following his Oxford studies, Doty said, he will study for a Ph.D. in History at either Harvard or Princeton. The Oxford program will allow him to study areas of history which, he said, will more completely fill out his background for graduate school.