

Student Kurt Campbell named winner of Marshall Scholarship

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Kurt Campbell, a 22-year-old senior at the University of California, San Diego, who once played on the Soviet National Tennis Team and studied at the University of Erevan in Soviet Armenia, has been named winner of a prestigious Marshall Scholarship for two years' study at Oxford University.

The Muir College student, whose home is near Fresno, Calif., became the first UC San Diego student in five years to receive the Marshall Scholarship which is given to selected American students by the British government to honor former U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Campbell, who is a special projects major in Science, Technology and Public Affairs, recently returned to San Diego after spending 1-1/2 years as a student at the University of Erevan where he also played the violin in the university orchestra and toured Russia as a member of the Soviet National Tennis Team.

"I plan to study politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford," said Campbell, who spent five months as an attache to the U.S. ambassador in Moscow. "After that, I might be interested in working in the Peace Corps and eventually would like to work in a cause which would help bring the United States and the Soviet Union closer together."

Campbell speaks fluent Russian and became interested in enrolling at a Soviet university after attending a couple of international conferences with Roger Revelle, currently a professor of political science at UC San Diego.

"I met the Soviet Consul General at a dinner in San Francisco," Campbell recounted, "and I told him I was interested in studying in Russia. A while later I met the president of a university in Bulgaria and he congratulated me and told me I would be entering the University of Erevan. I went there in the Fall of 1978."

The Marshall Scholarship Program was established by the British government in 1953 as an expression of gratitude to America for the post World War II European Recovery Program established by General Marshall in 1947.

The scholarship pays all expenses for the students for a period of two years at a university of their choice in the United Kingdom.

Campbell was one of 30 American students selected this year and the only one from the University of California system.

"My goal for the last four years has been to go to Oxford," he said. "This has been a dream come true. I hope to get the most out of it in every way."

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