

Lawyer's son wins the Butterfield scholarship

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BERMUDIAN student John Charles Collis has been awarded this year's Sir Harry D. Butterfield scholarship, the Bank of Butterfield's chairman Sir Henry Vesey announced this week.

The scholarship, awarded in memory of the bank's late chairman, is worth \$5,500 a year and tenable for up to four university years.

Mr. Collis, son of lawyer Charles Collis of Middle Road, Devonshire, was educated at Saltus from the age of five to 16, where he obtained nine "O" levels and was an "Honours" student.

He transferred to Rugby school in England and gained three "A" levels at

grades good enough to get him accepted into the second year of McGill.

Mr. Collis, 18, has just started his third year and is a senior official of the Students' Society, a faculty representative of the Students' Council and a member of the university Senate.

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He played a big part in the development of a joint honours programme in economics and finance, and, says Sir Henry, has "maintained a sustained superior academic performance" at McGill.

He plays rugby for the university and a variety of

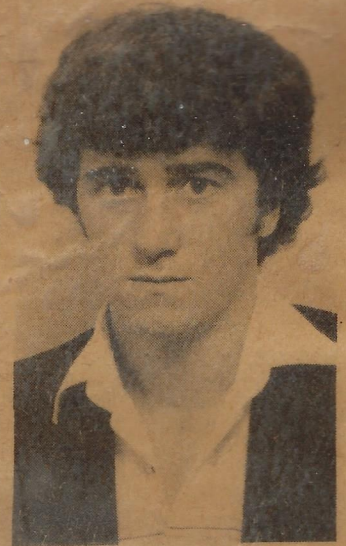
other sports.

Sir Henry says Mr. Collis intends to study law on completion of his present studies for an honours degree in economics and finance.

"He has given an undertaking to return to Bermuda to render service to the community for a period of time at least equal to the tenure of the scholarship."

Altogether, there were 36 candidates for the scholarship this year. Sir Henry said that a number of these had "extremely creditable academic and other qualifications, which made the choice of only one an extremely difficult matter".

He said the scholarship selection committee hopes



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many applicants who will still be below the maximum qualifying age next year will re-apply.

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Collis wins \$5,500 award



John Collis

He is a third year student at McGill University, Montreal, where he is studying for an honours degree in economics and finance.

Mr. Collis then plans to go on and study law.

The Sir Harry D. Butterfield Scholarship was established earlier this year in memory of the late chairman of the Bank of Butterfield.

TWENTY-year-old John Charles Collis was yesterday named the first recipient of the Sir Harry Butterfield scholarship.

Mr. Collis, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Collis of Middle Road, Devonshire, won the award — worth \$5,500 annually for four years — over 35 other applicants.

\$5,500 award for lawyer's son

Bermudian John Charles Collis, 20, has been awarded the Sir Harry D. Butterfield Scholarship, which is worth \$5,500 a year.

He has just started his third year at McGill University, Montreal, where he is studying for an honours degree in economics and finance.

A son of prominent lawyer Mr. Charles Collis and Mrs. Collis, of Middle Road, Devonshire, he was educated at Saltus Grammar School where he passed nine O-levels before transferring to Rugby School in England where he obtained three A-levels.

John intends to study law eventually and has undertaken to return to Bermuda for a period of time at least equal to the tenure of the scholarship.

The Hon. Sir Henry Vesey, chairman of the Bank of N.T. Butterfield, said yesterday the winner was chosen from 36 candidates.

The scholarship is being awarded annually and is te-



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nable for up to four university years.

The selection committee comprised: The Hon. Sir Dudley Spurling, chairman; Dr. the Hon. E.S.D. Rattray; Mr. Mansfield Brock, Permanent Secretary of Education; Mr. L. Vorley; Mr. T.S. White and Mr. Albert Jackson, Senior Education Officer.

Mr. Collis is new Rhodes Scholar

The Rhodes Trustees in Oxford have confirmed the appointment of Mr. John Charles Ross Collis as the Bermuda Rhodes Scholar for 1979.

Mr. Collis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T.M. Collis of "Green Hill", Devonshire and follows his father who was the Bermuda Rhodes Scholar for 1953.



Mr. John Charles
Ross Collis

He was born in June 1958 and attended Saltus Grammar School until he completed his "O" level exams, after which he went to Rugby School in England and took his "A" Levels becoming a house prefect and head of games.

He entered McGill University, Montreal, in September 1976 to commence study for a B.Comm. degree with honours in economics. He quickly became interested in finance and was a motivating force to create with the University a joint honours programme in economics and finance which came into effect last September, a most unusual achievement.

His busy timetable at McGill, from which he will graduate this spring, has included intercollegiate rugby, the office of Treasurer of the Student Society, Management's representative on the University Senate, membership of the Sports Club Council. He was also co-editor of the Commerce Communique, an undergraduate newspaper.

He has been accepted by Corpus Christi College, Oxford, his father's college, which he will enter in October to read for an honours degree in jurisprudence.

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