

# T. King Is ROTC Cadet Colonel

by Cynthia Muse

William T. King, of Macon, was named as new cadet colonel of the Mercer University ROTC Cadet Corps in student chapel Tuesday. Colonel William D. Smith Jr., Professor of Military Science and Tactics announced all the top cadet officers for this school year.

In being named cadet colonel, King receives the highest position open to a Mercer military student.

Cadet Colonel Charles A. Perkins, of Savannah, is to be the Regimental Executive Officer. Other regimental staff officers are: Cadet Major Ronald C. Dubs, Brunswick, Adjutant; Cadet Major Emory C. Smith Jr., Macon, S3; and Cadet Major John C. Bluns, Atlanta, S4.

Arthur L. Rich Jr., of Macon, was named Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and is in command of the First Battalion. His staff will consist of: Cadet Major William L. Wiefenbach, Hempstead, N. Y., Executive Officer; Cadet Captain Eugene Bishop, Vero Beach Fla., Adjutant; Cadet Captain James H. Ellis Jr., Macon, S3; and Cadet Captain Robert P. Lufburrow, Macon, S4.

The Cadet Second Battalion will be under the command of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Thamer E. Temple Jr., Macon, assisted by Cadet Major Richard P. Andrews, Macon, Executive Officer; Cadet Captain Kenneth C. Crane, Hapeville, Adjutant; Cadet Sidney E. Wood, Macon, S3; and Cadet Captain David W. Fillingim, Savannah, S4.

Cadet Commander of the ROTC Band is Cadet Captain Roger W. Scarborough Jr., Savannah, The Executive Officer is Cadet Captain Benjamin L. Johnson, Macon, and the Supply Officer is Cadet Second Lieutenant Jerry E. Lee, Abcon.

Four Company Commanders were announced. They are: Cadet Captain Robert V. Jones Jr., Moultrie, Company "A"; Cadet Captain Elliott E. Brack, Macon, Company "B"; Cadet Captain Walter D. Smith, Macon, Company "E"; and Cadet Captain Phillip B. Ham, Smarts, Company "F".

Other company officers are: Company "A", Cadet 1st Lt. James (Continued on page 3)

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## Cowan Ends MU Career, Will Leave In December

by Marty Layfield



Pictured here is head basketball coach Jim Cowan. Coach Cowan, who was beginning his ninth year as Bear mentor, resigned last Monday.

Cowan has taken a position with Cherokee Credit and Life Insurance Co.

Mercer's basketball mentor, Jim Cowan, announced his resignation as head basketball and track coach Monday. He will leave Mercer after this present quarter to take a position as public relations officer of the Cherokee Credit Life Insurance Company.

The resignation of Coach Cowan came as a complete surprise to the officials of Mercer. In announcing his resignation, Cowan made it clear that the Administration's decision to discontinue the physical education major was in no way connected. He made the following statement:

"My decision to leave Mercer and active coaching was reached after much thought and consideration. A person could not be at any place for ten years and not find it hard to make a decision to leave."

"I am unhappy that this opportunity to enter business came in the middle of the basketball season, however, the time element was something I could not control."

"I have not had a player on any of my squads since I arrived at Mercer, that I do not have the highest respect and love for. There is no doubt that as this present squad goes through the season, my heart will be on the hardwood with them."

Zeb Vance, athletic director, said that no replacement has been secured at the present time, though several parties have been contacted. Vance also made it clear that Coach Cowan will remain until after the December 19th game with Christian Brothers.

President Connell gave the following statement on Coach Cowan resigning: "As much as we hated to lose Coach Cowan and to disrupt our basketball season by a change of coaches, we felt that in fairness to him and to his future with the new company, we should comply with his request."

"Mr. Cowan's service to this institution has been noteworthy. He has had remarkable success as a recruiter and as a coach of basketball and track. His record is an enviable one, perhaps unmatched, from the standpoint of championships won, by any other

coach in Mercer's history.

"His quiet, affable, but none the less firm manner with which he handled the boys and his devotion to the best sportsmanship and character attracted many high type athletes to Mercer campus."

"When one considers on the one hand, the fact that Mercer has no financial subsidy to offer athletes, together with fact that it is a liberal arts college giving only the A-B degrees and on the other hand looks at the large number of exceptional athletes who enrolled at Mercer under Mr. Cowan's reign, one must conclude that his own personal standard of conduct and his qualities of leadership made him an excellent recruiter."

"Finally, it goes without saying that we hate to lose him. He carries with him into his new work the respect of his associates and the best wishes of all who knew him."

Many possible successors have been mentioned for Coach Cowan. High on the list is Glenn Wilkins. (Continued on Page Three)

### "CORN IS GREEN"

## MU Drama Department Will Present Comedy

by Jackie Walters

"The Corn Is Green," a fall production of the Mercer Players and Alpha Psi Omega dramatics fraternity, will be presented Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16, in Willingham Chapel. The three act comedy is directed by Miss Aubrey Needles, head of Mercer's drama department. Curtain time will be 8:14 p.m.

The character play by Emyln Williams is the story of Miss Moffat, an English spinster who starts a school for boys in a Welsh mining village, and of her struggles in helping Morgan Evans, a budding young and undiscovered genius, make good. Against the prejudice of local folk, a wealthy squire, and the rebellion of Morgan himself, she strives to give him "the push over the wall of ignorance," which he so desires.

Naomi Clevenger, of Springfield, Va., stars in the role of Miss Moffat; and Jimmy Nelson, of Eatonville, is Morgan Evans. Other members of the cast include Annette Robertson as Miss Ronberry; Bob Johnson as John Goronwy Jones; Colin Sims as the Squire; Anita Shuman as Bessie Watty; Georgia Phelps as Mrs. Watty; Emmalyn Phillips as Sarah Pugh; Douglas Dorrough as Idwal Morris; Ray Horne as Old Tom; Don Glannattasio as Robbart Robbath; Jimmy Prescott as Glyn Thomas; Varnie Gauman as Will Hughes; Nan Lovell as Julia Knox; Jane Caudill as Amelia Romano; and Grace Adcock as Rosiland Carter.

The story takes place in the small Welsh mining village of Glansarno in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

### REA Meets Thursday

The Religious Educational Association will meet Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 in room 12 of the theology building. The meeting will include a program and a report on two projects. There will also be a report from the constitution committee.

### KRUSCHEV GETS 3 VOTES

## MU Students "Like Ike" By A Two to One Margin

by Buddy Hurt

President Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson by a vote of 280 to 114 in Mercer's straw ballot Wednesday, but that's hardly all the story.

The ballot was sponsored by the local chapter of Students for Stevenson, which was seemingly dismayed at the results. Cliff Hendrix, freshman and chairman of the chapter, was last seen writing Atlanta headquarters a letter of explanation and resignation.

Hendrix had previously made several tries to drop 100 pounds of pro-Stevenson leaflets on the Mercer campus from a rented airplane. Overcasts prevented his plan until the day of the ballot. And then, only ten were proved to have fallen on target.

Commented Hendrix, "No comment. The less people know I had anything to do with matter, the better."

Write-ballots were the order of the day. That and ballot stuffing highlighted the voting.

One lone Democrat was seen fervently taking blank ballot after blank ballot, marking it for Stevenson, and putting it in the ballot box.

Voter-counters said many Eisenhower ballots obviously marked with the same red-ink, ball-point pen suggested Republicans were not above such practice.

Individualists ran rampant and wrote in for more than 25 candidates.

A ticket of Herman Talmadge and "Doc" Anthony, economics professor, polled 24 votes.

T. Coleman Andrews and Talmadge got 12 votes.

A Communist ticket, headed by Krushchev and Bulgantia, turned in three votes. Somebody voted for "Fire Love Pogo and George Ambrose." Even Peanuts got a vote.

Col. Smith's campaign speech in chapel Tuesday netted him the grand total of one vote. Lilly St. Cyr, strip-tease dancer, got one vote. A. L. Rich got two votes.

Mr. Ware, biology teacher, got one vote as vice-president.

One extreme individualist turned in a blank ballot. Somebody else voted for "Stevenson."

Democratic supporters took consolation in noting that returns showed only one third of Mercer students had voted. And MEI went three to one for Stevenson. That was exactly the girls' vote, three for Stevenson and one for Eisenhower.

## Glover Speaks Today In Chapel

Dr. Willis Glover will speak in chapel this morning. Dr. Glover recently spoke on behalf of the Republicans in a student chapel program. He assures that his speech will be political but non-partisan. The title is "Progress in Democracy". Glover is professor of history at Mercer.

On November 6, the Chapel will be under the direction of the student government. The plans for that session were not available for printing.

Dr. Arthur Rich will present the program for the chapel session on Wednesday, November 7. The program will feature a few selections by the choir.



Colonel William D. Smith of the Mercer ROTC corps congratulates Tommy King. King was named Cadet Colonel of the Mercer ROTC in Chapel Tuesday. Alfred Perkins, new regimental executive officer, stands on the right.