



Ed Wilson, seen above talking to student after law class, ended his year term as mayor of Macon this week. He will remain a full time load next quarter.

Wilson Drops Mayor Title, Resumes Mercer Teaching

In 1956 a softspoken Mercer law professor turned his eye toward politics. Ed Wilson squared off against Marvin Griffin's floor leader to battle for a seat in the state's House of Representatives.

Wilson defeated his opposition handily, and in so doing launched himself into an active career in Georgia politics. He was re-elected in 1958, and a year later edged over another opponent to win the job of mayor of Macon.

The middle of this week his term expired and to townspeople the name is once again "Mr. Wilson." But to Mercer students the name is "Professor Wilson." Throughout his term as mayor, Ed Wilson has served on the faculty of the Walter George School of Law, and now he is returning to a full teaching load.

"Mercer has been my professional life. I have chosen to remain," the native North Carolinian says. Wilson came to Mercer as an assistant professor of law in 1948. A graduate of Duke University, he was the third person ever to receive the doctor of jurisprudence from that institution.

At the end of his four years as mayor, Wilson has earned the reputation of being one of the most respected and disliked municipal chiefs in the city's history.

Under his administration the town's working surplus has grown from \$200,000 to \$935,000. Four pay raises for city employees have amounted to \$425,000 annually, all without tax increases.

An annexation project of the 40-year-old mayor saw Macon's population jump from 70,000 to 125,000 and land area more than triple, making it Georgia's third largest city.

He was defeated as one of the candidates for the state's lieutenant governor post in the last general election and has now retired, for a while at least, from active interests in politics.

All his time now, he says, will be spent in teaching at Mercer and in developing a private business project at Jekyll Island.

Wilson says the thing he most appreciates about Mercer is the size of the law school and university. "A teacher can do a better job when he has close contact with the students. The school shouldn't be like a small city."

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IFC Dance Nov. 16

The Mercer University Interfraternity Council will hold its annual dance from 8 to 12 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Felton Avenue Armory.

Music for the informal dance will be provided by the Zodiacs. All Mercer students, including unaffiliates, are invited to attend.

Mercer Players Speed Work As Show Nears

As production time nears, the Mercer Players are busy working on set and props, rehearsing and preparing for Maurice Valency's *The Thracian Horses*.

The play will be performed on the Willingham Chapel stage Thursday and Friday, November 21 and 22. Costumes, props and the set are in their final stages of development, in preparation for the dress rehearsals which start next week.

The lawn around the Mercer Players Green Room is strewn with Grecian columns, walls being painted, elaborate helmets, shields, spears, swords, armor, and all sorts of ancient-type furniture.

The Thracian Horses, a comedy based on the Alkestis legend in Greek mythology, is also responsible for the sudden rash in beards and long shaggy hair sported by some students. Miss Needles, the director, has laid down regulations concerning the hair-cutting habits of the cast, to give them the Greek look.

The plot involves a king who (through favor with one of the gods) has gained quite a reputation as a warrior. His wife is jealous of his fame and wants to top her husband's prominence. A very conceited hero, Heracles, also enters the picture, and brings the queen (Alkestis) back from the dead when she allows herself to be carried off into the Nether World in place of the king. Her husband tries to keep her happy by telling her that she did it all by herself, but Heracles is not about to let her take credit for his deed. Things become more and more humorous and confused.

The play has also posed a rather serious problem for Miss Needles, in that the finale, when Zeus comes in to settle the confused situation, calls for the King of Gods to enter "in machina", lowered down from above the stage. How this can be done in Willingham Chapel is a matter of speculation, and still very much in the experimental stage.

Pre-Registration Set Nov. 18-21

Pre-registration for the Winter Quarter has been postponed until Monday through Wednesday, November 18-21. This is due to the conflict with the Georgia Baptist Convention which will necessitate the absence of a number of faculty members from the campus.

Faculty members have been requested to remain in their offices each afternoon during pre-registration for the purpose of advising students. All students are directed to report to their advisors on one of these afternoons.

Students are reminded to take their blue books and their schedule forms with them to their advisor appointments.

Anti-Mercer Try Defeated By GBC

An apparent move to voice disapproval of Mercer's desegregation by cutting denominational funds designated for the university was defeated this week at the 142nd annual Georgia Baptist Convention.

Rev. Warren M. Marshall, pastor of the Kiokée Baptist Church, asked that the convention approve an amendment that would have cut \$105,345 from the convention's budget for Mercer. This would have been almost all of the money the convention would give the university.

Marshall proposed that the \$105,345 be distributed to the various other Georgia Baptist schools.

No accurate count of the percentage more than 2,000 of messengers attending the convention who favored the amendment was available since only a voice vote was taken. Some estimates say the move was defeated by a 2-1 margin, while others say only 25 or 30

messengers favored the amendment. While Marshall's proposal for an amendment did not state specifically that the move was to protest Mercer's desegregation earlier this year, observers said this was the sentiment of the proposal.

In other convention action, the messengers elected six new trustees for Mercer University. The new trustees will take office in January and serve through 1968.

The six trustees elected this week are: Jack W. Worley, Bremen; Charles C. Giddens, Adel; Rev. James C. Waters, Macon; Rev. James T. Burrell, Bainbridge; Ellis Gibbs, Arnall, Newnan; Edgar A. Callaway, Covington.

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Dr. Wilson Snipes reads poetry and Dr. Ben Griffith accompanies on bongos during Faculty Frolics program this week. See story on page 3.

Smith Represents MU At Philadelphia Convention

Advanced ROTC Cadet Hoke Smith is in Philadelphia today and Saturday representing Mercer University at the 31st National Convention of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade.

Cadet Lt. Col. Smith, a native of Macon, was elected by Mercer's company, H-9 of the National ROTC Honorary Society to serve as delegate to the convention.

More than 150 campus leaders in the Army, Navy and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps will attend the meeting.



Hoke Smith and universities throughout the nation.

Dr. Keuneth B. Wells, president of Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., will be the keynote speaker, Friday morning, November 15.

The Convention banquet that evening will be addressed by Colonel James F. Hollingsworth, acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Washington, D. C. The United States Air Force Headquarters Command Band will entertain.

Representatives of the armed forces appearing on the program will include:

Major General Ralph A. Palladino, USAR, Military Executive, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense; Lt. Gen. W. H. F. Wright, USA, Chief of Reserve Components, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral D. G. Irvine, USN, Assistant Chief for Education and Training, Bureau of Naval Personnel, United States Navy; and Brigadier General William C. Lindley, USAF, Commandant, USAF ROTC, Maxwell Field.

Convention business will include discussions of local company activities designed to further public understanding of the military establishment and the needs of national security. The role of ROTC on the American college campus will also

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Members of Student Senate seen above during meeting Tuesday evening. The SGA officials made preliminary plans for Toby-Tot activities.

Senate Passes Toby-Tot Plans

The Student Senate Tuesday voted to engage The Fiestas, popular dancing group, to headline the entertainment for the Toby-Tot Homecoming Dance.

The Fiestas come as part of a group that includes Hughey Smith and the Clowns, Arthur Alexander and The Dynamics, a seven piece band which includes a three piece vocal group.

Other action concerning the homecoming weekend included setting the parade entry fee at \$10 and a decision not to have class plays this year.

The Student Senate referred to a committee a proposed amendment to the procedural rules of the Honor Council. Mercer ROTC Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts recommended that the rules be changed to require the Honor Council to notify the ROTC de-

partment whenever an advanced military cadet was convicted of an Honor Council violation.

The ROTC proposal to the Senate was made by the council's Honor Committee and must be approved by the Student Senate before being submitted to a student referendum.

Positive action concerning the problem of students cutting into cafeteria lines was postponed until an SGA committee could meet with the Committee on Campus Opinion headed by Dr. Robert Otto.

The Campus Opinion committee has held no meeting thus far this quarter.