Prof. Wilson Resigns: Sees Merger 'Critical'

By Bryan Masterson

Professor Milton Wilson resigned from the faculty of Cleveland-Marshall Law School effective June, 1968. He is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and Cleveland-Marshall. He started teaching part time in 1958, and full time in 1960. He has taught Constitutional Law—his favorite, Equity, Personal Property, Agency, Introduction to Law and Ethics. He still resides in Bowling Green State University, where he will be teaching in the E.H.A. and the M.R.A. programs in the undergraduate and graduate school of business administration. He does not teach in business law, labor law, business planning and the like. He expressed his sincere but brief farewell for Cleveland-Marshall, for Cleveland State and for Baldwin-Wallace College, as well as his sincere desire that any of his former students see him at any time for as said, "Your careers are truly mine also."

When asked what one event was most memorable about being at Cleveland-Marshall, Professor Wilson replied:

"The biggest event for me and I really think for the law school was the merger with Baldwin-Wallace College. When I came to the law school in 1960, I would say probably the first time in the school's history that I was assigned the then Assistant Dean Oleck, to get on this affiliation. Of course, the thing I'm most proud of this I think, was that I had previously been Vice President of the law school. My wife was the president of the B-W women's club, we were both fraternity and sorority, we had graduated together from the same college, and we had close association with a number of our friends, our close associations were all B-W people."

When asked whether he had given thought to teaching in another law school, Wilson said: "I've made up my mind that I will never aga teach in any law school, anywhere, under any set of circumstances. The reasons for that are these: that first of all, law schools have very small faculties. Let me tell you what I find in the advantages of teaching in a large university. First of all, it has a faculty senate and no administration can deny democracy in a faculty when faced with a faculty senate. You can't have a faculty senate with 7-14 members, but when you're dealing with a university that has 1000 faculty members . . . the numbers alone, the weight—the body demands that there be a faculty senate. That would be one reason. And another reason is this: to give you an example of what I mean, this happened to me when I was interviewed up there, I was taken into the faculty lounge for a meeting with the chairman of the department. He was a very good rougher—with an expert on surface waters; there was another fellow from literature and a gentleman from marketing. Do you know that when I sat there, not one of these men turned to me and asked me my opinion of the Title 9 of the UCC? I couldn't survive in a cluttered atmosphere. This is multi-disciplined and I feel that I have to have other experiences merely than talking about law, bar examinations and the like. I need it for my soul—if you know what I mean."

The interview continued:

"How do you think C-M graduates stack up against those of other law schools?

"Well I've come in contact with them not only as a professor, but as a practicing lawyer and as far as I'm concerned I think that these people are about as knowledgeable, as pragmatic as you're ever going to run across. They're just damn good lawyers."

Do you feel that night law schools in general will continue to play an important role, both in legal education and the legal profession?

"Well I think that there's a trend throughout the U.S. that continuing education in every discipline is important. I have no great faith in a general legal education. I think it is important, but it begins to lose its balance if it doesn't go along with that it has a great deal of vitality. But directly, if you have a balanced day program, I would think that it would be very important. But as a human being, for my own life, I don't want to teach again after I had my dinner—I just have absolutely had it. I think that after I've had my dinner, it's time that I be with my family. It's a mixed response, really."

How do you feel about the proposed merger of C-M with C.S.U.?

"It's absolutely critical—with out it Cleveland Marshall will close. C.S.U. will grow and it will prosper and it will one day rival Ohio State, student population wise and academically.

What other changes do you feel might be necessary to keep C.M. moving?

"Well, first they have to merge, and I mean a total acquisition, and that's a heavily weighted word, but it must be a total acquisition, and if you don't have a merger, then this is an impossible word. That is the first thing that must be done. Then you're going to have to get a dean in there who is known as a builder of institutions and faculties and that faculty recruitment and this faculty recruitment is absolutely critical. Then when you recruit, make up some defeat while reiving in the shade of self-satisfaction.

With the help of our families, our friends, and our God, we aspire towards our challenge . . . and so . . . let us begin!"

Graduating Class President Thankful for Opportunity

Class officers for the graduating class of June, 1968 were elected in May, with John E. Corrigan receiving the nod for President. Timothy G. Cotner was selected for Vice President, while Annamarie K. Dyke was picked for Secretary and David H. Hines for Treasurer.

Corrigan, 32, is a graduate of Xavier University (Ohio). He is married and the father of two children. He is a senior buyer at Eton-Yale and Towne, Inc.

LOLS Adopts Oleck Proposals

Several proposals were voted upon and adopted at the May meeting of the League of Ohio Law Schools, Interim Dean Howard Oleck, who along with several faculty members, represented Cleveland-Marshall, reports the following League action.

1. A proposed amendment to the Ohio Rules of Practice, to permit senior law students to aid in cases involving indigents in misdemeanor or civil cases was adopted and now will go to the Supreme Court's Special Committees.

2. Proposals of Dean Oleck which were adopted by the League:

(A) That the League, on behalf of all the Ohio law schools, offer Cooperative aid from these schools to any Ohio law school that might be designated as a regional center for the CLEO program to increase the number of Negro law students; and that this offer be communicated to the CLEO offices as an added inducement to designate same law school in Ohio as one of the regional centers.

(B) That the League study the advisability of modification of the Bar Exam subject matter periodically.

(C) That the League study the advisability of recommending, to the Bar Examiners and/or Supreme Court the Bar Exam be reduced from three days to two days in duration.

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The first year class of Cleveland-Marshall has contributed $64,665 to the Cleveland Now! campaign.

The first year class is made up of sixty students from several states and one foreign country. In a letter to Cleveland Now! headquarters, Student Bar Class Representative Theodore Boyd commented: "All of us are appreciative of this opportunity to participate in Cleveland's future through the Cleveland: Now! program."

Phlafthy Receives NYU Law Fellowship

Professor James T. Flaherty has been selected from a multitude of candidates to receive a fellowship to the law school administration workshop to be held at New York University School of Law from August 12-30, 1968.

The workshop will cover all phases of law school administration from recruitment and admissions to legal aid and other administrative relations. Only twenty participants were accepted.

During the last year, Professor Flaherty was at one time or another—teaching as Acting Associate Professor, in charge of class scheduling, as Chairman of the Alumni Councils, as well as being active with Legal Aid and countless other responsibilities and duties.

Do you feel that night law schools in general are going to be reduced from three days to two days in duration.

"Well certainly. This doesn't come as a surprise . . . There is going to have to be an entire change of perspective.

Do you think the students are suffering as a result of this?

"The students don't care. The student's attitude is: 'Look, give me enough education to get me a degree, and get the hell out of here, all I want is my license to practice law.' They couldn't care less . . . The same attitude is not present among the day students.

John E. Corrigan

As a senior class president for his class, Corrigan made the following comments:

"Four years ago, tonight was only a dream. Tonight, the past four years will become a memory. Since memories begin with endings, tonight we first bid a farewell. Farewell to Cleveland-Marshall law school, the administrators, Dean Oleck, and the distinguished members of our faculty.

To the school and administration, we express our gratitude for providing this class the opportunity to fulfill yesterday's dream. But for your existence, tonight would have been impossible. We hope that in future years this law school continues to consider the ambitions of those, such as we, who must study the law at night.

We feel the satisfaction of a job well done, but accept the fact that it must be re-done with each new class, new case and new client.

We feel the flash of victory, having come to the end of our dream, but take cognizance of the reality that victory can surely be yours after toiling on.
Pete Roper Accepts Cleveland Bar Position

Pete Roper, '61, for six years Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, resigned on April 15 to become Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Bar Association.

"Pete," guided our Alumni Association to the active and powerful body it is today. His leadership, energy and enthusiasm is contagious and it is our great loss and the Bar Association's gain.

During his years at the head of the Alumni Association he instituted our seminar series for practicing attorneys, developed our placement service, and in true p.r. form, smoothed many ruffled feathers.

We know his new position with Cleveland Bar Association will give him a much greater opportunity to create and develop and we wish him all the success in the world!

The Board of Trustees of the Alumni Association has appointed Mrs. June Edwards, assistant to Roper, as his replacement. She will continue to head the Placement Service and handle public relations.

Interim Dean Howard L. Oleck congratulates James L. Young, director of the Ohio Legal Center Institute, while Prof. Murad, in the background, places the hood on Young. Young, commencement speaker at the June 14th ceremony, received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

69th Annual Graduation Ceremony
Friday, June 14
Trinity Cathedral

Lian Raney, summa cum laude honor graduate, is congratulated by Interim Dean Oleck.

Alumni Elects Sanislo

Incoming Alumni Association president, Paul Sanislo, '61 accepts Gavel from retiring president, Fred Lock, Jr. '61.

Alumni Action

At their annual meeting on Thursday, June 13th, the Alumni Association elected Paul Sanislo, '61, to head their slate of officers for the 1968-69 term.

Sanislo is a partner in the law firm of Beighler, Spohn & Sanislo and only recently he resigned as Ward councilman to devote more time to his law practice.

After graduating from Baldwin-Wallace College, he entered law school while working days as a workerman's compensation claims investigator. It was soon after graduation from law school that he joined the Reigler law firm, specializing in compensation insurance claims.

"It is my intention," says Sanislo, "to attempt to preserve the Cleveland-Marshall name and its evening school for the benefit of those persons who otherwise would not be afforded the opportunity to gain a degree in law."

Mr. Sanislo is a member of the Cleveland, Cuyahoga, and American Bar Associations and is active in Kiwanis, the Shaker Square Businessmen's Association and the Hungarian Businessmen's Club.

He and his wife, Mary Ellen and their eleven-year old daughter Susan, live at 10109 Manor Avenue, Cleveland.

Other newly elected officers for the coming year are: Clarence L. James, Jr., '62, law director of the city of Cleveland, 1st vice-president; Dale D. Powers, '66, practicing attorney, 2nd vice-president; James Vance, '66, assistant treasurer of Republic Steel Corporation, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Ethel Kelley, practicing attorney, secretary; Leo Rosenman '29, attorney and owner of Certified Corporation & Office Supply, treasurer.

New members elected to serve on the board of trustees are Charles B. Donahue II, '67, a graduate of Harvard University and a member of the law firm of Caffee, Halter, Caffee, Gruziwald & Summers, and Albert J. Knopp, '61, who is associated with the firm of Baker, Hostetler & Patterson.

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Highlights of Annual Luncheon...Open House

Prof Emeritus Gardner and Ron Perrin, '54, in a moment of decision at the bountiful buffet arranged by Open House chairman, Leo Rossmann, '29.

Michael Grady, '66, bends an ear while listening to Paul Granzier, '59, Alumni Association board member, at the Open House.

Prof Emeritus Gardner and Judge Artl receiving their Outstanding Alumni awards from alumni president, Fred Lick, Jr., '61.

Frank Gasper, '68, and Harold Frye, '53, greet Judge Samuel Silbert, '07, during the Open House festivities.

Peter Roper, '61, former executive secretary of the Alumni Association, receiving his award from luncheon chairman Aaron Jacobson, '57, for outstanding service to the Association.

Some friends and alumni that filled the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel on May 23 to honor Judge Joseph A. Artl, '23, and Prof. Emeritus William K. Gardner.