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Scanning the biographical background of John Tuzo Wilson is like going over a volume of Who's Who.

This much-travelled individual, it seems, has been everywhere there is to go and despite the fact that he will be celebrating his 60th birthday this month he's showing no signs whatsoever of slowing down.

Appointed principal of Erindale College in Mississauga last year, Dr. Wilson is an acknowledged expert on world geology and has written three books and more than 100 scientific papers. His chief research interests are in physics of the earth and inter-continental comparisons of geology, including the problem of continental drift.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION

A warm, energetic personality, Dr. Wilson has already established a smooth running operation at Erindale, free of student power problems which beset other institutions of higher learning.

He has encouraged student participation in university affairs because he firmly feels that "students should have at least a partial say" in what goes on at their school.

Born in Ottawa on October 24, 1908, John Tuzo Wilson took part in his first geological field party at the age of 16 and has gone on from there

to gain many honors in Canada and the United States.

Prof. Wilson now has his B.A. in physics and geology; his M.A.; Sc.D., Ph.D.; LL.D. and Dr. of Science degrees.

He holds fellowships in five different societies; holds honorary positions with five others and is a member of nine more societies and associations connected with geology and physics.

## RECOGNITION

He has been the recipient of 10 medals and awards including the Centennial Medal. His experience with International and National organizations is like another page from Who's Who as he has held executive posts with such organizations as the International Council of Scientific Unions; the National Research Council of Canada; Expo '67; National Museums of Canada and the Centennial Centre of Science and Technology of Ontario.

His extensive research work has taken him to over 100 countries from the North Pole to Antarctica, including five trips around the world and lecturing at more than 130 universities on six continents.

His recreation includes walking, (he's a hard man to keep up with even touring the Erindale College), travelling (naturally), and sailing the Great Lakes in a Hong Kong Junk.

"I guess that Junk has be-

come the talk of the Great Lakes," he chuckled.

This world traveller married Isabel Jean Dickson in 1938 and they now have two daughters in college.

"Patty hopes to receive her M.A. this month in Chinese study and Suzie is studying fine arts," Prof. Wilson said.

The Erindale principal and his wife are both graduates of the University of Toronto. Since coming to Erindale where they live in the large campus estate house, they have held six parties for the students and "I can honestly say that every student has had an invitation to our home on a social basis."

In his friendly, relaxed manner, Prof. Wilson gets things done with a minimum of fuss or fanfare.

"When I need something," he said, "I go out and get it. If money is needed for a particular project, I go out and raise it. That way I don't have to bother about budgets."

"I would say that I definitely follow the letter of the law but not the spirit of the law in my position," he explained.

The Erindale College leader declared that in his view "it is important to remain scholars while still retaining the personal touch in university or college."

Judging from the smoothness of the Erindale College operation one can hardly argue with this man's methods.



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