HENLE ANNOUNCEMENT

After careful deliberation, much thought and prayer, I have selected Walter J. Bonner to be the next Dean of the Law Center. He is of the highest caliber and truly reflects an ideal convergence of jurisprudential skill with devotion to Catholic education.

The Decanal Search Committee deserves the thanks of the entire University. The two candidates recommended by the Committee are distinguished legal educators. However, since the Committee was unable to fulfill its mandate and recommend three candidates for my consideration, I included Mr. Bonner on my own initiative.

Although Mr. Bonner temporarily withdrew from consideration last year, several members of the Search Committee recommended Mr. Bonner to me and prevailed upon him to once again submit his name for consideration. I am confident that Walter Bonner will furnish the Law Center with progressive and cooperative leadership.

President R. J. Henle, S.J.

BONNER STATEMENT

I accept the position of Dean at the Law Center as a great honor. Georgetown has one of the finest law schools in the nation.

As a practicing attorney, I am keenly aware of the honor conferred and the challenge presented in accepting the Deanship and all the prestige and problems it holds. I will devote myself in the cause of the Law Center with as much energy and enthusiasm as I would bring to the defense of any of my clients.

Fisher Henle's desire to continue the highest Catholic legal traditions at the Law Center is a mandate which will inspire all of us. I will work to build upon the excellent record of achievement of Dean Adrian Fisher.

Walter J. Bonner

Henle turns down Tamm group nominees

Bonner prominent D.C. trial attorney

by SCOTT SPIEGEL

University President Robert J. Henle has selected prominent Washington attorney and GULC adjunct professor Walter J. Bonner to be the next Dean of the Law Center. The announcement was made available to the Law Weekly yesterday for release today.

Bonner's selection comes as a surprise since Father Henle was not expected to reopen nominations or to look beyond the two candidates recommended by the Decanal Search Committee headed by U.S. appellate judge Edward A. Tamm.

In a short statement, President Henle stated that Bonner was "of the highest caliber and truly reflects an ideal convergence of jurisprudential skill with devotion to Catholic education." (See statement on the left side of photo.)

Henle also declined to be bound by the search committee's nominations of GULC Prof. David J. McCarthy, Jr. and Catholic University School of Law Dean E. Clinton Bamberger.

Dean designate Bonner issued a statement acknowledging "the honor conferred and the challenge presented" and pledging that he would work for the Law Center "with as much energy and enthusiasm as I would bring to the defense of any of my clients."
GULC graveyard:  

**If the faculty don't get you, Henle will**

JOHN CARVER did hail from a great western state,  
To bird, bees and nature he loved to relate,  
But riding a bike was a frivolous hobby,  
He can save his energy for the ecology lobby.

EDELMAN, PETER, the students' first pick,  
Was thought by some people to be much too slick.  
A political post was his ultimate goal,  
And so he was axed in the faculty poll.

Fast FRANK FLEGAL zips through his classes,  
And had great appeal to the first-year masses.  
A popular prof by his colleagues admired  
In the classroom, not dean's chair, he was desired.

WILLIAM GREENHALGH rests  
Unawarded in colleagues' popularity tests.  
His outspoken manner he now has to lose.  
And content himself with post number two.

McDONALD, unearthed from the world of affairs,  
No experience had he with dull Academe's cares.  
But his cost/benefit outlook was thought to be slanted,  
And the faculty soon grew less than enchanted.

Procedural CARRINGTON of casebook immemorial  
Dropped out of the race for his views anti-clinical.  
But no sooner gone from the Law Center's view,  
Then he surfaced again up at old N.Y.U.

Here lies JOHN SIMON, professor from Yale.  
The Ivy League heavy whose star had no pale.  
"Administrative pressures" caused him to withdraw.  
Faced with casework or Henle, he'd rather teach law.

For the second time around, McCARTHY came close  
And once again, he lost by a nose.  
There's something about him that seems out of place,  
And caused Henle to drop him this late in the race.

BAMBERGER of Catholic made it down to the wire,  
But he, like McCarthy, aroused Henle's ire.  
His zeal for minority and women students,  
Struck Father Henle as the height of imprudence.
An unwelcome surprise

By selecting Walter Bonner to be the next dean of the Law Center, Father Henle short-circuits the entire dean search process. Judge Tammy's inscrutable leadership and the labors of a fine committee should not be discarded in favor of a candidate who has never taught law full-time or served as an educational administrator. While a fine trial attorney, Bonner lacks the most minimal qualifications to be dean at what Board of Directors and search committee member A.G. McCarthy regards as the finest law school in the nation. Yet even McCarthy supported this secretive effort to install Bonner in the GULC deanship.

We reluctantly endorsed efforts by Professor Schotland and other faculty in a roasting denunciation of the administration's actions, but we now wholeheartedly encourage Georgetown's justifiably outraged faculty to protest Henle's irregular selection. Bonner, a long-time adjunct professor here, may be a fine teacher and effective advocate, but his qualifications to be Dean here are, to put it charitably, less than obvious. His eleven-hour selection by a lame-duck university President mocks the search committee, the faculty and the solicitude they both so movingly displayed for keeping students informed about and involved in the dean selection process.

Bonner will have difficulty measuring up to the stature of Dean Fisher and barely stands on a level with the search committee's own nominees, Professor David McCarthy and Dean Clinton Bamberger.

Father Henle says in his statement that he selected Bonner after deliberation and prayer. With whom did Father President deliberate? With whom did Father President pray?

The appointment of Mr. Bonner, a talented attorney but unproven administrator, marks Father Henle's latest and most egregious affront to the Law Center.

Welcome, Dean Bonner

On the other hand, there are several things to recommend Walter Bonner to be our Dean. He is an experienced and consummate trial attorney whose advocacy skills might convince the Hilltop of points on which other administrators have been less persuasive.

Bonner's qualities of pragmatism and persuasiveness would best serve the Law Center in the crucial area of fund-raising. It would indeed be a hard-hearted person who could resist the Bonner combination of charm, rhetoric, and cajolery.

Finally, the cases which made Walter Bonner a household word have also shown his clear-eyed realism as to the sources of large financial donations. Bonner has access to the big money boys, understands the sources of political contributions, and undoubtedly could tap the same tills on GULC's behalf.

Current and prospective students, alumni and law school donors should consider the addition of Walter Bonner as Dean at Georgetown Law Center.

Letters to the Editor

Partner applauds pick

Georgetown's gain is my loss. As a partner, Walter Bonner helped push our firm from oblivion through controversy and into greatness and reward. It shows that Walter has the practical ability to perform and create, and I know that Georgetown's legal program will achieve dramatic results and witness great change and enlightenment. I know Walter will not be back with us in three years and expect him to remain at the Law Center for a long time. It is a tribute to my great partner.

Edward C. O'Connell

Former clients praise WJB

Wally Bonner is one of America's great lawyers and a credit to his profession. He stands alone as a pro bono lawyer who can be not only a true friend and sage counselor in times of trouble, but also a concerned citizen and responsible and dedicated seer of the public good. We are confident that he will be able to produce a new generation of technologically trained, publicly minded and ethically sensitive law graduates. We wish him all the best.

Maurice Stein, John Mitchell

Dean Search Committee Expenses

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Prof hits choice

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William T. Adams, GULC '73
Brookings Institution

Former student upset

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Stanley Metzger, Anatole
Bonner named new law dean

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The selection of Bonner to replace Dean Adrian Fisher has already evoked responses from some of the search committee members with whom he spoke last week.

Professor John Kramer commented, "I thought maybe something like this would happen, but the fact that it happened is quite surprising. I was looking forward to being in Ann Arbor." He also noted that Professor Roy Schoettle, a leader in the drive to replace President Helm, said last night that he would circulate a petition to the students to consider Professor John Steadman and another to the U of M students to support Hull's going outside search committee recommendations to select Bonner.

Some sources were saying as late as last Friday that Hull was unimpressed by the search committee nominations. GULC President McCarthy and Dean Clinton Bamberger of Catholic University, Father Heise's colleague towards the two candidates, came to know Hull's wishes after receiving a statement announcing he would choose either McCarthy or Bamberger as the new dean. The searches reported that Heise informed search committee members Professor Paul Dean and local author A.G. McCarthy of his decision Monday night. Both men strongly supported Bonner last November when he was under consideration by the search committee. Dean and McCarthy refused comment on the Bonner selection.

Father Heise will not discuss the selection in detail at a joint news conference with Bonner for 2:00 p.m. this afternoon to officially announce the appointment. But Bonner will be in town for a week, so further comment may be expected.

Professor David McCarthy, one of the two Search Committee nominees, informed Heise late last night of his firm's support for McCarthy. McCarthy said he was "very surprised" to learn of Bonner's selection, but immediately "disappeared" at the result but would "support the new dean." Clinton Bamberger, teaching at Stanford on a leave of absence this semester, was unavailable for comment. Dean designate Bonner was also unavailable for comment; his office indicated that he would have nothing to say until this afternoon's press conference on the Hilltop.

Father Heise's candidacy last fall may have been the snatched away "Watergate发布公告, but he succeeded in defending Maurice Stans in New York in the Vesco case. The public support from his campaign is a testament to his integrity. He has been named as a dean candidate and he has been appointed to the public trust. His selection by the search committee was a testament to his integrity.

Bonner's political views have changed according to several sources. A registered Democrat, Bonner was an early supporter of Senator Edward Kennedy in 1976 and switched reluctantly to McGovern in late 1972 when he couldn't stand the thought of voting for Nixon. Stans knew this and believed a Democrat would probably be a better choice, but Bonner still stands for other goals. The chance to be a law school dean was never really something he thought about, a friend of his confided. "It's a coincidence that the closest thing to academia that Walter ever could expect," said one from Bonner's friends.

When Bonner was a dean candidate last year, the Irish boy from the Bronx made clear he was in company with a group of legal educators devoted to academic excellence. "His excitement was hard to conceal," remarked an associate of Bonner's. But that excitement was squelched by the Watergate backlash and fears of faculty and student hostility. The publication of Bonner's name as a dean candidate forced him to withdraw. "He was really upset but he knew that it was the best thing to do. Edward Levi's observation that academic politics are the most brutal would have been proven beyond doubt if Wallly stayed in that deanship race," remarked another Bonner intimate.

The six Bonner children and his wife of nearly a quarter century, the former Barbara Degnan, make up the family of the new 50-year-old dean. Bonner will commute from his home in a quiet section of Providence, Maryland, a sharp contrast from Dean Fisher's daily commuter jaunts in his jeep from the fashionable and elite Georgetown neighborhood.

The transition from Fisher to Bonner is one that is paralleled in many ways by the passing of an elite Ivy League sophistication into a more relaxed yet intensely pragmatic atmosphere which Bonner is expected to instill on the fourth floor.

As Dean Fisher prepares to step down as dean to assume a chair of international law, Walter Bonner will charge full steam into the brewing kettle of problems facing legal education here at Georgetown.

Walter Bonner: top trial lawyer

by PAUL LECLERC

Walter Bonner is a lawyer's lawyer. His classically flamboyant trial presence seems as odds with his athleticism and winning nature. He is a crafty and finely exec- cuted defense of Maurice Stans marked the high point in an active professional career far removed from his relaxed personal life.

Bonner's young years might have come from an old Horatio Alger dime novel. Bonner left one of New York's rough Irish neighborhoods by pursuing his education as intensity as he now con- ducts courtroom cross-examination. After Navy service during World War II and several post-war years working, Bonner got his undergraduate degree from Catholic University in 1951. Bonner graduated from Georgetown Law in 1955.


"Bonner is as good a trial lawyer as Edward Bennett Williams, but Williams gets all the publicity," commented a close associate of Bonner. Yet Walter Bonner was propelled into the public eye after he successfully defended Maurice Stans in New York in the Vesco case. The public support from his campaign is a testament to his integrity. He has been named as a dean candidate and he has been appointed to the public trust. His selection by the search committee was a testament to his integrity.

Bonner, O'Connell, Kaplan, Thompson and Disguad, the firm he founded in 1960 with two other former Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

Bonner will be Vice President for Law Center affairs ex officio. A Catho-
lic, Bonner will also be the spiritual leader of GULC — a position held by Professor Brian during the tenure of Dean Fisher, an Episcopalian. The Law Center spiritual leader organizes year-round programs for the administration and faculty of GULC. Bonner is an adjunct professor of law here. He presently co-teaches a course in practice with Prof. James W. Bier-
bower and has taught corporation and criminal law in previous years.

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