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## Healy Succeeds Henle

### New President Voices Optimism Concerning Tasks Awaiting Him

by Rod Kuckro

The Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., a 53-year-old Jesuit currently serving as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the City University of New York, was elected Georgetown's 46th President late yesterday afternoon by the University's Board of Directors.

The announcement was made after a nine-hour closed session at the Twin Bridges Marriott in Virginia.

Fr. Healy got the nod over Fairfield University President Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, S.J., a former Georgetown Academic Vice-President, and Rev. Robert Mitchell, S.J., formerly Jesuit provincial for the New York area, ex President of the Jesuit Conference. The names of the final three candidates were sent to the Board last week by the Presidential Search Committee.

The new President replaces the Rev. Robert J. Henle, S.J., who will retire to a teaching and research post at St. Louis University June 30, where he has accepted an appointment to the McDonnell Chair in Justice in American Society.

Board of Directors Chairman Rev. Malcolm Carron, S.J. spoke for the Board, noting that "from an outstanding group of candidates the Board was pleased to choose Father Healy and holds the highest expectations both for him and for the future of Georgetown. He brings with him considerable experience, creativity and has distinguished himself as a Jesuit heartily dedicated to higher education."

In an interview with the *HOYA* shortly after he was notified of the Board's decision, Fr. Healy said when asked for a reaction, "Really, at the moment I'm more fatigued than anything else." After a deliberate pause he added, "Naturally I'll miss City University; but it's nice to be returning to a Jesuit environment, it's nice to be home."

When asked about the transformation from CUNY to Georgetown, Fr. Healy conceded a significant difference in the two institutions, explaining, "Well, I'm from another world at City University. I've been there seven years and it's about time to bring some of the loot home—the loot in this case being what I have learned—what I

know how to do or not to do."

One hallmark of Fr. Healy's long career as an administrator has been his simultaneous involvement in academics as a professor of English. He taught both at Fordham and at City University. Regarding the possibility of continuing his teaching at Georgetown, Fr. Healy replied, "I don't know, it's too early. I'd like to teach, but I'm going to wait and see. I want to support the faculty as best I humanly can."

Fr. Healy cited a particular image

problem he saw at Georgetown. "I get the feeling in talking to some of the people on the Search Committee that Georgetown doesn't see itself as well as it's seen from the outside. It's a good shop that does a lot of good things."

Confronted with Georgetown's position among other Catholic universities, particularly Notre Dame, Healy affirmed, "This is still the oldest, classiest and the brightest student body that we've got. Georgetown's a very important place."



Photo by Bill Auth

Father Timothy Healy

## Board Choice Closes Six Month Search for 'God on a Good Day'

by Barry Wiegand

The election of the Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., as the 46th President of Georgetown marks the end of a six-month search for "God on one of his better days" to head up the nation's oldest Catholic University.

Although many campus pundits predicted that Fairfield University President the Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, S.J. would get the nod to run Georgetown University, reliable sources told the *HOYA* that Fr. Healy had been the first choice of most search panel members and had significant support among many members of the Board of Directors.

Some on-campus sources suggested that there was opposition to Fr. Fitzgerald from some parts of the Medical and Law center community.

Most other sources stressed Fr. Healy's experience at Fordham and CUNY, and his "record of service to the community, plus some of his innovative accomplishments."

Fr. Healy has been credited with increasing the number of minority students at Fordham, with plans for a two-year college program for prison inmates. The Jesuit was also an early exponent of the concept of "open enrollments" at the New York City municipal schools.

According to one observer, some Board members called Fr. Healy "glib and ambitious," but praised his administrative ability as Vice-Chancellor at the City University of New York.

After interviewing Frs. Healy, Fitzgerald and the third finalist, the Rev. Robert Mitchell, S.J., from 9:30 a.m. until nearly 2:30 yesterday, the Board first polled its members to list the candidates as first, second or third choice and to give reasons for the ranking.

Fr. Healy was either the favorite or the runner-up of most of the twenty-two members of the Board, although Fr. Fitzgerald and Fr. Mitchell each received at least two first places.

According to sources close to the Board, most of the rest of the meeting was spent choosing between Fr. Healy and Fr. Mitchell. Fr. Mitchell was weakened by his lack of experience in the field of fund-raising. Fr. Healy, whose duties at the City University include overseeing some twenty campuses and 250,000 students, also showed greater administrative background.

Before breaking for a period of contemplation, the Board re-interviewed Fr. Healy. Shortly after reassembling, the Board discussed voting procedures for the secret ballot, and then elected the new President.

Since early November the twelve-member committee has systematically whittled the list of Presidential hopefuls from nearly 130 to the final three whose names were submitted to the Board of Directors last week.

"I wish the President of the United States were chosen by as rational a process," one member of the University Board of Directors commented after reading the voluminous amount of material written by the Presidential Search Committee on the final three candidates.

In the process, the committee drew up a controversial statement assessing the key problems and needs of the University, and a list of ten qualifications for the new President. The document was highly praised by Student Government leaders but was panned by several faculty members.

Although the document represents only the committee's view, many student

leaders hailed it as a landmark statement that "isolates some of the major weaknesses at Georgetown. It says what we've been telling the administration since Ryan was fired."

Members of the Board of Directors praised the search committee for its detailed research on the candidates which included pouring over hundreds of letters from colleagues and friends of the nominees, and medical records.

In recent months, the committee has been plodding away, attracting few headlines, in marked contrast to its formation and early deliberations.

Almost from the moment outgoing President the Rev. R. J. Henle, S.J. announced in October that he would resign at the end of this June, there was a mad scramble for places on the panel.

The faculty Senate demanded that three more professors be named to the committee, and subsequently withdrew its recognition of the three members already named when the demand was rejected.

On the main campus, Student Body President Dave Ralston drew flak from student senators and the press when he picked his predecessor Jack Leslie (SFS '76) as the undergraduate student representative to the search panel.

Leslie was charged with being too secretive and unresponsive to student interests. Leslie was eventually approved by the Senate, after considerable lobbying in his behalf by members of the Ralston administration.

At last Sunday's meeting of the Student Senate, Leslie was closely questioned by Senator Thomas Saitta (SFS '77) about an alleged failure to communicate openly with students and the confidential nature of the search process. The Senate took no action.

# Editorial Second Healy

We applaud the election of the Rev. Tim Healy, SJ as the 46th president of Georgetown University. The Board of Directors has shown a rare wisdom in choosing a man who is uniquely suited to deal successfully with the serious problems that hang darkly over the University's future.

Fr. Healy's experience lies precisely in those areas which beg vigorous action if Georgetown is to do more than survive. The trials of holding a major post at the City University of New York, particularly as Academic Vice Chancellor, are the perfect crucible for forging a man with the temper to run this University at this time.

For the University student body, faculty and administration the future demands much greater concern and involvement in the molding of life at Georgetown. It is their implicit responsibility to offer as much, cooperation, guidance and constructive criticism to Healy as is demanded by circumstances.

The most important task confronting Father Healy is establishing Georgetown to its claim as the leading Catholic and more importantly Jesuit institution of higher education in the U.S. It's time that someone gave Notre Dame a run for its money.

The dormant legacy of an outstanding Jesuit tradition must be reaffirmed and blended with the progressivism of the seventies to define Georgetown's role in the future.

Although Father Henle's program of financial development proved to be outstanding in its scope, it is imperative that a private institution such as Georgetown remain financially independent and solvent. Above and beyond the normal budgetary needs we see glaring funding deficiencies in areas such as the library, athletic development, student services and facilities.

Certainly few could match Fr. Healy's intimate knowledge of the ravages of the money squeeze on higher education; if Georgetown is "budgeting under the gun", then CUNY is staring into the mouth of a howitzer. The choice of Fr. Healy reflects an awareness that Georgetown needs a man who grasps the awful reality of massive financial collapse.

The new president also boasts a strong record in the area of community relations and minority programs. Even if it were not our moral duty as a religious and educational institution, pragmatic politics would dictate some accommodation to the District community. When outgoing President Fr. Henle first arrived at the University he enunciated a clear commitment to the DC community and to minority programs in the teeth of withering opposition from much of the alumni, faculty and students. What little of this commitment was actually translated into concrete action has usually been torpedoed before it got afloat or shuffled off into institutional oblivion. Tokenism reigns.

Georgetown has debts long past due in this area and only a dim recognition of the responsibility owed to the District and the local community; if we continue to hew to our current line, letting the chips fall where they may, they are liable to hit us like a truckload of bricks. Already we have achieved the singular feat of uniting the Democrats, Republicans and Statehood Parties in the City Council against us on the parking issue.

By electing Fr. Healy, the Board of Directors has named a President with a strong background in cultivating community relations and working to develop minority programs. The Board appears to have staked out an advanced position (for Georgetown anyway) which is as commendable as it is unexpected.

Now that the six month search process is concluded, we look forward to Fr. Healy taking office with optimism that the new president will be able to handle the problems facing the University.

# "Where There's a Jesuit, There's a Debate" Timothy Healy

The following are selected excerpts from an article in the April 17 edition of the Jesuit magazine America, entitled "More than a Question of Style." The piece discusses aspects of the educational philosophy of the newly elected President of Georgetown University, the Rev. Timothy Healy, S.J.

"... colleges are not seminaries, and they are not supposed to run on prayer. Vatican II urges that the world of time has its own rules and rhythms; and if ever a creature belonged to that world, sharing its pathos and its profound anarchy, a college is that creature. Jesuit colleges whatever their theological identity, must share in the general intellectual character of American higher education ...

"Any Jesuit college will know that each student comes in three layers, mind, soul and body, and that each layer will take some working on. First, and perhaps most important, every student is morally autonomous ... If the student is truly autonomous, then he is free in both the harsh and the gentle sense of the word. He is free to enjoy the isle and all its noises ... free to dream and to cry to dream again. He is also free to fall flat on his face ... The reason that both kinds of freedom have to be granted to him is not so much that he is loved, but that he is respected. Newman remarked that great minds need elbow room; so do young ones.

"A Jesuit college will put an almost equal accent on rationality ... Two conclusions from this kind of statement are far reaching. The first is that the mind exists to be used, and that the refusal to use it is the ultimate treason, the option for the status of beast. The second conclusion is that problems exist to be solved; even vast ones like world population or ecology. Giving up is failure ...

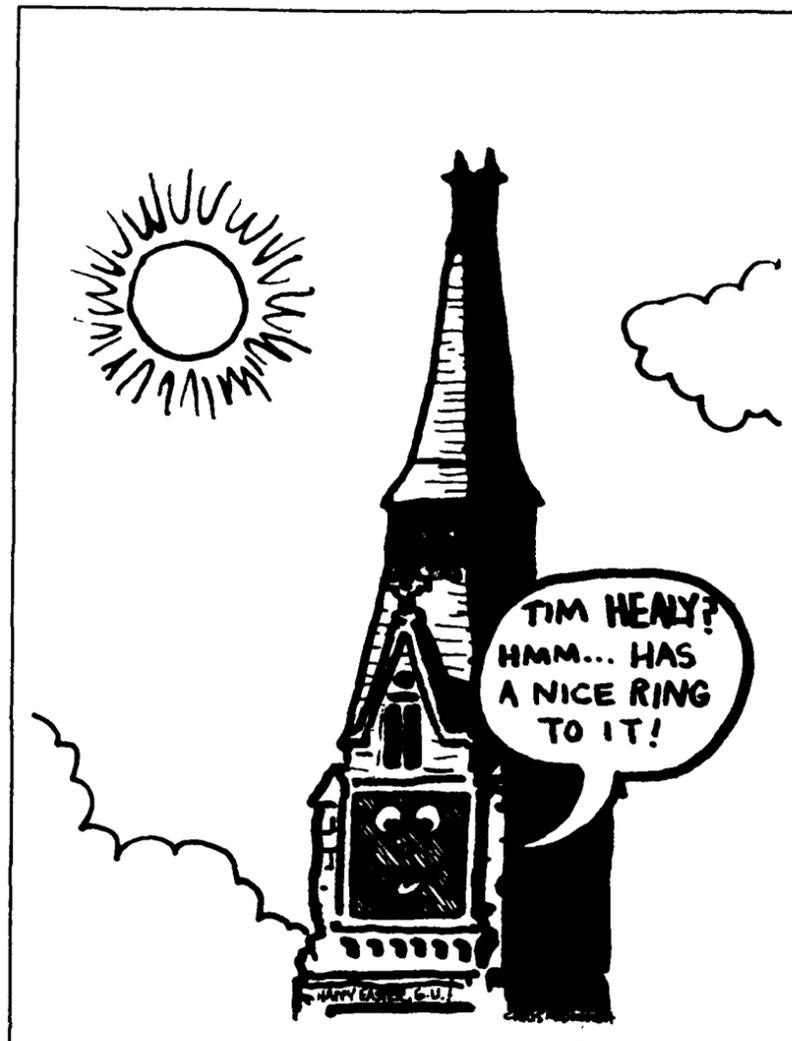
"... the image of preoccupied scholars playing three dimensional chess in their heads hardly enchants Jesuits. So the college has

for a double reason. All human enterprise, and especially intellectual enterprise, needs levelling, and theology is a great guarantor of academic democracy. It does this by blocking the absolutism of other disciplines ...

"A second thrust of academic theology is however, more serious. This century's greatest intellectual danger is dispersion; we lock our learning into little boxes; we forget that knowledge can only be

college rests.

"One ought to speak to that anarchy, since it is so much a constant of University and college reality. Any place where young and old gather to question, to learn and to love is going to be a place filled with gaps and confusions ... Perhaps it is because of the anarchy that the Jesuits have a deep sense of the fallibility of any institution, even one that is as much loved as a college or



## "Great minds need elbow room; so do young ones..."

to care for students' almost vegetable growth—vaster than empires and more slow. It has to cope with art, with fun, with joy, with love, with athletics—with the whole gamut the combination of a 20-year-old body and a 400-year-old imagination can stretch out.

"When we look at the curriculum, several Jesuit priorities become visible. We would carve into stone the boast of the medieval scholastic who announced that he was prepared to defend theses ... concerning all knowable things and a few others. I start off with that because it counters the notion that Jesuit education is exclusively 'classical' ... the Jesuits have consistently gone around saying 'no idea' is foreign.

"One of the basic blocks in the curriculum is theology, and that

deep if it is integrated. This Balkanization of learning has found its way into structure. The highest walls on the college landscape are those around departments. Against this tendency,

most Jesuits will react ... the knowledge of God makes whole and makes one all of man's learning.

"One final curricular note: ... ("where there's a Jesuit, there's a debate"). The tribe is hung up on words ... A preoccupation with language, an edgy discomfort with uncertainty and unclarity and the love of verbal swordsmanship, are all the trademark of Jesuit colleges.

"To the shape and structure of any college the Jesuits will bring along their faith that it is a workable and viable human institution, an insistence on its rationality. This means ... that there is a mandatory civility with which it must conduct business ... we need the control of this civility to counter the anarchy on which any

university ...

"Jesuits will insist there must be a place in any college for the phenomenon of advocacy, including institutional advocacy ... look to the Jesuits and Jesuit institutions in South America. There, where the questioning is bitter, deep and deadly accurate (otherwise why would so many of them be in jail?) may be the one place in the hemisphere where the Jesuits are doing that part of their job which is summed up in the word 'advocacy.'

"All these notes taken together will give us a sketchy map of the Jesuit 'character' shared by twenty-eight hugely diverse Jesuit colleges and universities. The details of the sketch will be about as clear (and as reliable) as a weak-lensed photo of the moon. In addition, we are left with the sense of inadequacy and incompleteness that limiting ourselves to the strictly intellectual brings ... Wherever there is a Jesuit college, there are Christians, and others, young and old, working in the tangle of their minds to translate into time the command of the last of the Apostles: 'Little children, love one another.'"

# Healy Choice Yields Positive GU Reaction

The selection of the Rev. Timothy Healy, S.J. as Georgetown's forty-sixth President drew numerous reactions—all positive—from the Georgetown community.

Vice President for Student Development Dr. Patricia Rueckel: "I think his selection is terrific. He has a reputation for being a leader and innovator of higher education. In an article he wrote for the latest issue of *America* he said that a university ought to be a place where people love each other and have fun."

Vice President for Academic Affairs the Rev. Aloysius Kelly, S.J.: "I did not know two of the three finalists—I haven't met



Joe Lhota

either Father Healy or Fr. Mitchell—but I'm sure the search process was calculated to get us a capable president."

Student Senator Joe Lhota (B '76): "Tim Healy is the best choice. I hope he continues his long-range planning here. We really need it. I'm proud of Jack Leslie. He did his job."

Junior Saitta (SFS '77), RA, Student Senator and ex-Rugby president: "It's about time they got a New Yorker in office. At least Macke will have to serve good pastrami now."

Student President Bob Gage: "From everything I can gather, he's the kind of charismatic leader who has the ability to lead Georgetown into a period of greatness.

He'll bring together the factions. He'll be respected by faculty, students, and administrators, alike."

Tom Daley (C '77): "It is about time Georgetown had another Healy. I just hope the new president will be as good as his name sake."

SFS Dean Peter Krogh: "He's an absolutely first class person—well-spoken, very internationally oriented, and highly respected. I hope the first thing he does is get to know GU—the students, administrators and faculty. He should settle in, then plot his own course."

Med. Center Chaplain Rev. Daniel Gatty, S.J.: "I've known Fr. Healy since 1961, and I'm very happy to hear he's made it. Because of his experience, he is best-suited to deal with the problems and growth Georgetown faces. He's always kept close to the students—as Vice Pres. of Fordham University he still taught an English class."

Professor of Psychology Dr. Daniel Robinson: "I don't know the man, but from what I've heard of his background, he seems eminently qualified. I don't want to comment on what he should do as President. Let's give the man a chance to hang up his coat first."

Russian Department Chairman Dr. Robert Lager: "I've never met the man. However, there is a need to concentrate on improving academic programs at Georgetown, and I hope this will be his top priority, instead of something else like fund-raising."

Philosophy Dept. Chairman Henry Veatch: "I don't know him, and I don't think I'm in any position to comment on him, but anybody who becomes a University president faces all sorts of problems, particularly as far as GU is concerned—defining the role at a Jesuit Catholic institution in America."

Theology Assoc. Professor Thomas King, S.J.: "I was impressed by the way the search committee and the Board of Directors handled the selection. I'd like a new president to give a strong humanistic character to the Georgetown education in keeping with Jesuit tradition."

Daniel Altobello, Vice President of Administrative Services: "I have only one comment. I think the choice is great and I wish the new president well. I pledge my support and hope to make his job as easy as possible."



Fr. Al Kelley



Bob Gage

## Healy Comes to Hilltop From Key Post at CUNY

by Jim Colaprico

The Rev. Timothy Healy, SJ, comes to Georgetown from his post as Vice Chancellor of the financially troubled City University of New York (CUNY). In this post, he had general supervision over all of the academic affairs of a University that is the "largest urban institution in the world." CUNY boasts nineteen different schools scattered throughout the New York Metropolitan Area.

Prior to serving in this capacity at CUNY, Healy was the second ranking administrator at Fordham University, serving as the school's Executive Vice President Robert Brown, Fordham's director of public relations, described Healy as "an extremely accomplished individual."

Brown stated that "Georgetown is certainly making a wise choice by selecting Fr. Healy."

Healy has long shown an interest in minority affairs, an attribute that will come in handy at the Hilltop. In December of 1969, he published the cover story in the *Saturday Review* entitled "The Challenge of Open Admission."

Georgetown's new president is a native New Yorker who entered the Jesuit order in 1940. As far as his formal education is concerned, he received his BA from Woodstock College in Maryland, his MBA from Fordham, his STL (theological degree) from Louvain in Belgium and his PhD from Oxford.

At Oxford, where he studied on a Kent Fellowship, he co-edited, with Helen Gardner, an anthology of John Donne's prose. Healy's major field of study at Oxford was seventeenth century English

literature.

Fr. Healy, who also teaches a course in "Modern British Poetry," has been connected with CUNY since 1969, and currently oversees academic programs for nearly 250,000 students.

Fr. Healy has also published numerous articles dealing with the issue of school desegregation.

In other capacities, Fr. Healy has served, in 1954, as the Special Assistant to the Chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY). His main function here was to attempt to develop a college educational system for inmates in prisons.

He has further served as a trustee at LeMoine College in Syracuse, as a consultant to the Scranton Commission on Campus Unrest, on the New York State Senate Advisory Committee on Higher Education, and on a similar State Senate committee dealing with Inmate Higher Education.

Healy comes from a family that has had many years of experience in the communications field. Both his mother and father were radio personalities. His father was known, on the air, as "Captain Tim". Also, when Pope Paul came to the United States and offered mass in Yankee Stadium, it was Healy's father that narrated the ceremony. Healy, himself has served both as the Director of Fordham's radio station (WFUV) and as Chairman of the Communication Arts Department.

The elder Healy was also a hero in World War I where he served in the Australian Army during the Gallipoli campaign. Healy, himself, served as the chaplain in an Engineers Battalion of the National Guard.



Prof Robinson

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

**EASTER VIGIL** 5 a.m., starting at Healy Circle—Masses also at 10 and 11 a.m., noon, 9:30 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. in Dahlgren Chapel.

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

**NOMINATIONS—COLLEGE ACADEMIC COUNCIL** nominate yourself at the College Dean's Office before 3 p.m. today. Four positions (class representatives and one at-large) are open.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

**THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE** 8 p.m., Hall of Nations. Speaker Rev. Bryan Hehir, Ph.D. candidate, Harvard and Associate Secretary for Justice and Peace, U.S. Catholic Conference. Admission \$2, advance reservations preferred. Call School for Continuing Education 625-3001.

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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

**BLACK ORPHEUS** presented by the Luso-Brazilian Club. 8 p.m., AV Department, Lauinger, free. English.

### SPECIAL NOTICES

**GEORGETOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** John Welsh, conductor; Miron Yampolsky, cello; Jeffrey Chappell, piano; in recital. Works by Bach, Boccherini, Brahms, Stravinsky and the premiere of a sonata by Mihaly Virizlay. Sunday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Nations. Tickets \$3 at SEC box office or call 528-4059 or 659-4089.

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**BILL MARLEY AND THE WAILERS** McDonough Arena. Sat., April 24, 8 p.m., \$6.50 and \$5.50, tickets at the SEC box office.

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