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Movers & shakers

Newly elected law school council president Marcus Williams (left) confers with QUAERE Editor Michael Crowley. Former student president of the University of North Carolina, Williams takes office in the fall. Crowley's terms as editor begins with this, the May issue of QUAERE.

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And they called it "the law building"

The new law school building was dedicated on April 4 in ceremonies held in Willey Hall. The program was marked by calm lawyer-like method. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the Dedication for the 1400 members of the audience was that the building was not named.

Academic gowns were in evidence but the event was not notable for excess hoopla. Two honorary degrees were awarded by University President McGrath and Regents' Chairperson Moore to Vice-President Mondale and Chief Justice Burger. The degree was an added plaudit for Mondale, a past editor of the Minnesota Law Review. Mr. Chief Justice Burger joked that it was his first degree from Minnesota. Although he attended the University's night school he completed his studies elsewhere.

The program was quite simple. The Chief Justice gave a speech. Governor Perpich spoke briefly for the people of Minnesota. Chief Justice Sheran, speaking for the Minnesota judiciary, praised the new facility and anticipated the high quality attorneys it will assist in producing. Mr. Kelton Gage, President of the Minnesota Bar, struck a note of caution in his remarks. The Bar, it seems, is burgeoning in Minnesota. Senator Anderson also spoke. The Vice-President gave the dedicatory address which is reprinted below.

The most provocative comments of the day were made by student body President, Marcus Williams. In a forthright presentation, Mr. Williams reminded the audience of the commitment lawyers must make to alleviate society's ills and inequities.

A Counter-dedication also took place on April 4. Many people wondered aloud why there are no minority faculty members and why the Supreme Court seems to be ignoring civil rights. Outside Willey Hall, a group protested Chief Justice Burger's appearance at the Dedication ceremonies and urged a reversal of Bakke.



Law students vote to start their winter quarter Dec. 7

University law students voted 412 to 29 Thursday to start winter classes Dec. 5 instead of Dec. 7 as recently announced by Dean Carl A. Auerbach's office.

According to Auerbach's Sept. 26 announcement, construction problems delaying the Dec. 15 move to the new West Bank law building would force students to attend classes from Dec. 7 to Dec. 21 before beginning winter quarter break.

Law students, who began fall classes a week before other students to make time for the move, expressed immediate concern over the change in schedule.

The issue was brought before Auerbach by Student Council President Marcus Williams. According to Williams, Auerbach said the decision was made to allow a two-day break before beginning winter quarter classes.

However, Williams said, Thurs-

day's referendum vote indicated students would rather skip the two-day break and be dismissed along with the rest of the student body on Dec. 16. Auerbach said Sunday he would honor the student vote.

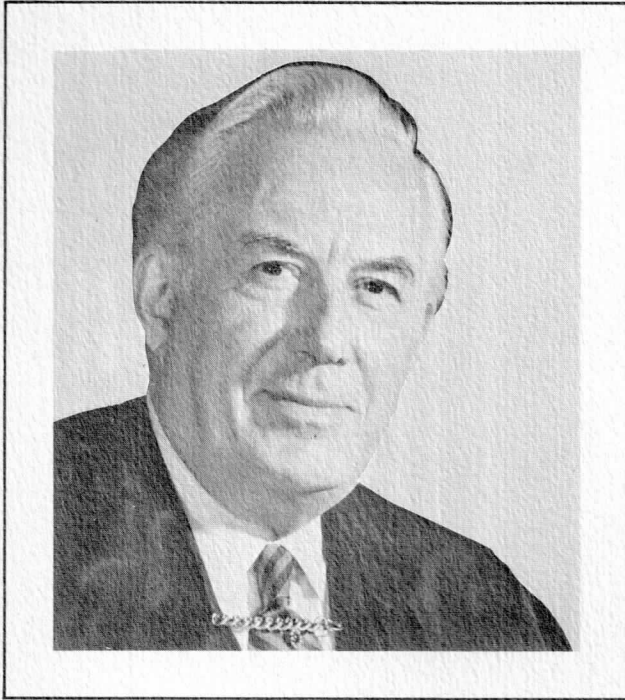
Another issue in the election was the annual ratification of the student honor code. A method of self-governing student conduct, the honor code was supported 305 to 80.

"This code will hopefully be tested later this year when a plan to amend the exam taking process is introduced," Williams said.

The plan would allow students to take exams at their discretion within a certain time frame. Currently, exam times are specifically assigned within a 10-day period.

The plan will be introduced to the Law Council and then to the faculty sometime soon, Williams said.

The University of Minnesota Honors:

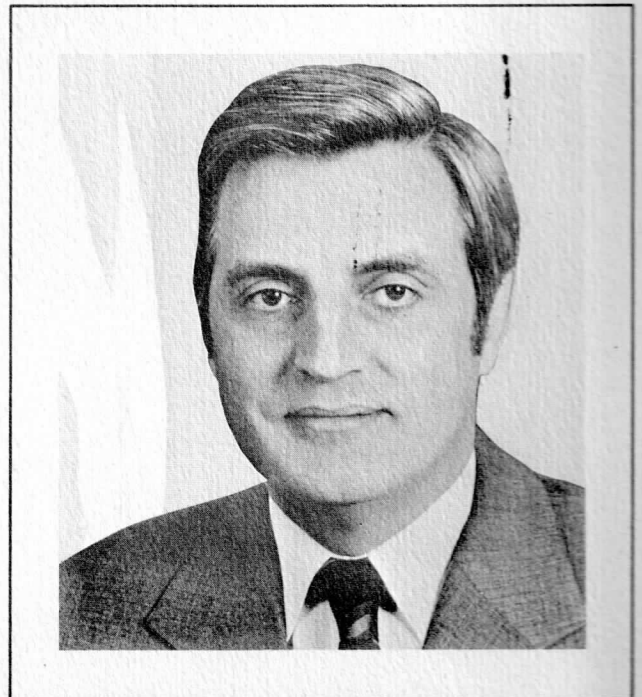


Warren E. Burger

“Because of your distinguished career as a jurist; because you were instrumental in maintaining stability in the Nation during the turbulent years of your initial appointment to the position of Chief Justice; because you promoted efficiency in the administration of the Federal and State court systems; because of your concern for legal education throughout the Nation; because of your continuing efforts to encourage high standards of professional competence and responsibility among practicing attorneys; because your outstanding achievements have brought distinction to this State and Nation . . . ”

Walter F. Mondale

“Because you have distinguished yourself by your intellectual and scholarly activities accompanying your public service to this State and Nation; because of your long-standing concern for social justice; because you have been a champion of education in the political arena; because of your active role as Vice President of the United States representing the President and the Nation in important national and international assignments; because your achievements have brought distinction to this University . . . ”



The Dedication Ceremony

The Academic Procession

University of Minnesota Brass Choir

Welcome

Carl A. Auerbach, Dean
Law School

Marcus Williams, President
Law School Student Council

Greetings

Honorable **Rudy Perpich**
Governor of Minnesota

Remarks

Honorable **Wendell R. Anderson**
United States Senator

Presentation of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, to Warren E. Burger

President **C. Peter Magrath** and Board of
Regents Chairman **Wenda Moore**

Response

Honorable **Warren E. Burger**
Chief Justice of the United States

Representing the Minnesota Bar

F. Kelton Gage, Esq., President
Minnesota State Bar Association

Representing the Minnesota Judiciary

Honorable **Robert J. Sheran**
Chief Justice of Minnesota

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Dedicatory Address

Honorable **Walter F. Mondale**
Vice President of the United States

Recessional

University of Minnesota Brass Choir

Buffet Luncheon Follows

Music by University of Minnesota Woodwind Quintet

Burger, Mondale attend law school dedication

By CHRIS MANAHAN

The new University Law School building was dedicated Tuesday in ceremonies that included the presentation of honorary doctor of law degrees to Vice President Walter Mondale and U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger.

Approximately 1,500 invitation-only guests, including Gov. Rudy Perpich, Sen. Wendell Anderson, State Attorney General Warren Spannaus and Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Sheran attended the hour-long ceremony that was followed by a buffet dinner in Willey Hall.

Meanwhile, a "counter-dedication" ceremony was held by a group of University students and staff members outside Willey Hall. The rally called for the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the California court decision in the Bakke reverse discrimination case and protested the law school's lack of minority faculty members.

Marcus Williams, Law School student council president, told the formal dedication crowd in his welcoming remarks he hoped the school would meet its obligation to the future by hiring "at least one minority faculty member." His statement was applauded. He said the legal profession should not underestimate its effect and role in "affirmatively eradicating" the barriers that deny some a "chance for a decent life."

Burger told the guests that the "spirit of America" is based on the opportunity it provides through the Constitution and Bill of Rights. He cited James J. Hill, founder of the Great Northern railroad, and Dr. William Worrall Mayo and his sons, co-founders of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Mn., as local examples of immigrants whose energy and talents "flowered" under American liberty.

The Supreme Court now is writing its decision on the Bakke case. Many

say the decision will affect the future of minority opportunities in employment and education. Bakke, a white student, claims reverse discrimination because a California medical school rejected him, but admitted minority students with lower scores in order to meet a minority student quota. A California court supported Bakke's argument. The decision was appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mondale in his speech discussed what he called government's disregard for citizens' constitutional rights starting with the 'Cold War' and continuing for 25 years, and his work on a Senate committee investigating U.S. intelligence activities. He said that to keep secret the use of intelligence and government agencies to harass political opponents, spy on lawful organizations and subvert freely-elected governments is not a matter of national security but a "threat to liberty."

Mondale acknowledged yesterday's tenth anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination by saying, "Perhaps the most damning verdict of those years was that a man so rare and peaceful was considered a fit subject for illegal government spying. If such a man was suspect, then what citizen could be safe?"

Both Mondale and Burger are Minnesota natives. Mondale graduated from the University Law School, Burger from what is now William Mitchell Law School in St. Paul. Neither mentioned the protestors' counter-dedication and Bakke decision rally.

Security around the ceremony was tight. Secret Service agents from Minneapolis and Chicago aided the nine-man detail that always accompanies Mondale. According to one agent all law enforcement agencies in the seven-county metropolitan area were involved in providing security.

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The benchwarmer



Steven Wolfe recently led a law school wrestling team to an all-university intramural title over 38 other squads. An individual champion at 145 lbs., Wolfe was joined on the team by Marcus Williams and Mark Sampson.

The benchwarmer

By Michael Crowley

Ask Your Mama works a rapid, running basketball warmup, all movement and passing and jumping lay-ins. Closet Gunners, by contrast, tend to static and control and practice shots from the high post. Their game Thursday last had the promise of opposing styles, and of matching last year's Law League champions—Mama—against this year's unbeaten league leader—the Gunners.

It would also pair the league's best guards. Mama's Marcus Williams is a pure shooter averaging near 30 points each game on whose shooting percentage Mama's fortunes ebb and flow. Defensive specialist David Oslund a week earlier found Williams nearly unstoppable, and was well satisfied to "hold" him to 29. Williams on top of his game puts Mama in contention with any team.

The Gunners counter with Ken Agranoff, an intense, hustling, defense-oriented playmaker. He is their quarterback and catalyst, the leading edge of their success. Essentially the same Gunner team a year ago—without Agranoff—was mediocre, though on paper it was (and is) heavy with talent. To Agronoff fell the task of closing off Williams.

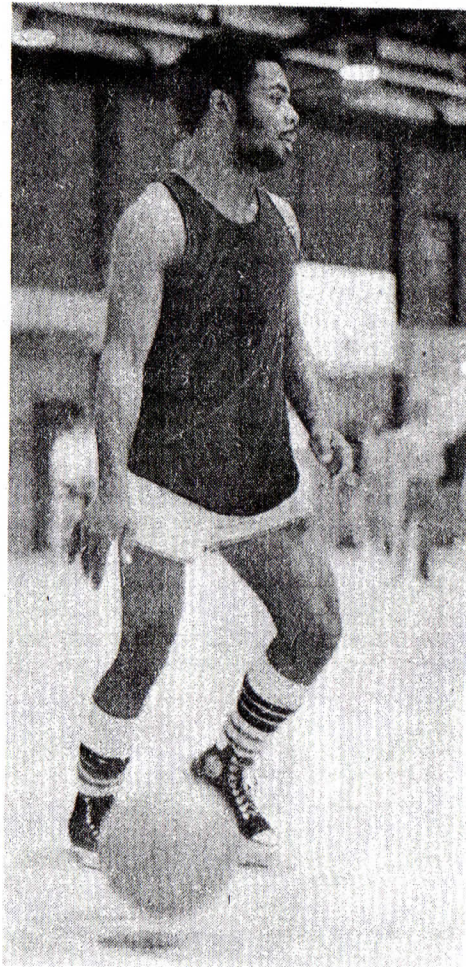
The game opened quickly and well, as the Gunners passed in to Tom Cutshall in

the right corner and he went up immediately on a turnaround jumper for two. Fred Tyler responded for Mama with an outside jump shot to tie. Then it was Gunner Jim Kruzich driving the lane aggressively, putting through a short bank shot and drawing the foul. He converted the free throw, and the Gunners went to the front early.

Law League basketball uses traditional rules: five to a side, two points per basket—one for free throws, common fouls and violations. Quarters are twelve minutes apiece, running time, with no time-outs. Substitutions may be made freely at any time, much as in hockey.

Paul Day was suddenly free inside for Mama, and put in a soft toss. The Gunners came back to George Hicks at the low post for an eight-foot jumper, then again after a neat steal and bounce pass by Agranoff. Hicks would repeatedly find himself open inside, as would several of the taller Gunners.

Mama took to bombing from the outside. Tyler hit for 15, Day from 12, and Williams put in the first of several nice fall-away jumpers over Agranoff from 18 to keep Mama in it at midquarter. Meanwhile, the Gunners were working it in for short lobs and controlling the boards for second and third shots. Kruzich, Cutshall, and Hicks worked the lane effectively. The



Marcus Williams on a drive...

pattern of the match was set, and it clearly favored the Gunners.

Two steals by the Gunners went for unmolested lay-ins, then Bob Schroeder converted a breakout pass on a lunging semi-hook. Williams, wearing Agranoff, missed twice from long range. The Gunners would have broken it open, but ex-lowman guard Gary Clark blew a series of shots from deep space. "My normal range," he would later say. "They should have dropped."

Gunner George Regis threw up an airball and Mama stayed within range on a brilliant 25 foot rainbow by Williams. But Hicks hit on a jumper, Kruzich followed with a brutal driving layup through traffic, and the Gunners had it at 28-16 after one quarter.

Williams missed long to open the second quarter. Cutshall went high for the rebound and arched a pass to the breaking Agranoff, who dribbled—uncharacteristically—off his foot. Moments later Cutshall, showing more speed than one expects in a big man, took a fast-break pass at full trundle and scored. Reportedly up from a sickbed, Cutshall moved well throughout the game. Just before the half he showed a deft touch from underneath, putting up a reverse lay-in on a shovel pass from Agranoff.

The Gunners' height was by now decisive. With Agranoff the smallest at 5'10" or so, they go better than 6'3" on average. Mama averages perhaps half a foot shorter. Tallest Mama Tim Wilson worked well, but alone, inside against a tremendous physical buffeting from the heavier Gunners. Williams at 5'8" was clearly the best leaper on the floor—twice flying over Kruzich for re-