A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Friday, December 24, 1976, at 8:00 a.m. in the Sanger Hall Board Room.

Present were Drs. Blanton and Gayle; Messrs. Dabney, Norris, Scott, Seaborn and Shumate; Mesdames Satterfield and Thalhimer. Also present were Drs. Andrako, Neal, Temple and Woods.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order and announced that its purpose was to act on the administration's recommendation to fill the position of Dean of the School of Dentistry.

President Temple noted, because of the extraordinary interest shown by many persons outside of the University in the activities of the search committee, he wished Dr. Neal to comment on the composition of the committee and Dr. Andrako to review the way in which the committee functioned.

Following these presentations, Dr. Neal announced the administration's choice for the Deanshipt of the School of Dentistry to be filled by Dr. James E. Kennedy, Acting Dean of the School of Dentistry. Following a lengthy discussion, on motion made and seconded, Dr. James E. Kennedy's appointment as Dean of the School of Dentistry was unanimously approved.

The Rector noted that members of the Board had had the opportunity during this search to meet and react to the final group of candidates to a greater extent than in the past. He asked the Board members' reaction to the process. It was recognized that the Board of
Visitors does not wish to be involved in the selection process itself, but the consensus was that the kind of exposure some of the Board members had to the candidates during this search was most helpful to them and better prepared them to answer questions which might be posed concerning the action of the Board in such matters.

President Temple expressed his views and concerns about the possible reaction in the dental community to this appointment. There was some discussion about ways of handling this situation should it arise.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Richard D. Obenshain, Secretary

Approved:

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector