

## Huntley Named President

Robert E. R. Huntley, dean of the School of Law of Washington and Lee University, has been elected president of the 219-year-old school by its Board of Trustees.

Dean Huntley's selection as the University's 20th president was announced today by Dr. Huston St. Clair of Surfside, Fla., rector of the Board. The action took place at a called meeting of the Board in mid-December.

Dean Huntley, 38, is an honor graduate of Washington and Lee and its Law School and holds the LL.M. from the Harvard Law School. He will begin his duties as president at the start of the spring semester on Feb. 5, 1968.

He will take over the president's chair from Dr. William W. Pusey III, who has been acting president since Sept. 1, 1967. Dr. Pusey, who has continued to serve as dean of Washington and Lee's College, became acting president when President Fred C. Cole resigned to become president of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Pusey will continue as dean of the College after Dean Huntley assumes the presidency.

Dean Huntley's duties as dean of the Law School, an office which he occupied at the beginning of this school year, will be reassumed for the remainder of the year by Prof. Charles P. Light Jr. Dean Light retired in September, 1967, as dean and

has continued his teaching. Dean Huntley, a member of the Washington and Lee faculty since 1958, also will continue to teach law courses for the remainder of the school year.

Dr. St. Clair said Dean Huntley was chosen president from a long list of candidates considered by a special selection committee of the Board of Trustees. The committee worked closely with a faculty advisory committee and representatives of the Washington and Lee Alumni Board of Directors in finding a permanent successor for Dr. Cole. Student opinion also was sought.

"We are fortunate that Dean Huntley has accepted the presidency of the University," Dr. St. Clair said.

"Dean Huntley is eminently qualified to lead Washington and Lee University in the years of opportunity and challenge before it. He has youth and vigor, a deep devotion to his alma mater, and a close acquaintanceship with its people and its special needs.

"Dean Huntley has excelled as a teacher and an administrator, and he has acquired special knowledge of conditions in American higher education in his capacities as a professor and as legal adviser to the University and as secretary of the Board of Trustees.

"I am confident that his election will be greeted with enthusiasm by everyone connected with the Univer-

sity and with higher education throughout the nation."

**Speaking to the press this morning, Dean Huntley indicated he plans no major departures from current policies and guidelines for the University's development.**

**Among matters discussed at the conference: possible graduate programs at W&L ("No"), fraternities (Dean Huntley is optimistic about their potential to adapt without fundamental change), future expansion (not out of the question) and a development program (about to be undertaken, with a figure of "around \$25 million" being mentioned).**

Dean Huntley is the first alumnus to become permanent president of the University since pre-Civil War days. The office of president dates to 1782, when William Graham became the first president of Liberty Hall Academy, forerunner of Washington College, which after the presidency of General Robert E. Lee became Washington and Lee University in 1871. Five of the school's 20 chief executives since the time of Graham have been acting presidents, serving only brief periods.

Dean Huntley is a native of Winston-Salem, N. C., a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Royall Huntley and the late B. F. Huntley. He is a graduate

of Winston-Salem's Reynolds High School.

He received his B.A. degree from Washington and Lee in 1950 with a major in English and then served three years in the Navy, seeing duty aboard a destroyer in the Atlantic as a lieutenant (j.g.).



**ROBERT EDWARD ROYALL HUNTLEY**

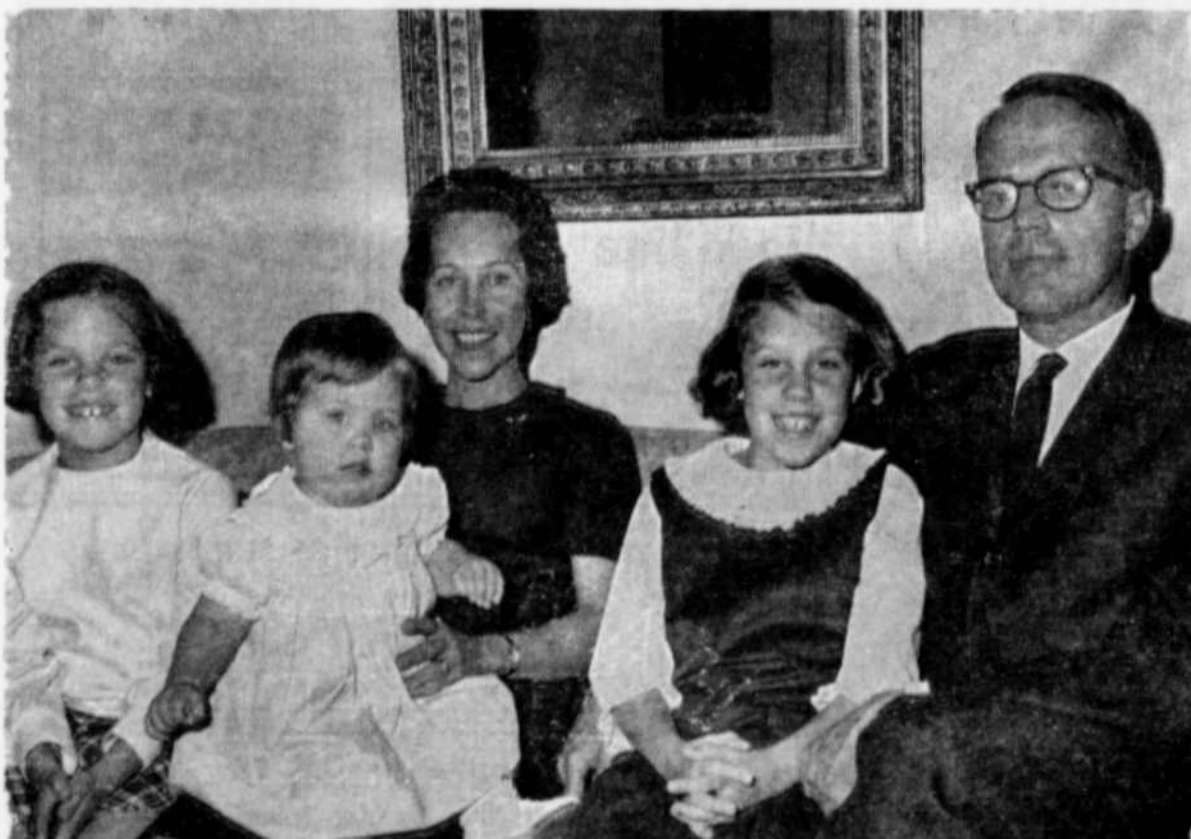
He began his legal studies at Washington and Lee in 1954 and was editor of the "Law Review" and vice-president of the student body. He received his LL.B. degree in 1957, summa cum laude, with membership in Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif, national scholastic honor societies, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

In his senior year in law school, he received the Washington Literary Society award "for the most distinguished service to Washington and Lee" of any graduating student.

He attended the Harvard Law School in 1961-62 under the auspices of a Fellowship in Law Teaching and received his LL.M. degree from Harvard in 1962.

He was associated with the law firm of Boothe, Dudley, Koonitz and Boothe in Alexandria, Va., for a year before joining the law faculty at Washington and Lee in 1958 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1959 and to professor in 1964. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Virginia Bar, the Virginia State Bar Association, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

He was married in 1954 to the former Evelyn Whitehurst of Virginia Beach, a graduate of the College of William and Mary. They have three daughters, Martha, 9, Catherine, 7, and Jane, 17 months. The family now lives at 114 Oakview Drive in Lexington, but will eventually occupy the President's House.



**DEAN ROBERT E. R. HUNTLEY**, named president of Washington and Lee University, gathers with his family at their home—his wife, the former Evelyn Whitehurst of Virginia Beach, and daughters Catherine, seven, Jane, 17 months, and Martha, nine.

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