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Arnold Resigns Post

As expected, the resignation of Dean of the College Victor Arnold was announced yesterday at the monthly meeting of the St. Andrews faculty.

Arnold's letter of resignation, which was read by College President A. P. Perkinson, takes effect May 31, and encompasses all three of his posts: Dean of the College, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of History. Dated May 3, the Dean's letter was made public five days after THE LANCE carried a story of the resignation was expected yesterday.

President Perkinson expressed the wish that Arnold's immediate successor be chosen from the faculty to serve one year while a permanent successor is chosen. He asked for suggestions from the faculty this week, but reliable sources have indicated that Professor Ronald Crossley, named in THE LANCE's story as Arnold's temporary successor, will probably still be chosen.

The President also announced the resignation of Dr. Julian Davis, the College's Business Manager.

The text of the Dean's letter is as follows:

A. P. Perkinson, President
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Laurinburg, North Carolina
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Dear President Perkinson:

The strength of the faculty, the excellence of the programs, and the dedication and stewardship of the Board of Trustees has carried St. Andrews Presbyterian College through difficult times. Despite financial and enrollment difficulties, the spirit of the faculty and students has remained free, creative and productive. While tensions, troubles and disagreements have at times grasped the community, the response has always resulted in a positive stance, and creative and innovative ways have been found to resolve the problem and face the future.

Being Dean of the College in

such an academic community has been, despite daily frustrations and hard decisions, personally rewarding, and, if nothing else, professionally maturing. Creative change and positive adaptation to new structures and environments is not only the essence of academic communities, but also one of the prime requisites for a meaningfully satisfactory personal life. I have been engaged in some form of academic administration for twenty-four years. Sixteen of those years have been as an academic dean in church related liberal arts colleges. For the past five years, it has been my privilege and honor to serve St. Andrews Presbyterian College. As we have discussed, Mr. President, the time has arrived when I need to explore other professional alternatives, and the college needs to seek new ways and new people to meet new challenges.

It is with a degree of the sadness which is a part of every change, but without regret and with every confidence in good future prospects, both personally and institutionally, that I hereby submit to you my resignation as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College and Professor of History to be effective May 31, 1976.



Victor Arnold

I would be remiss if I did not end this letter with a statement of genuine appreciation to you, Mr. President, for your kindness in working out an interim arrangement which will provide an opportunity for me to continue to serve the college in a consultative capacity until I take up duties elsewhere. Further, I extend my gratitude to the Chairman and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for approving the arrangement, but most of all, for their strengthening encouragement through all the years.

Sincerely yours,
Victor C. Arnold

This Week

Tuesday, May 1 - Student poetry reading in the College Union main lounge at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12 - Last day of Spring Term

Wednesday, May 12 - Autograph party honoring St. Andrews faculty and students - Vernon Alford, G. Tyler Miller, Beth Rambo, and Mark Smith.

Thursday, May 13 - Exams begin

Sunday, May 16 - The Movie of the Week is "King of Hearts". Avinger Auditorium at 7 p.m. Free.

Tuesday, May 18 - Exams end.

Tuesday, May 18 - Cafeteria closes after lunch except for those with special permission.

Wednesday, May 19 - Residence Halls close for underclassman.

Saturday, May 22 - Evening Graduation Ceremonies. Father Walter J. Ong, Professor of English and Professor of Humanities in Psychiatry at St. Louis University, will be the guest speaker.

Sunday, May 23 - Residence Halls to close.

Rambo Wins Award

Beth Rambo, a St. Andrews senior, has been awarded a \$2500 creative writing fellowship by the University of Missouri.

An accomplished writer and playwright, Ms. Rambo was recently named a winner of the Alan Burn Memorial Chapbook Competition; her book, *A Present for The Players*, will be released this week by the Quaveship Press.

Andrews authors to be honored Friday night at a 5 p.m. autograph party in the College Union, to be followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. in the College dining room. Ms. Rambo's book, as well as those of Professors Mark Smith and Tyler Miller and Bunn fiction winner Vernon Alford, can be ordered at reduced prices through the Office of Student Personnel Services this week.

Ms. Rambo is one of four St.