



KING COLLEGE
BRISTOL, TENNESSEE 37620

February 18, 1971

Dr. Powell A. Fraser, President
King College
Bristol, Tennessee 37620

Dear Dr. Fraser:

In confirmation of our conversation, I write to tender herewith my resignation as Professor of Bible at King College, to be effective not later than the close of the present Semester when my contractual obligation to the College is completed.

This action is taken as a matter of conscience in response to your letter, sent to members of the Student Affairs Committee yesterday, in which you grant the men in Liston Hall permission to experiment with the policy of entertaining guests in their dormitory rooms for an extended period on Sunday afternoons with no provision for chaperonage or even for keeping doors open.

It is certainly true that King is now following the pattern set by Oberlin (LIFE, November 20, 1970) and numerous other church-related colleges; it is unquestionably true that we cannot compel young people to be moral; it is also true that Christians have responsibilities for the conduct of others. It is also unquestionably true that King College was founded by the Church and that it has been supported across the past century in large measure by sacrificial gifts of the saints who have been told by College officials that their donations were to be used for the building and operation of a Christian College. Now that King is adopting fundamentally new policies about Sunday athletics, and drinking; about the showing of irreverent and disgusting movies in the chapel; about the presence of young women in the men's dormitory rooms; and since speakers in the Convocation which has replaced the regular chapel services continue to ridicule and caricature historic Christianity (The Christian doctrine of guilt is "baloney"); and since protest through proper channels has been largely fruitless, I now see no alternative to the action here taken.

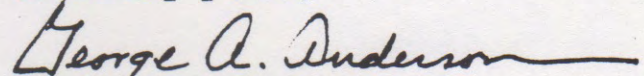
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I assure you that this difficult decision has been made entirely on the basis of school policies and practices (some of which you had no part in formulating), and in no way upon any quarrel with members of the College community or upon any personal unhappiness.

It has been a privilege to work at King College these past thirteen years and I deeply regret that it is not possible for me to remain. You may, of course, count upon all the cooperation it is possible for me to give during the remaining weeks of this semester.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

George A. Anderson

Chairman, Department of Bible

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