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Morris Arnold new law dean

By JOHN FANCHER
H-T Civic Affairs Editor

Morris Arnold was named the new dean of the Indiana University Law School at Bloomington by the Indiana University Board of Trustees at Friday's meeting in Bloomington.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS approved by the trustees included Dr. William Gilmore as dean of the IU School of Dentistry, Mary Ellen Brown director of the Women's Studies Program and William R. Black chairman of the Geography Department on the Bloomington campus.

At the IU-Purdue University campus at Indianapolis, William J. Voos was appointed dean of the Herron School of Art, Patricia A. Boaz was named dean of student affairs, and Dr. Jay L. Grosfeld was chosen chairman of the Department of Surgery in the School of Medicine.

Yet to be named on the Bloomington campus is a permanent dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, which is the largest academic unit consisting of about 40 departments. A notation on the trustees' agenda called for "consideration of the appointment of a dean of the College of Arts and Sciences," but IU Vice President Ken Gros Louis withdrew the matter from the agenda when called on to discuss appointments.

ARNOLD, NEW DEAN of the Law School, presently is a professor of law and history at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. His appointment at IU becomes effective July 1.

The Bloomington campus will not be new to Arnold, who was a member of the IU law faculty between 1971 and 1977. He will succeed acting dean Maurice Holland, who was named following the resignation of Sheldon Plager, who had been appointed dean in 1977. Plager has returned to teaching and research.

Arnold, 43, is a member of the Arkansas and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. He served as general counsel for the Republican Party of Arkansas in 1981, was special chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1982 and served as state Republican chairman in Arkansas in 1983.

HE HOLDS DEGREES from the University of Arkansas and Harvard Law School. He also attended Yale, earned a classical diploma from Phillips Exeter Academy and studied at the University of London's Institute for Historical Research as a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow from Harvard.

Gros Louis said he was "very pleased" with Arnold's appointment, noting he is a nationally-known scholar with experience in both public and private law schools.

Dr. Gilmore, new dean of the IU School of Dentistry, also will begin his new duties July 1. He has been a member of the school's faculty since 1958 and will replace Dr. Ralph E. McDonald, who recently announced

his retirement after serving 16 years as dean of the 106-year-old school.

A NATIVE OF Evansville, Gilmore is an Indianapolis dentist-teacher-researcher. He has been in general practice in Indianapolis for 18 years and is a professor of operative dentistry at the school.

Black, new chairman of the Geography Department, is an IU professor replacing Professor Robert Taafe, who is returning to teaching and research. For six years, Black served as director of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis in IU's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Brown, an IU folklore professor, will succeed Christie Pope as director of the Women's Studies Program. Brown will continue her teaching assignment in the folklore department. Pope will assume full-time responsibilities in the Department of Afro-American Studies.

VOOS, PRESIDENT and former dean of the Atlanta (Ga.) College of Art, will succeed Arthur Weber as dean of IU's Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. After 10 years as dean, Weber will return to teaching full-time.

Boas, new dean of student affairs, is a chemistry professor in the IU School of Science and an associate dean of the faculties on the Indianapolis campus.