

Holland's departure marks end of stormy era

Funding problems, controversies brought 'frustration' to deanship

By Christopher Blair
Emerald Editor

A browse through law school Dean Maurice Holland's file at the University News Bureau tells the story of a troubled five-year tenure, the story of a dean who simply didn't fit in.

There are letters clipped from publications all over the state, calling for his resignation. There are news items about many Holland-law school issues — the American Bar Association's threats to remove the school's accreditation because of funding problems; the outcry that followed when a law instructor was made to apologize to his class for describing his activities with a gay rights group.

Holland, who will step down from his post as soon as a search committee finds a replacement, said his time as dean, punctuated with funding hassles and disputes over his conservative politics, was anything but rewarding.

"I think the word that comes to mind is 'frustration,'" he said. "The people who do academic administration should not have to spend virtually all of their time and all of their energy worrying about how to make ends meet and somehow assemble the minimum level of resources that are needed to provide quality programs."

By all accounts, the decision for Holland to resign from the deanship was a mutual one. University President Myles Brand said Holland went through a standard fifth-year review process, which involved input from a faculty committee, the administration and law school students.

The combination of the review results and Holland's willingness to step down resulted in the decision.

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Administrators have nothing but good things to say about Holland and the job

he did. They point to his efforts to restore funding to the school, and the fact that he was "an effective advocate."

But Holland said his administrative style and conservative politics led to numerous clashes with faculty and students alike. He said a perfect example was his testimony in favor of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork in 1987.

Bork asked Holland, in addition to seven other active and former law deans, to testify on his behalf at his Senate confirmation hearings in Washington, D.C. During the hearing, Holland said Bork, a judge who had drawn fire for his conservative philosophy, was "one of the most accomplished and distinguished legal scholars of his generation."

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Holland's testimony came at the very end of the hearings' second-to-last day. In the type of scene played daily on C-SPAN, only one of the 14 senators on the confirmation committee stayed to listen to the deans' testimony. Most spectators and even most of the media had left for the day.

Bork was eventually rejected by the Senate, and it's doubtful that Holland's testimony had any effect on the vote one way or another. However, students and faculty believed that Holland's presence was a reflection on the University and the law school.

"There was very broad agreement here that Bork should not be confirmed, and I sort of stuck out like a sore thumb," Holland said. "I wasn't representing the school or the faculty. I was speaking only for myself."

"But I'm sure that some people here felt that I couldn't disguise the fact that I was dean of the law school."

Holland also said his style of leadership — which he likened to the commander of a navy vessel — put him at odds with professors and administrators.

"That is not the way things are traditionally done at the University of Oregon, but I think that's a mistake," he said, adding that his colleagues are more accustomed to a method of consensus and compromise.

"I think they should create and encourage strong deans, because I think that's the best way to have strong schools."

Holland also cited a lack of support from the University administration, particularly during a controversy surrounding an instructor's classroom presentation last year.

Several students in a first-year legal writing course led by instructor Greg Johnson complained about his detailed description of his activities in a gay rights group. Johnson then was ordered to apologize to the class by Holland, Assistant Dean Chapin Clark and Mary Lawrence, who was the class' professor.

The order to apologize resulted in demands from students and faculty — who said the order infringed on Johnson's free speech rights and academic freedom — for the three to resign. The administration ordered a lengthy investigation into the incident, which led to an apology from Clark and a peacemaking session among all parties involved.

Although Brand said the investigation was appropriate given the seriousness of the incident, Holland claims it was an instance in which the administration should have more strongly supported him.

Holland said that had administration talked privately with Clark, his explana-

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THE HOLLAND ERA

July 1, 1986: Maurice Holland, formerly the acting dean of Indiana University's School of Law, becomes Oregon's 11th law school dean.

Sept. 29, 1987: With seven other active and former law school deans, Holland testifies to the U.S. Senate in favor of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork.

Feb. 5, 1990: In the first of a series of letters, the American Bar Association threatens to remove the law school from its list of accredited institutions, citing low faculty salaries, poor funding and a high student-to-faculty ratio. Because of the Oregon Legislature's failure to respond with adequate funding, law school enrollment cuts and tuition increases result.

April 14, 1990: Holland speaks before the group Oregonians in Action, saying he disagrees with the power and scope of federal land-use laws. A story about Holland's speech in *The Oregonian* says Holland compared land-use laws to socialism. In response, Deschutes County Commissioner Tom Throop, a land-use planner, sends a letter to nine state legislators, calling Holland's statements "the best argument I have ever seen for getting the state out of the law school business."

Oct. 11, 1990: Instructor Greg Johnson explains his activities with a gay rights group to a law school class. Some students complain privately to Mary Lawrence, the class' professor. Assistant Dean Chapin Clark, with backing from Holland, orders Johnson to apologize to his class.

Nov. 15, 1990: Holland holds an open meeting with law students to discuss the Johnson situation. Holland is booed at the meeting, and walks out. Later, Johnson and the law school administration "agree to disagree" on what is appropriate for classroom discussion.

Nov. 30, 1990: Assistant Dean Chapin Clark publicly apologizes for making Johnson apologize.

May 6, 1991: ABA announces it accepts the law school upgrades, and withdraws threats to remove accreditation.

July 31, 1991: Provost Norman Wessells announces he is appointing a committee to find a replacement for Holland, who will step down as dean but continue teaching.

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Campus radio by mid-September?

Tower to grace roof of PLC, signal to follow

By Daralyn Trappe
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It's been more than a year since students at the University approved a ballot measure that provided the money to start campus radio station KRMA. With its first broadcast set for early September, it looks as though the station is finally becoming a reality.

But the start-up date has already been pushed back several times, and one complication remains.

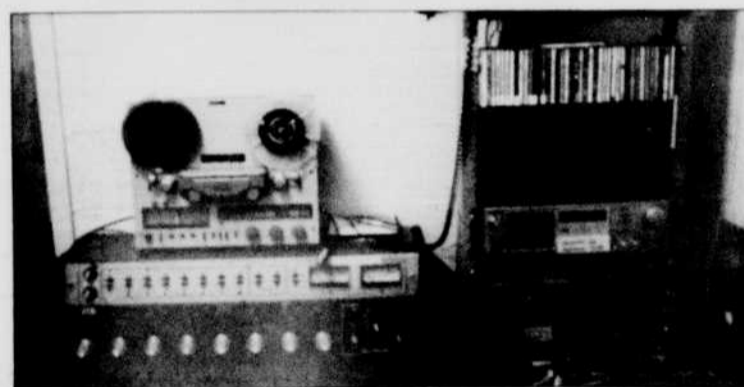
KRMA Director James January said the station needs a bigger room in the EMU because the one currently being used as office space is too small to set up the necessary broadcasting equipment.

"We're trying to get another space, but until the EMU Board (of Directors) reconvenes in the fall, we're not going to be able to do much about it," January said.

Other wheels are in motion, however.

A broadcast tower and antenna will be set up Sept. 1 on the roof of PLC.

"Once the tower's in place it's a matter of getting the line



run to the tower from the EMU," January said. "It's going to be a bit of a trick, but we'll probably just go through the heating tunnels."

KRMA's organizers had originally planned to rent tower space on Blanton Heights, but the Federal Communication

Commission ruled in February that the tower, owned by television station KVAL, is too heavy. KRMA received its FCC license last November.

"If we would have put it on Blanton Heights ... it would have been \$750 a month rent, and we figured since we could get within a couple of feet of as high as it would be out there for free on PLC, we should go with that," January said.

"It will be a little bit lower and that's going to diminish some of the outside contour for pickup ... but it's also going to

save several thousand dollars every year."

KRMA was initially allocated \$25,861 of incidental fee money during the spring elections of 1990. In April of this year, the Incidental Fee Committee allocated \$35,000 to KRMA for the 1991-92 school year.

Although a studio has not been set up yet, January said he expects the station, which will be heard on 88.1 FM, to be on the airwaves as soon as the tower is in place.

KRMA — Kampus Radio Music Alternative — will feature a wide variety of music as well as news and sports updates, comedy and concert information.

KRMA's Board of Directors is expected to be in place by the end of fall term, January said. Two students have already been appointed — Mark Brink-

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