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tion of the incident would have resulted in the administration's support.

"But by ordering a lengthy investigation, that is an example of undermining the authority of the dean," Holland said.

Holland's belief in a strong deanship extended to his advice to his successor, whomever that person may be.

"My advice would be for any candidate to have lengthy discussions with faculty, to get their expectations, get firm assurances from University administration of support for the law school and support for authority of the dean," he said.

"While a dean is in office, the University administration should support the dean in every conceivable respect, every decision the dean makes, and should not allow anyone to speak to it on behalf of the law school apart from the dean."

Another factor, money problems, not only hurt Holland's deanship, but threatened the health of the law school itself. When the ABA threatened to remove the law school's accreditation in 1990 because of poor funding, poor facilities and a high student-to-faculty ratio, Holland said the he and the school were caught in the middle.

"The people who are in a position to respond to those concerns, ultimately the Legislature, quite frankly don't give a damn about what the ABA thinks about the law school, and are not going to be persuaded or influenced to provide more funding," he said.

"We feel like the American troops hit by friendly fire. The ABA expressions with dissatisfaction have had the effect of damaging this law school without the effect that they were intended to have — to elicit more funding."

Ironically, Holland is leaving the deanship just as the funding crisis is easing. In May, the ABA announced it would accept law school upgrades, and would back off until its meeting next spring.

Committee conducting state search for new dean

University Provost Norman Wessells said he is confident a search committee will have a replacement for law school Dean Maurice Holland before June 1992, the latest he said Holland will stay on the job.

James Reinmuth, business school dean, will head the search committee. Other committee members should include associate law Prof. Leslie Harris; law professors Ralph Mooney, Jon Jacobson, Laird Kirkpatrick; Nancy Brucker, assistant law school dean; and Duane Bosworth, attorney and president of the law school's board of visitors.

In addition, a law student and another member of the Oregon legal committee will be asked to join the search committee.

The committee will begin the search on a statewide level, Wessells said, because there are many legal resources in the state. If a suitable candidate is not found by next month, the search will expand to a national level.

Wessells compared the search with the efforts to fill the architecture school deanship, which went national immediately because the University has the only accredited architecture school in the state.

Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer has been rumored as a possible candidate for the job. Although Frohnmayer a staff member earlier refused to confirm or deny the possibility, and Wessells said he had no knowledge of the attorney general's plans, he said he would support the idea.

"He's clearly the kind of person who ought to be the standard for the search," Wessells said. "I hope someone will nominate him, and I hope he will consider it."

Members of the committee either declined to answer questions about the search, or could not be reached for comment.

"The five years of my deanship have been terrible years for the law school, and the reason they were terrible is because we can't print money at the law school. It's illegal," he said.

"We're dependent largely on the Legislature, and the Legislature has not provided us with the resources needed to fulfill our responsibilities. A new person, fresh to the job, might be able to cope with these challenges."

Holland, who taught for more than 10 years at Indiana University before going into administration, said he looks forward to going back to teaching, which he will do at the law school when a successor is found.

"I enjoyed teaching, I was pretty good at it, and it's a better way to spend your time than shuffling budget papers, particularly when the numbers are in the red," he said. "Also,

when you're a faculty member, you don't have to be as careful about what you say to everybody."

In the July 31 press release that announced Holland's resignation, both Wessells and Brand praised Holland for making the law school "stronger" since he took over. Holland accepts the praise.

He described the administrative structure of the law school when he took over as "chaotic."

"We had no idea what our budget was, how much we were spending," he said. "Now, we have all that stuff on computers. The school has an active and growing and increasingly successful fundraising campaigns going."

Holland added that the school should have two or three endowed professorships soon, and will have five or six within 10 years.

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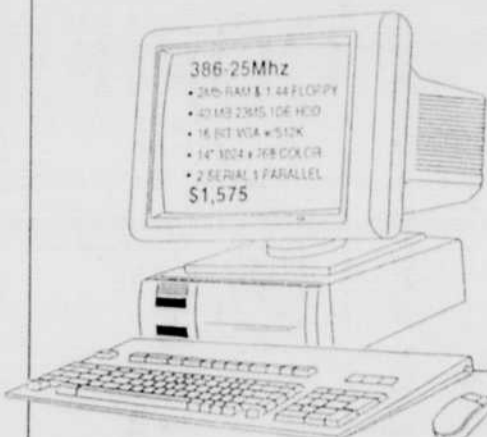
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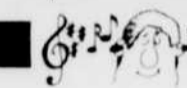
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