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dered 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 explanation 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.

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, substandard facilities and a high student-tofaculty ratio, Holland said 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

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.

"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

"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 chal-

In the July 31 press release that announced Holland's resignation, both Wessells and Brand praised Holland for making the law school "stronger"

formerly the acting dean of Indiana University's School of Law, becomes Oregon's 11th law

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, inade quate facilities and a high student-to-faculty ratio. Because of the Oregon Legislature's failure to respond with adequate funding,

drastic tuition increases result.

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 discuss the Johnson situation Holland is boord at the meeting. and walks out. Later, Johnson and the law school administration 'agree to disagree" on what is appropriate for the classroom.

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

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

July 16, 1991: The U.S. Department of Education rules that Holland twice released confidential records when investigating alleged academic dishonesty by law student Willy Bils. A letter from the department announcing the decision does not recommend disciplinary action for Holland or the University, however.

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

Frohnmayer favored to succeed Holland as dean

By all indications, Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer will be the University's next law school dean.

Since July 31, the day current Dean Maurice Holland's resignation was announced, Frohnmayer has been mentioned as his successor. He agreed to be considered as a candidate in a short letter sent to the University Aug. 29. Six days later, five of the 11 other candidates removed themselves from contention.

From administrators -University Provost Norman Wessells has called him "the standard for the search" to law school students, the attorney general appears to be the popular choice.

David Hollister, Student Bar Association president and search committee member, said that earlier this month, a group of 12 law students from a variety of backgrounds met with Frohnmayer to discuss law school issues. The students, he said, "were very impressed by his overall air."

Hollister said if he could "design" a dean, it would be someone who could "get along with" the Legislature, the students and the faculty.

"Dave Frohnmayer fits those qualities to a T," he

Regardless of who is chosen, Hollister said the search committee's list, which has not been released publicly, holds several other candidates who would perform well in the deanship.

"This is a great opportuni-ty for us," Hollister said. "There are some other qualified candidates. The law school will come out of this with a qualified dean even if it isn't Dave Frohnmayer.

'But make no mistake. Frohnmayer's the guy.'

Frohnmayer, who lives in Eugene and was a member of the law school faculty from 1971 to 1981, said he agreed to be considered for the post after he received "encouraging" letters from law school faculty and the school's Board of Visitors.

One letter, sent to Frohnmayer Aug. 2, was signed by 23 current and former law

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since he took over. Holland accepts the praise.

He described the administrative structure of the law school when he took over as "chaot-

"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 because of fundraising efforts, the school should have two or three endowed professorships soon and will have five or six within 10 years.

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 every-







