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Upswing

Future appears bright to IU law school dean

By Robert Rhoades

The IU School of Law could soon become one of the finest in the country, according to Sheldon Plager, dean of the law school.

"If you ask me where the IU Law School is going, I would say we are on an upswing. We're building on a 150-year tradition, we have the resources or at least to obtain them to make this school one of the best in the country and I'm very optimistic," Plager said.

Plager, appointed dean in 1977, attributes the school's favorable position to its administrators.

"There has been a recognition by the University that if they want to have a first-rate law school, they have to provide the resources for us to recruit and retain an excellent faculty."

— Sheldon Plager
IU Law School dean

American Association of Law Schools found the school in violation of space requirements in the Law Library. Inadequate library facilities also contributed to faculty dissatisfaction.

"They said we did not have sufficient seating capacity but the reason for that is that we kept moving tables and chairs out to put books in," Plager said.

In the last four years, Plager said the faculty has been changed from a faculty leaving for other schools to a faculty that has great promise.

"Plager said higher salaries have attracted better professors and staff members."

The recruitment and retention of faculty has been one of the problems Plager has had to deal with since he assumed his office. In 1975 the American Bar Association and the