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Arnold anticipates new role

By **Brian McCoy**

Daily Student Staff Writer

When IU law students return to Bloomington this fall, they'll find a refurbished law building and a new law dean.

At the IU Board of Trustees meeting Friday, Morris Arnold was named dean of the law school — a position he's looking forward to filling.

"I'm delighted. It's going to be a terrific opportunity for me," he said in a phone interview Tuesday from Stanford University where he is a visiting professor this semester.

Among the challenges Arnold faces are alumni relations and faculty development.

"I hope in the next few years, we can expand the faculty considerably," he said. "The result will be that we can offer more courses."

Also important to the new dean is fund raising. Arnold's experience in raising money for both public and private institutions played a major part in his

appointment, said William Popkin, professor of law and head of the search committee.

The committee recommended Arnold to IU President John Ryan and IU-Bloomington Vice President Kenneth Gros Louis. Ryan and Gros Louis then submitted his name to the trustees for final approval.

"A lot of public institutions look for private funds to provide that extra margin of excellence," Arnold said. "I've had experience in fund raising as vice president of the University of Pennsylvania and that provided me with some kind of experience that I can draw on in the years to come."

When Arnold's appointment becomes effective on July 1, it will mark a homecoming for him. The new dean taught at the law school between 1971 and 1977 and remembers Bloomington fondly.

Furthermore, Arnold intends to put his prior IU expe-

rience to work as dean of the law school.

"It gives me a leg up to know the past history of the school and some of its strengths and weaknesses," he said. "There won't be as much start-up time for me as there would be for a complete outsider."

Arnold was last in Bloomington on March 22 to attend a Law Journal Banquet. At that time, he was impressed by the renovations to the law school.

"It's really quite a facility," he said, adding that the refurbishing is a "clear indication of the commitment of the university for building a good law school into a great one."

The new dean said he intends to aid the building process by working hard to maintain a close relationship with students.

"I certainly intend to keep up my contact with students," Arnold said.