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Val Nolan Jr. became acting dean of the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington in January of 1976, after the resignation of Douglass G. Boshkoff. Dean Nolan plans to serve no longer than through the summer of 1976. His goal as dean is to provide continuity of leadership and stability to the School of Law, particularly important after the reorganization problems of the Fall of 1975. He feels keenly the need of maintaining the support of both faculty and alumni for the kinds of things that this law school has always stood for.

He sees his role as dean as one of "keeping things going" rather than one of starting off in new directions. This does not mean however that there has not been plenty for him to do. The first major job confronting him was to determine course offerings and to find the faculty to teach

necessary courses during both the summer session and the 1976-77 academic year. The major activity this spring has been the preparation of next year's budget for presentation to the University. Add to these activities the many minor crises that a dean must deal with daily, and it is not hard to see how Val Nolan fills his days.

The duties of the deanship represent quite a change of pace for Nolan whom most alumni of the law school remember as a dedicated scholar and teacher. Although he is pleased to be able to be of service to the law school at this time, he looks forward to returning to his teaching duties in the fall. The Search Committee for the Dean of the Law School and the University administration hope to be able to submit a candidate for the deanship at the May or June meeting of the Board of Trustees.