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Indiana University Law School at Bloomington should be expanded to provide for a growing need for law-trained people, according to Sheldon J. Plager, new dean of the school.

With an enrollment of 550 students, Plager said, the Bloomington law school is overcrowded and understaffed, and there are pressures on the school to accept even more students.

Plager spoke briefly Friday during a luncheon at the Summit Club attended by about 50 Fort Wayne area alumni of the law school. His appearance was the first of a series around the state planned to acquaint alumni with the activities and needs of the law school.

Plager, who took over as law school dean last fall, said he expects the need for lawyers to increase because of "developments in society." He cited as examples of these developments pre-paid legal services and the expanding role of government.

Plager also noted that courts are being asked to perform the role of "problem solvers" as never before. The courts, he said, are being called upon to solve the types of problems solved in the past by churches, families and schools.