

Moral principles held high at IU

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The trouble with the students, grumbled Indiana University's first president, Andrew Wylie, is that their parents give them too much spending money. It gets them into trouble.

Sound familiar? Well, Wylie's complaints in the 1830's stemmed partly from the generation gap and partly from the sheer frustration of turning backwoods boys into educated gentlemen.

In the formative years of the university it was the attitude and policy of the faculty to instill moral principles as well as academics into the backwoods boys who enrolled here. Some of those boys had other ideas after they got here.

Straight-laced, serious scholars, the first six University presidents were ministers as well. They were appalled at and had little sense of humor about the antics of the students.

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There was the time, for example, a skeleton was stolen from the school laboratory and driven around the square in a sleigh during a blinding snow storm.irate townspeople took their complaints to President Wylie. It is not recorded how he felt about that incident, but future shocks awaited him.

The Seminary and College that eventually became

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