

Fence didn't stop fans trying to see IU play for free

The trouble was that, despite the fact that there was a new fence around the Indiana University football field so admission could be charged for the games, spectators kept trying to see them for nothing. The year was 1902, and the Bloomington *Courier* related for its readers what happened to several of the fans.

Began the newspaper, "H. Ed Andrews, the carpenter, had a lot of fun last Saturday at the expense of the men and boys who tried to see the football game without paying admission. Andrews was the head



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carpenter in the erection of the new fence around Jordan Field, and he takes considerable pride in the fact that the fence is man-high, boy-tight and kid-proof."

(Jordan Field in those days was located on the site of the large park-

ing lot east of the Indiana Memorial Union Building.)

The carpenter knew that fences were meant to be climbed over and had taken the extra precaution of putting barbed wire on the top of it. Continued the *Courier*, "Andrews and the other carpenters had spread the report that the barbed wire was charged with electricity from the university dynamos, and this report scared the crowd which usually climb the fences to see ball games.

Andrews did not give sufficient thought to the determination or re-

sourcefulness of some of the would-be spectators. Presumably he was on hand for the IU/Notre Dame game on Oct. 25 to see if his handiwork had done what it was supposed to do.

On the west side of the fence, Andrews found five men had climbed a tree and perched themselves upon a big limb. Related the *Courier*, "Andrews climbed the tree and began to saw the limb off."

The spectators begged the carpenter to stop and even got very belligerent about it. Nevertheless, Andrews continued to saw, saw,

saw until the limb parted from the rest of the tree and the men fell to the ground.

Nor were they the only something-for-nothing spectators. At another place the carpenter found four boys also sitting on a limb to watch the game. For them Andrews had a different fate.

"Continued the newspaper, "While they (the boys) were interested in the game, Andrews got a bucket of tar and smeared the body of the tree. The boys had to come

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