

Helped start Purdue

IU mother of presidents

Since its founding 162 years ago, Indiana University has gained the reputation of being the "mother of college presidents" — some 177 at last count, who got their education in Bloomington at IU and went on to head up colleges and universities.

IU was also "foster mother" of Purdue University. Back in 1816, when Indiana was admitted as a state, its constitution called for "... a general system of education ascending in a regular gradation from township schools to a State University..."

Looking Back

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The primary concern of the legislators was literacy alone. Meanwhile, the primary objective of most early settlers was to clear land for farming. To them the education of their children was also a higher priority than a school that specialized in the know-how of agriculture.

In time, however, when Indiana University was almost 50 years old, in some quarters of the state it was believed that it was high time Indiana fostered an agricultural and engineering college. It was an IU professor who was to play a major role in the controversy over where the new school was to be located.

RICHARD OWEN, FOR WHOSE family Owen Hall on the IU campus is named, was the son of Robert Owen, founder of the New Harmony settle-

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