

Maxwell, Ketcham early county residents

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Thus began his almost single-handed efforts to get the state university located in Bloomington. At the legislative assembly of 1818-19 Maxwell was on hand as a lobbyist to get the new seminary located here. His efforts were successful when the law was passed on January 20, 1820, with Maxwell named as one of the six trustees for the new institution.

This started a multi-generation commitment by the Maxwell family to Indiana University education. David's son, James, and son-in-law, Tilghman Howard, were likewise trustees of the university in their time. David's grandson, Allison Maxwell, a physician, served for a time as dean of the IU Medical School.

Nonplussed by the prospect of transforming a

wooded area into a school, Maxwell got himself elected to the legislature so he could be where the action was. During the crucial years of 1821-29 he served variously as a representative and senator and as speaker of the House to ensure that his fledgling seminary got the legislative insurance it needed to succeed. Theophilus Wylie, an early IU faculty member said of Maxwell: "He had a talent for politics . . . He was plausible, conciliatory, level-headed, and a good judge of human nature. That rare accomplishment of seeming to follow, while actually leading; he possessed in high degree."

Bales defends IU against attack

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ed tuition increases of 12 percent for resident students and 17 percent for out-of-state students. The tuition increases passed by the trustees were 15 and 19 percent.

With the trustees' action, pay increases on the Bloomington campus will average 7.2 percent. The legislature had planned to hold pay raises for state employees

had no choice if it was going to keep running the university at the same quality level.

"With the meager budget provided by this past General Assembly, it is my belief that you had no choice in this matter if IU was to remain a first-class school of higher learning," Bales wrote. "Contrary to the apparent sentiments of others, I do not want the In-

Not content to sit back and watch what he had created, Maxwell was on the board of the seminary during two periods, 1820-37 and 1839-52 and served as its president from 1820-37 and 1841-52. Col. Ketcham's term on the board overlapped Maxwell's during the years 1821-1825.

With all of the responsibility and activity of founding the institution that was