

Crime history plentiful, colorful

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the case for the lynchers comfort. So sensational was the case that it got the attention of the governor, who was getting pretty tired of self-styled lawmen.

ON THE SOUTH EDGE of Bloomington the students at the young Indiana University were theoretically protected by the parental policy of the faculty. Some of the students had other ideas about being on their own and who had jurisdiction over them. It was many years before the paternal attitude of the university officials finally faded away. As late as 1880 the university catalogue listed among the rules and regulations classified as immoral and dishonorable conduct "the use of profane language, the carry-of concealed weapons, visiting billiard, gambling or drinking rooms, and using intoxicating liquors.

The attitude of the students varied according to their upbringing and individual perceptions. Perhaps the most scathing codemnation of early Bloomington came from a young IU student, John Borden, who came from Providence in 1842. In a letter home he said the following of this community:

"There is certainly less taste, less sense, higher prices and more rascality in this place than exists on any other spot of ground of its size in United States, except some choice spots on Salt Creek. In short this place would never be heard of, except on account of its mud and counterfeiters if it was not for the college down at the lower end of it. In common language it is about 100 miles from every other place, & 200 to where anybody lives. It is no wonder then that nothing of importance is to be told of this place or its people, and it is no wonder then that short letters find their way out of here."