

IU football expenses criticized by students in 1904

To read *The Daily Student* of Jan. 19, 1904, you would think that the Indiana University athletic program was shot through and through with irregularities that tarnished its luster. The newspaper devoted nearly two full front-page columns to complaints that sound very strange today.

Item: "Several students who have declared themselves not satisfied with the financial report furnished *The Daily Student* last week by Director (James) Horne, renewed their objections this morning by criticizing two items in the report, the expenditure of \$1,197.30 for coaching and the deficit of \$77 on the football banquet."

Coach Horne replied to the allegations by publishing an itemized statement as follows: Emmet King, salary as coach, \$500; Roy Pike, salary as coach, \$250; James H. Horne, coaching, \$400; Expenses, King,



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\$36.30 and expenses, Pike, \$11; total \$1,197.30.

Getting even more specific about the complaints, *The Daily Student* explained, "Criticism has been directed toward the manner in which Mr. King was selected as coach, and it has been said, since the publication of the report last Wednesday, that the amount paid him was excessive considering the fact that he remained but part of the season while his contract with the Board of Control called for the entire season."

Apparently, part of the reason for

student dissatisfaction was that Smith's appointment was a trifle extra-legal. The way the *Student* put it, "The Board of Control had been considering the advisability of securing an eastern football man as coach and Mr. King was decided upon, subject to Mr. Horne's approval."

But something went wrong in communication, since Major T.J. Loudon, treasurer of the Board of Control, notified Smith before getting Horne's consent. The mistake was considered an "oversight."

As if the two men — Horne and King — hadn't gotten off on a bad enough start in working together, another dispute arose. Stated the *Student*, "After Mr. King had been coaching the squad for a short time a difference arose between himself and Mr. Horne. Their methods of coaching were different and Mr.

King claimed to Mr. Horne that he had been hired as head coach."

The clash of two different coaching techniques took its toll on the team, but a compromise was reached — Horne's methods were chosen and King was demoted to coaching the "second 11."

Meanwhile, the expenses for the annual football banquet were in dispute. According to the *Student*, "The other item which has been unsatisfactory to some is the football banquet deficit of \$77. Major Loudon, who with President (William Lowe) Bryan, had charge of the affair, explained the matter fully this morning to a representative of *The Daily Student*."

Complained the newspaper. "It had been agreed beforehand, he said, that any surplus that might remain should go to the athletic fund; and any deficit that might exist

should be paid out of the fund."

Apparently attendance at the banquet was lower than expected. Unfortunately, instead of the 125 planned for, only 54 showed up for the dinner.

President Bryan got into the controversy on the very next day, saying that there was no deficit. "The football banquet was paid for in part by Major Loudon from a special fund contributed by a number of businessmen for the training table. It was the understanding that if this amount was more than necessary to meet the expenses of the table, the balance should be used in defraying the expenses of a banquet in honor of the team."

Was it true? Probably. President Bryan told the *Student*, "There is no deficit. These facts could have been learned from me at any time by any one."