

Football stadium had its ups and downs

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brought into the courtroom engineers who testified that blasting on the campus had weakened the first structure.

On May 27, 1925, the *Indiana Daily Student* reported, "Following the reading of the jury's verdict, which was a surprise to many, because the

instructions of Judge Robert C. Galtzell seemed favorable to the plaintiff, attorneys for the University made no comment only that they would carry the suit farther."

Encouraged by the verdict, in the fall of 1927, the Bedford construction company filed suit against IU for \$22,730. The university filed a counterclaim. Incredibly, the case continued until October of 1931, when a compromise was reached

among the three parties involved.

The stadium was rebuilt on the 10th Street site, and was dedicated at the 1925 IU-Purdue football game. It was home to commencements, Fourth of July fireworks and a long list of sporting events, including the annual Little 500 bicycle race and the filming of the 1979 moving *Breaking Away*, before the worn out structure was torn down in 1982 to make way for the arboretum.