

Student Building trademark of IU

(Continued from page 1)... days after he received assurances that the university had in hand the needed matching pledges, Rockefeller's check for \$50,000 arrived in Bloomington. The original concept of a building for women only was abandoned as the project evolved.

According to IU historian Burton D. Myers, the university had received pledges of stone for the building, but the material was considered suitable only for the foundation, and local stonemen Henry Woolery and Fred Mathews "helped to work out an agreement which solved most of the major difficulties."

The time gap between the idea of Mrs. Swain (proposed in March 1901) and the first use of the building in June 1906 was fraught with a series of crises. Heavy timbers needed for the auditorium superstructure were late in arriving in Bloomington, having been shunted from one railway assembly yard to another until they were finally located. While the timbers were being put in place, a scaffolding fell, causing the

serious injury of six workmen.

According to IU historian Thomas Clark, the bells, too, got lost in transit, and, once in place, required considerable adjusting.

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