

Pamphlet created a stir

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Once on the scene of the crime, agent "J.H.S." took to his assignment with all of the subtlety of a bulldozer. He was quoted as having suggested that the state attorney general issue a legal dragnet and that the local grand jury issue blanket subpoenas to arrest everybody. He also said, "This course, at all events will have a healthy influence with this crowd of vipers, and will tend to prevent a repetition of this."

Despite his arrest-everybody approach to detective work, "J.H.S." was apparently outwitted by IU math Professor Rufus L. Green. At least, that was what the *Saturday Courier* reported to its readers. According to IU historian Thomas D. Clark, the key to finding the students responsible for the "bogus" was the confession of one Nicholas A. Robertson, a senior from Fort Wayne.

In time Robertson implicated six other students — John F. Post, W.H. Bloss, Clarence Beard, Walter Howe, Hal Read and John S. Shannon. Particularly puzzling were the facts that Robertson had already received a law degree and that his father, Robert S. Robertson, was an IU trustee.

As the history of the pro-

duction of the "bogus" unraveled, it seemed that the young men responsible had been disgruntled about some, not-really-unusual irritations of student life. Most of the writing was done by Clarence Beard with the assistance of Robertson and a couple of others as copy readers. The typesetter and printer was Beard's 17-year-old brother who lived in Spiceland.

Upon the delivery of the "bogus" to Bloomington, Robertson had second thoughts about it and locked all of the copies in his trunk. While he was absent from his quarters, several of his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers broke into the trunk and passed out the pamphlet.

The upshot of the caper was that the students were all expelled and later allowed to re-enter IU. Several of them received their degrees after all. Bloss had redeemed himself by championing the cause of a gym for his fellow students. Howe became a respected judge in Texas.

Funeral

JESSE DAVIS
BLOOMFIELD — Services for Jesse E. Davis, 76, R. 4, Bloomfield, who died Friday morning at Bloomington Hospital, will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Little

Clarence Beard, a troubled young man, never returned to IU. His 17-year-old brother, who had printed the "bogus," enrolled at DePauw University. There he met and married a fellow student by the name of Mary. Some years later they were to collaborate on some distinguished definitive histories of American democracy. Their names were Charles A. and Mary Beard.

Area deaths

Jasper Schoolcraft

INDIANAPOLIS — Jasper Schoolcraft, 83, died Thursday evening at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born Sept. 19, 1899, in Morgan County, he was the son of Christian and Elsa (Neal) Schoolcraft. He lived in Indianapolis most of his life, and he was manager of the Talbot House in Indianapolis for 15 years. He was a member of the Church of the Firstborn and an honorary member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a World War I veteran.

Survivors include four sisters, Florence Piercefield of Martinsville, Oral McDaniel of Galena,