

# Shortage of water had influence on IU growth

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the gymnasium have been rudely shattered."

By 1896, university wells had signs which warned that water from them should be "boiled before drinking." IU President Joseph Swain recommended that a university cistern near Maxwell Hall be filled with drinking water.

**THE PRESIDENT TOLD** the IU trustees that the \$520 per year that the local water agent charged the university was too high. A dollar a day was quite sufficient, said Swain.

Complained the *Student* in November of 1893, "Students have gone home, sick, to the four quarters of the state and the sanitary condition of Bloomington is rapidly becoming known. . . . On Sunday . . . the day of the fire, when the hose burst in front of the Presbyterian Church and the water flowed down the west side of Walnut Street, there arose from the little stream a combination of stench that would have the Chicago River smell sweet in comparison."

Next week: IU takes further steps to solve its water problem