

# Fight for state funds nothing new for IU

*"The present Legislature could not pass a wiser or more beneficial act than one providing for the creation of a liberal and permanent endowment fund for its (Indiana University's) support. Let the university be lifted above all want, placed on a solid and prosperous basis, financially, and put an end to the niggardly, piecemeal policy of doling out a little appropriation every two years."* Indianapolis Times, January of 1883:

On Jan. 20, 1883, the Bloomington *Telephone* happily reprinted an article that had appeared the previous Wednesday in the Indianapolis *Times*. Only a few days before the *Times* article, the *Telephone* had expressed concern about the university's financial condition — concerns



## Looking back

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which included a fire proof library, observatory, larger chemical laboratory facilities and a gym.

Periodically, it was customary for the legislative education committees to make a trip to Bloomington to have a look at the university. The *Telephone* reported that though their train was nearly an hour late, they were greeted at the station by a  
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