

First newspaper started in 1824

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Franklin in 1838. Deal's *The Budget* was renamed the *Bloomington Republican*. Democrat editors T.C. Nixon, John B. Borland, and C.H. Patterson had a try at getting across their point of view during the late 1850's and early 60's. Borland's *Presage* called itself: "A paper reflecting the true principles of Democracy and which is uncontrolled by demagogues or county politicians".

It was in February of 1867 that the *Indiana Daily Student* started as a "fortightly" publication. After an interruption between 1874 and 1882 it continued publication until the present. Young William Lowe Bryan and fellow student, C.L. Goodwin, revived it on their own and kept it going until the University eventually took it over. Bryan was destined to become president of his alma mater, and wrote a column for the *Student* after he took office.

BLOOMINGTONIANS WERE to see some minor party newspapers come and go in the late 1800's. For example, *The True Plan* purported to express the views of the Greenback Party. Published in 1878, it lasted until the 1880 election. John R. East's *The Democratic Hawkeye* lasted only a few months as did Charles E. Bullington's *People's Party* newspaper. A Bull Moose Party publication was printed here, but didn't attract enough support to keep going.

Late entrants in the journalism business in the county in the close of the 1800's were the Bradfute and Feltus families. Henry J. Feltus, a New Yorker, started the *Bloomington World* as a daily paper in 1875. Just two years later Walter Bradfute started *The Telephone*. Two more newcomers to the newspaper business were John and Oscar Cravens with their publication, *The World*. All three families were destined to monopolize coverage for Bloomingtonians for many years to come.