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SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

By William A. Rawles

One of the outstanding features in the recent progress of Indiana University has been the growth of its new School of Commerce and Finance. In the short time since its organization as a separate unit in 1920, this school has developed into one of the great divisions of the university. It has become one of our greatest attractions to the best class of high school graduates and is recognized among educators and business men as one of the leading schools of its kind in the country.

The board of trustees authorized the erection of a building for the School of Commerce and Finance in May, 1921. On April 25 and 26, in 1923, this new Commerce Hall, one of our finest buildings was formally dedicated with appropriate exercises. With this splendid equipment and with its most capable staff of instructors, the new school is well fitted to carry on its valuable service to the state.

The enrollment the first semester of the first year was 256, including the pre-commerce freshmen and sophomores. Fourteen students were graduated in June, 1921; 34 in the following year, and 43 in 1923. The enrollment at the beginning of the first semester of 1923-4 showed an increase of approximately 33 1-3 per cent over that of 1922-3, the total at the present time being nearly 800. These figures show the commerce and the pre-commerce students to constitute almost 25 per cent of the present student body.

The placement bureau conducted by the School of Commerce has been instrumental in assisting the graduates of the school, as well as those of the College of Arts and Sciences, in securing positions. The graduates have entered widely diverse fields. The following are some of the various fields engaged in by the graduates: Accounting, advertising, automobile industry, banking, bond and discount companies, drug business, foreign trade, insurance, meat packing, merchandising, motion picture, railroads, salesmanship, stone industry, teaching, telephone industry, transfer business.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

By Burton D. Myers

The enrollment in the Indiana University School of Medicine this year is 346.

In 1918-19 the total was 200; in 1919-20, 230; in 1920-21, 244; in 1921-22, 266 and in 1922-23, 328.

This is an increase of 78 per cent in the past five years.

The enrollment in the year 1918-19 was lower than it would have been because of the war. The enrollments since that time are probably abnormally large because of the war. Some students whose medical course had been interrupted by the war returned to school, while not a few became interested in medicine and turned to this profession because of experiences or contacts during the war.

In 1904 there were some 165 medical schools in America with a total enrollment of 28,142 students and 5,747 graduates in that year.

In 1918-19 the number of medical schools had been reduced to 82, while the number of students enrolled had fallen to 13,052, with 2,656 graduating.

Since that date there has been an upward swing in enrollments so that in 1922-23 in the 81 medical schools now in the United States there were 17,432 students with 3,129 graduating last June.

This means that while medical enrollments as a whole have increased 33.5 per cent since 1918-19, the enrollment in the Indiana University School of Medicine has increased 78 per cent, which is two and one-third times the average.

Indiana University School of Medicine ranks seventeenth among the 81 medical schools in point of total enrollment. Last year we ranked tenth in point of freshman enrollment. Of the 485 Indiana boys studying medicine in some school last year, 300 of them or 62 per cent. were studying in the Indiana University School of Medicine. This is exceeded by only two of the larger schools: University of Minnesota, which enrolls 75 per cent of the Minnesota boys who study medicine, and University of Nebraska, which enrolls 66 per cent of the Nebraska boys who study medicine.

SCHOOL OF LAW

By Charles M. Hepburn

The Indiana University School of Law as a state university law school is carrying on two lines of work. Its most important work, and that which it has been conducting for many years, is its three-year full-time course of professional instruction in law, designed to equip its students for the active practice of the law. As a professional law school it is ranked by the American Bar association as one of the 39 "Class A" law schools in the United States, there being in all 146 law schools in the United States engaged in the business of preparing for admission to the active bar.

The Indiana University School of Law is the only law school in Indiana which has this "Class A" rating.

In addition to this professional work, however, the Indiana University School of Law is conducting law teaching for three distinct departments in Indiana University, School of Commerce, School of Education and Department of Journalism.

The total enrollment of all students thus under the charge of the Law Faculty for the first semester of 1923-24 is 228. The total enrollment in the non-professional courses in the first semester is 115. The total enrollment this semester in the three-year full-time professional course, leading to the degree of LL. B. is 113. These professional law students are divided into three classes—first year, with an enrollment of 51; second year law, with an enrollment of 35, and third year law, with an enrollment of 27. The students enrolled in the professional law courses come from 62 towns and cities in Indiana, and a few towns and cities in other states.

In addition to these 228 students thus receiving instruction from the members of the Law Faculty this semester, there are 164 other students who have enrolled this semester as pre-law students. They intend to enter the law school for the professional law course, in one, two, or three years from last September. Meanwhile they are pursuing courses in liberal arts which will prepare them most effectively for their studies in the professional law course.