

State University of Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky. October 5, 1908.

The Faculty met in adjourned meeting at 3 o'clock, those present being President Patterson, Professors W.K. Patterson, Pryor, Anderson, Mathews, Miller, Pence, Mackenzie, Wilson, Tuttle, Rowe, Lafferty, Maxson, Stout, Noe, Jones.

Professor Lafferty presented the name of Mr. Marvin C. Spradling as a candidate for the degree A.M., and Professor Mackenzie presented the name of Mr. E.P. Kelly as a candidate for the A.M. degree.

The Faculty resumed the discussion of the case of the missing student, W.E. Smith. Miss Collins was called before the Faculty with reference to a rumor that Mr. Smith had appeared discouraged just previous to his disappearance. Miss Collins stated, however, that she had observed nothing of this sort and that upon the night of his disappearance he was as cheerful as usual, and he did not hint in any way of an intention to go away.

Mr. George B. Wilkins also appeared before the Faculty and stated that he became acquainted with Mr. Smith soon after coming to the University and had called upon him on the Sunday previous to his disappearance. He stated that in conversation, he (Wilkins) had remarked that the length of his stay at the University was uncertain and that he might drop his work at any time, and that Smith had remarked, although in a joking manner, "I am liable to do the same thing."

A further discussion was held regarding the theory that Smith had been placed bound in a box car and had thus been carried to some other point. Professor Anderson was asked to see the railroad officials and learn if such a thing were possible. This he did in a conversation over the telephone, and learned that no train was made up in Lexington leaving here between 6 o'clock that night and 9 o'clock the next morning.

Professor Lafferty thought we should say as little as possible about the Smith case until we have gained some definite results for publication. Professor Miller stated that in view of the fact that some criticism had arisen regarding out of door initiation exercises of some of the fraternities, that he had taken up this matter with some fraternity men and urged that they discontinue all such initiation exercises which would suggest hazing, and that so far as he had learned the fraternities had agreed with his suggestion.

Some discussion arose as to the feasibility of offering a reward for information leading to the discovery of Smith, and President Patterson stated that he had conferred with the chairman of the Executive Committee and that he had agreed to the offering of \$100.00 and the Secretary was instructed to prepare a statement to this effect and place it in the hands of the Courier Journal and the local papers.

Statement issued as follows.

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The State University of Ky. offers a reward of \$100.00 for any information that will lead to a discovery of the whereabouts of one Willis E. Smith, a student of the University, who disappeared from his boarding place on the night of Sept. 22, 1908.

Jas. K. Patterson, President State Univ.
Clarence W. Mathews, Sec'y Faculty, S.U.

Professor Anderson urged that he should be relieved from the committee to consider the question of degrees and that Professor Mackenzie be appointed in his place. President Patterson felt that Professor Anderson should still remain upon that committee, but stated that he would add Professor Mackenzie to the committee.

The meeting adjourned.

James K. Patterson

C. W. Mathews

Secretary of the Faculty.

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