with furniture and scientific apparatus, and that there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars from the College fund, to be drawn on the check of the chairman of the committee.

Mr. Sawyer offered for adoption the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Faculty and Instruction, to report upon at a subsequent meeting:

RESOLVED, That tuition in the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be free to the students.

Mr. Jamison offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of this Board is hereby authorized to secure insurance policies, in what they deem good and reliable insurance companies, on all buildings, stock, grain, hay and other property owned by the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Detailed statement of James M. Trimble, relating to expenses incurred while attending to Virginia Military Land claims, was received and referred to a committee of three for examination and report; to wit: Ross, Jamison and Perkins.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

January 3, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Board met and was called to order by the Chairman. A quorum being present, they proceeded to business.

The Chairman announced the following names as members of the standing committees raised under the resolution passed yesterday:
FINANCE COMMITTEE—Messrs. Noble, Munson and Perkins.
COMMITTEE ON FACULTY AND INSTRUCTION—Sullivant, Jones and Falconer.

On motion of Mr. Perry, the Board
RESOLVED, That hereafter, until further ordered, the Executive Committee of this Board, the Finance Committee, Committee on Faculty, the Land Committee, and all other committees, general or special, on which duties have been imposed, shall, on the first Wednesday of December of each year, or immediately thereafter, place in the hands of the President of the Board, a clear, accurate and concise statement or report of the transactions of such committee, since its last preceding annual report, covering all transactions down to said first Wednesday of December; that the President shall immediately prepare a concise statement of the proceedings of the year, and with such suggestions and recommendations as may seem to him expedient, in relation of the institution and its affairs, shall cause the same to be printed and place a copy thereof in the hands of each member of the Board two weeks before its then next annual meeting.

Mr. Leete offered the following, which was passed:

RESOLVED, That a committee of five members of this Board be appointed by the President to inquire into the pro-
New bill would unite schools under one insurance agency

By David Bhaerman
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Four-year state colleges and universities like Ohio State would be united under a single agency to receive liability insurance if a bill in the Ohio House of Representatives is passed, the bill’s sponsor said.

Currently, no one agency provides insurance for universities, said Michael Stinziano, D.-Columbus, chairman of the House Insurance Committee.

Stinziano’s bill, introduced Tuesday, would also allow state colleges and universities to be considered under the state’s sovereign immunity law.

Under this law, the state courts must decide whether the institution can be named in a lawsuit.

Two-year institutions and technical colleges are covered by a similar law enacted in Ohio last year. But state four-year universities were not included in that bill.

In the past, university administrators felt they did not need a central insurance program, Stinziano said. But, because universities are increasingly becoming the target of lawsuits, they have been forced to re-evaluate their position, he said.

Herb Asher, special assistant on state relations to OSU President Edward H. Jennings, said the bill is less a money-saving measure than it is protection from a “worst-case scenario” lawsuit.

Civil justice regulations included under the proposal would limit damages that could be collected from the university in the event the school is named in a civil lawsuit.

Similar regulations are included in another bill Stinziano introduced, a controversial liability insurance and tort reform measure, which was vetoed last year by Gov. Richard F. Celeste.

That bill was reintroduced and, after substantial changes, was passed by the House last week. The Ohio Senate will vote on that bill before it is given to Celeste for his approval.
House bill promotes affordable insurance

By Judy Wiseman
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Ohio State will have the option to self-insure the university and its employees if House Bill 267 is adopted by the Ohio General Assembly this session.

Rep. Mike Stinziano, D-Columbus, has introduced legislation to make insurance available and affordable for Ohio's 14 four-year universities.

"This bill would give four-year universities the same equity that our two-year technical schools now enjoy," Stinziano said. Two-year colleges are grouped with municipalities and other political subdivisions that, under law, can provide liability coverage through various options.

The options that would be made available to four-year universities are:
- self-insurance, where the university could insure itself as an individual institution.
- collective self-insurance, where the university could join with other higher-education institutions through a trust or captive-insurance program.
- commercial insurance, where the university could use state funds to purchase insurance.

Stinziano said he is sponsoring the bill because of current problems universities face when trying to obtain commercial liability insurance.

Currently, he said, universities are pooled with business and professional organizations and are classified as "high risk." This creates exorbitant price increases and sometimes results in a lack of affordable coverage, he said.

Herbert Asher, professor of political science and a special assistant to President Edward H. Jennings, is currently in Washington and unavailable for comment.

Historically, our state universities have been low-risk organizations with minimal damage awards brought against them.

- Michael Stinziano

The Inner University Council (IUC) initiated the idea of the bill.

Robert Griffin, assistant to the director of IUC, said four-year university insurance coverage is at the mercy of insurance agencies.

This bill would put universities in line with private-sector institutions and two-year colleges with respect to insurance costs, Griffin said.

The bill also puts a cap on general-damage awards, setting a $250,000 recovery limit. It also eliminates punitive damage payments.