The answer to the fiscal problems that beset American cities may be more state and federal subsidies for local governments, says an IU expert on urban affairs and taxes.

Edwin McPherson, associate professor of political science at IU-Bloomington, says local financial support from state and local governments may reach 8 percent of the total local expenditures within five years. He doubts that this would necessarily result in greater government control of local spending.

In reference to the plight of the city of Cleveland, McPherson noted that, "cities don't die. They have to go on providing services." He believes that Cleveland officials will find a way to realign the city's back taxes and work their way out of near-bankruptcy conditions.

In citing a preference for state and federal funds to assist the cities, McPherson said this appears to be the best solution.

"Local taxes have limitations and serious drawbacks," McPherson said.

"Property taxes, in many ways, are the worst taxes there are, but right now, they seem to be the only way local governments can operate. There is a limit on how much sales tax can be imposed."

"A local income tax is costly to operate and presents a lot of problems," he continued. "State and federal governments are better suited for collecting this kind of tax. I think the trend, then, will be more state and federal taxes with a greater share returning to the local community."

Referring again to the Cleveland situation, McPherson pointed out that Ohio has a history for the past several years of being resistant to tax increases. He noted that this may be "a little too much democracy. If you ask people if they want to pay more taxes, they are going to say 'no.'"

When asked if he thought people are willing to accept reduced services along with reduced taxes, McPherson said, "Unless we have a severe depression, the public is not going to like reductions in services. Only when people are willing to make sacrifices in personal expenditures will they be willing to settle for fewer government services."

The fiscal emergencies that are so much in the news are really greatest in the larger cities with a population of half a million or more, McPherson said.

"Many cities with less than a half-million population are doing quite well. Much of this is due to infusion of federal money which is about 40 percent of local government budgets, he added.

McPherson blamed part of the big Gary may be likely candidates for the kind of fiscal crisis that hit New York and which Cleveland now faces. On the other hand, he thinks Indianapolis will be "as likely to survive as any of the cities." He noted that Indianapolis has been "pretty conservative in dealing with its fiscal problems."

McPherson blamed part of the big cities' problems on shifts in population. Since World War II, about a quarter million people have moved from small towns, rural areas and the South to the cities, and in most cases in the suburbs.

About 27 percent of the population saw lives in the suburban fringes and about 23 percent in the cities.

Poor and minorities are concentrated in the central cities where there are greater costs for services and less ability to pay. McPherson pointed out. For 20 years the government has promoted an agricultural policy of bigger barns, which has dispersed the farmers and many to the cities. McPherson says the process should now be reversed for the betterment of the country.

"People should be encouraged to return to the smaller towns and to the services and rural areas," he said.

"City administrations should work in unity among the various political units to solve financial problems and prevent aggravation of current problems. It will take a cooperative effort to get the job done."

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SA working to help handicapped, aged

by John Reese

Another step toward the long-term goal of improving student housing at IUPUI may soon be under way due to the efforts of IUPUI's Student Assembly.

The SA has been attempting, in recent weeks, to establish a working relationship with the management of Droosas Twin Towers (located to the west of the Michigan Street campus) with this goal in mind.

"Specifically, with regard to the

Droosas Twin Towers, it is attempting to create an environment conducive to the creation of reasonable, off-campus student housing at IUPUI," said Senator Neil Apell (ABC) of the SA effort.

Andy Droosas, owner of Droosas Twin Towers, has had limited success in establishing a relationship with the university and community, according to Apell. Droosas was described as being "put out" with Indianapolis

bureaucrats, as he had difficulty with building permits and received little cooperation from local financial institutions.

Contacts by Droosas with the university with regard to the provision of quality student housing at reasonable prices received an "indifferent response," said Apell.

"There are several courses of action available to Droosas which will be advantageous to the community of Indianapolis and himself," Apell stated, "that will allow him to create a relationship with the university."

One of the options, he said, lies in the accommodation of limited income elderly and/or handicapped residents in the housing project.

The emphasis of this accommodation, according to Apell, would be to make

inexpensive housing available, close to campus, for limited income handicapped students.

With this as their goal, Apell and other members of the SA, in cooperation with Droosas Twin Towers, approached the director of the State Housing Board, Chuck Johnson, with an application for federal low income subsidy of existing housing under Section Eight of the Federal Rent Subsidy Program.

According to Apell, the application for substation, submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was accompanied by a petition by the State Housing Board to increase the amount covered by the federal subsidy program, according to Johnson.

The application was approved by HUD. The reason for the petition was that the rents of Droosas Twin Towers were higher than the rents normally allowed under the federal subsidy program, he said.

The HUD program will require the low income applicants to pay 25 percent of their income on rent (this is the maximum), with the rest of the rent being paid directly to the landlord by the federal government, according to Johnson.

"The Droosas Twin Towers," said Apell, "are well suited as excellent opportunities to all IUPUI students. Droosas has changed the complex from the present to what will be considered a modern, self-contained community."

"All utilities, except telephone, are covered by the rent. Each apartment is equipped with a 10,000 BTU air conditioning, carpeting and major appliances.

Security for the complex has been re- served and both buildings are secure from entrance by intruders.

Entrance to the buildings can only be obtained after permission of a resident and the security system is in use on the ground floor of the complex.

"Apell added that a beauty shop, convenience store and coffee shop are planned by Droosas.

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Open Channel meeting...

Open Channel, the IUPUI broadcast service and interest organization, will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 am in Cavanaugh Hall, room 408. The group will discuss plans for the coming semester.

Any student who is interested in communications is welcome to attend, and coffee and doughnuts will be served. Anyone who cannot attend this meeting is encouraged to call the Department of Speech-Theatre-Communications at 264-4796, or Jenni Bergman at 264-2383 for information regarding future meetings.

Yearbook submissions...

Any student organization which would like to be presented in the 1979 Graduate Record, the IUPUI yearbook, must submit material by Monday, Jan. 22. Photographs and articles regarding the organization's purpose and achievements are welcomed. Material may be submitted to the Student Assembly Office, Cavanaugh Hall, room 601C.

For more information, contact Jenni Bergman at 264-3907 or 264-2383.

Yearbook photo sessions...

Seniors who have yet had their picture taken for inclusion in the 1979 IUPUI yearbook, Graduate Record, or who wish to order a yearbook, are reminded by the Student Assembly that a second photo session will be held on Feb. 5 and 6, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm and from 2 to 5 pm in the basement of Cavanaugh Hall.

The SA is also in search of campus-related photos and short features by any student for publication in the Record. Photographs can be black and white or color, and should include the photographer's name and phone number with each submission.

Articles pertaining to any aspect of IUPUI are needed. Work should be original, and items of any subject matter may be submitted. Material must be submitted by Monday, Jan. 22.

For further information, contact Jenni Bergman, Cavanaugh Hall, room 601C, 264-2383.

Herron registration...

Registration for the spring program of Saturday School classes at the Herron School of Art will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 am until noon in the Museum Building Auditorium. Classes will begin on the following Saturday, Jan. 27.

This program is open to students in junior high and high school, whether enrolled in an art program or not. Its purpose is to motivate and provide skill development for students consistent with and supportive to the student-consistent with and supportive to the student's classroom experience. A variety of classes is offered, including life-drawing, painting, water color, portrait drawing, printmaking and photography.

For additional information about the program, contact Herron at 923-3651.

‘Animals in Prints’ exhibit...

‘Animals in Prints’ is the title of an Indianapolis Museum of Art exhibition, drawn from the Museum’s collection of prints, the exhibition focuses on representatives of animals by 20th century artists.

Opening Jan. 16, the Museum will feature an exhibit of Karl Appel, Holland’s foremost abstract expressional, in the downtown gallery of the IMA, American Fletcher National Bank, 101 Monument Circle. The exhibition, entitled ‘The Sunshine People,’ runs through Mar. 15 and will portray a limited edition of 10 lithographs by the Dutch artist.

Listener’s Theater auditions...

Open auditions for the IUPUI Listener’s Theater production of Mark Twain’s ‘A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court’ have been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 15 and 16. Monday’s auditions will be held from 4 to 5:30 pm in room 101 of Cavanaugh Hall. Room 307.

Dr. Bruce Wagner, director of the Listener’s Theater, described Twain’s novel as utopian and social satire on issues important in Twain’s day. He also indicated that the majority of people who are interested in acting are those who can act and are interested in acting, and that the presentment is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14.

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The design of the parking facilities will be that of a modified mound structure, with approximately seven feet of earth surrounding the perimeter on which trees will be planted.

Three floors will be available for parking, all above ground level. Overhead walkways are planned to connect Michigan Street South with the hospital and Michigan Street East with the EAT Building.

The IUPUI Baseball Club will hold a fund-raising dinner Thursday, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, in the Union Building cafeteria. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will go towards buying uniforms. Also, highlights from the 1979 World Series will be shown. Tickets are $2 at the door, or $2.50 if you get them ahead of time. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Department of Physical Education, 264-3764.

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IUPUI SA works to help elderly, handicapped

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An advantage to IUPUI students, according to April, lies in the fact that Drossos will allow the apartments to be occupied by one additional person over the number of bedrooms available in the apartment. This allows for the relatively common practice of rent sharing among students to decrease the cost of an apartment.

Some concern was expressed in December over the possibility that the proceedings in the Indianapolis Public School desegregation controversy would upset the plans for the Drossos Twin Towers rent subsidy program.

According to Johnson, Federal District Judge S. Hugh Dillon had found that the establishment of additional public housing within the "old" city limits perpetuated segregation and thus had enjoined public housing from being expanded within those limits.

Dillon's decision should not affect the program, Johnson said, since it (the program) deals not with public housing but with the private housing market, and with only specific types of applicants. At that point, Johnson pointed out, the role of Drossos Twin Towers in subsidization was unresolved.

Johnson continued that the State Housing Board has not given up as a result of the Dillon decree. "We have our lawyers investigating ways in which we can aid low-income elderly and handicapped housing applicants," he said.

"We (the State Housing Board) are not under injunction by the federal courts," Johnson continued, "and are now under a voluntary suspension of activities until we can determine the best course of action." Hearings are planned by Dillon to determine the status of this type of program.

"If we are unable to get satisfactory results," said Johnson, "we may revert from our voluntary suspension, since the programs involved do not affect the segregation of the Indianapolis Public Schools."

The State Housing Board has since decided to continue its subsidization of low-income elderly and handicapped residents within the "old" city limits.

"In accordance with the intent of Dillon's decree, we will discontinue voluntary suspension of subsidization of low-income elderly and handicapped applicants within the "old" city limits," said Johnson, "but we will continue our voluntary suspension with regard to family units until a decision is reached by the courts."

Johnson's rationale for such a decision cited that participants in the elderly and handicapped programs had little or no effect on the segregation issue.

Applications can now be accepted from low-income elderly and handicapped individuals for such apartment complexes as Drossos Twin Towers (and others authorized by the State Housing Board).

Applications should be submitted promptly, according to Johnson, since applicants have to work their way through a waiting list which depends greatly upon the availability of housing.

Leagues begin

Teams may register now for participation in the 1979 summer softball leagues sponsored by the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation.

The men's and women's leagues will be divided into A, B, and C divisions. Leagues will be located in the North-East, West, and South Parks Divisions.

Playing sites in the North Division are: 30th Street and German Church Road, Douglass, Brookside, Spades, Montgomery, Gardeners, and Washington Parks.

West Division sites are: Riverside, Thatcher, Chapel Hill, 31st Street and Tipton Avenue, Belmont, and Kreischer Parks. South Division games will be played at Garfield and Bluff Parks.

Team entry fees are $125 for play on unlighted diamonds and $150 on lighted diamonds.

For further information, call the following division representatives: West Division, Bill Hatcher, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 9 pm, 934-8153; Ext. 95; North-East Division, Eugene Akers, Monday through Friday, 10 to 11 pm, 934-8153; Ext. 95; South Division, Lee Ann White, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 9:30 pm, 764-7948.

Program Jan. 21

The Indiana State Museum's "Let's Talk About Indiana" series will begin on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 3 pm with a program entitled "Raiders, Radinets, and Rangers: Indiana in the War of 1812."

The program, conducted by Dr. George W. Gebh, associate professor of history at Butler University, will detail Indiana's emergence from its territorial period as it swept up in two bitter, related conflicts: one with the British and the other with the Northwest Indian tribes.

The Indiana frontier became a hotly-contested battleground, cross-enerized by British agents, Indian raiders, local militiamen, and American rangers. The land experienced a forgotten struggle which decided the fate of the Indiana nation of the Northwest.

The Indiana State Museum is located at the corner of Ohio and Alabama Streets downtown and is open seven days a week, 9 am to 5 pm.
Our View

Flaw found

Is it possible that the Registrar's office was so caught up in the efficiency — so involved in the streamlined, new and improved methods of herding the most students through the most officialism with the least amount of effort — this semester that they might have just modernized a few things right out of the registration process?

The refund schedule, as described in the Jan. 3 issue of the Sagamore and on those little white slips of paper inserted into the hands of registering students somewhere during the process, is limited to the week of Jan. 8 through 12 for 100 percent reimbursement. This really boils down to Jan. 11 as deadline, since the Registrar's office is only open Monday through Thursday. After that, refunds for drop/add drop down to 50 percent.

Seems this might be making it a bit rough on those who have, say, a Friday class which they need to adjust — and downright program is included in this schedule, then 100 percent reimbursement becomes an automatic impossibility — or so it seems.

Every registration exhibits at least one flaw, though we feel a bit of disillusionment at finding this one. But perhaps this room for reform will keep administrators from resting on their laurels for too long, and will recall their attention to the issue of student needs once again.

A worthy idea

A new idea will be realized on Jan. 20, and we feel that it's an idea worth noting.

Acting on a recommendation by the IUPUI Student Assembly, university administrators will be providing bus service to the Bloomington campus every Saturday to allow IUPUI students to utilize the expanded library facilities located there.

The service, which starts Saturday, Jan. 20 and will run through this semester, will be free to students and limited to 38 riders. Tentatively, the bus will leave IUPUI at 8:30 am and will return at 5:30 pm, meaning that students will have about six actual hours to study and/or do research in Bloomington.

Because the bus is limited to 38 persons, a sign-up system (with free passes given to those who sign-up) will be established. Both the sign-up sheet and free passes will be available at the University Library.

We think the shuttle idea is a good one. While IUPUI's libraries are, for the most part, adequate, there are some specialized facilities that can be found on the Bloomington campus (the journalism library, for instance).

Thirty-eight students isn't a lot, but is definitely a beginning. If the service receives enough support, perhaps the number of buses will be increased. Of course, maybe the best idea of all is to upgrade the funds and space allotted to the IUPUI libraries.

But it is good to know that, as IU students, we will be able to take advantage of benefits Bloomington students have had for years, without having to pay for the journey there.

Fee issue questioned

To the Editor,

What ever happened to the issue of the mandatory student activity fee? Did it die a lonely death amongst the apathy of IUPUI, or is it lurking in the shadows ready to rise into the public eye once again.

The proposal, as I recall it, (correct me if I'm wrong) proposed to collect funds from the student body, for distribution to student groups and activities at IUPUI, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of activities at this university.

I also recall that there was a great buff raised by the so-called "professional schools" as they demanded that accommodations be made to account for the needs of their student bodies. Now they lie breathlessly still, without comments or counter-proposals to the Student Senate proposal. What ever happened to John Schmidt and his defiant cries — is he still Student Bar Association President?

What ever happened to the Student Senate and our representatives, who are supposed to keep us informed on what is going on? I think they have been in hiding since Christmas. I know I have seen Mike Reardon (Student Body President) in the halls.

Frankly, I believe that students at IUPUI face a system of distributing and financing funds for student activities that will face a stricter budget and stricter guidelines as the university begins to realize the significance of the financial cutbacks of recent months.

If anything, the student body needs to know what is going on and how much we may end up spending to get the benefits we now receive.

Respectfully yours,

A prospective "professional school" student.

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Padre certifies virgins

In this age of moral decadence and decay, it’s nice to know that a few lighthouses still exist on the horizon. With teenage pregnancy on the rise and teenagers engaging in sexual activity at an earlier age, the pressure for sexual contact overpowers many young people and “puts down” those who abstain.

Fortunately, a minister from Fremont, California is presently engaged in an effort to reward anyone with a spotless record in the area of sexual promiscuity. Padre Rafael of the Church of the Free Soul says he wants virgins to be recognized for what they’ve done—rather than for what they haven’t done. He instilled the idea in an effort to maintain “the purity and freedom of the soul.”

The good father hopes that the virgins will help him to build his new church, but not as carpenters or masons. He’s offering Certificates of Virginity to anyone who will donate $3 for his new church.

Padre Rafael relates that by certifying virgins, he is actually imitating a custom of the churches of the Middle Ages who said indulgences to raise money for the building of the great cathedrals of Europe. He is also offering Certificates of Indulgence, which he says exempts sinners from any punishment here on earth.

Incidentally, Padre Rafael is not requiring those who apply for his Certificate of Virginity to show any proof, as he fears that this would bankrupt his plan.
Metro 'Team II' defeated 64-53

The IUPUI Metros (Team II) had their debut spoiled by the Indiana Tech Warriors, 64-53, on Friday at Market Square Arena. Even before the opening tip-off, the contest had more complications than a soap opera script. The Metros, already staggering from the loss of six men because of grades, had their not-so-carefully rehearsed game plan further disrupted when game time arrived before starter Kim King did. King, returning from his hometown of Muncie, encountered icy roads and did not reach MSA until most of the first half was history. With King absent, Metro Coach Kirby Overman started the makeshift quintet of veterans Scott Ailing, Peggie Butler, and Wayne Taylor along with two of his hastily-drafted understudies. Randy Malandro and Tom Caraboa. Cast in a reserve role were Steve Kistier and Bill Carey, two more newcomers.

Meanwhile, Indiana Tech was struggling with its own problems. Two of the Warriors' top three shooters were injured and out of the lineup. Tech's Gary Cobb, who was slated to start his first action in several weeks after a lengthy bout with bronchitis, failed to make the starting lineup. Tech's Gary Cobb connected on a 7-foot jumper with 8:54 remaining to end the Warrior's drought. The visitors then reeled off eight more unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

Gerry Simpson and Doug Gore paced Indiana Tech with 17 and 15 points, respectively. For IUPUI, Reggie Butler led all scorers with 21 points and Scott Ailing drilled 17. But the beleaguered Metros hit only 16-61 from the field for a distressing 26 percent, while the Warriors, in spite of the long dry spell, still managed to bag 22 of 51 for 43 percent.

After Tuesday night's battle with Indiana Baptist, the 3-11 IUPUI Metros are on the road at Calvin College today and Hope College on Jan. 17. The next Metro-Pacer doubleheader is Jan. 19, when the Metros face Oakland City and the Pacers host the Denver Nuggets.
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