

The gift of giving

Ronald McDonald House decks the halls to welcome families with children in Riley who have nowhere to stay for the holidays.

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Happy holidays

Christmas events on tap for December are outlined for the merriment of all wishing to bask in the holiday spirit of giving.

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Rising waters

Despite repeated disasters, many people still live in risky areas, costing the government - and taxpayers - millions of dollars.

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Survey details shoplifting

Results of a poll conducted by national professors gives statistics regarding age groups and their potential for theft.

By Ryan Moore
Contributing to The Sagamore

Have you ever thought about stealing a candy bar or some other small item? Well, you probably not alone because many Americans each day may consider stealing. Fortunately, most people do not act on these thoughts.

Recently, Anthony Cox, IUPUI marketing professor, Dena Cox and George Moschis conducted a study on shoplifting with the corroboration of Georgia State University's, Ronald Anderson.

"The study was done in Georgia, actually, and respondents range from the seventh grade to the twelfth grade," Anthony said.

"The results are amazing. Shoplifting peaked among tenth graders; almost half (47 percent) had shoplifted in the last year," Anthony added.

Also, the idea that shoplifting is mainly a female crime was certainly not supported by their findings.

"Contrary to the stereotype that shoplifting is a female crime, males were significantly more likely to shoplift than females," Anthony reported.

Individuals are more likely to shoplift if they are 16 or 17, and especially if they have friends that shoplift.

"There does appear to be a strong peer influence in shoplifting," Anthony said. "Kids who shoplifted were more likely to have a pattern of rule breaking."

Cox also reported that the study also supported a relationship between kids who shoplift and young people who do not have a good relationship with their parents.

"Kids who were closer to their parents were less likely to be involved in such activity as this," He explained.

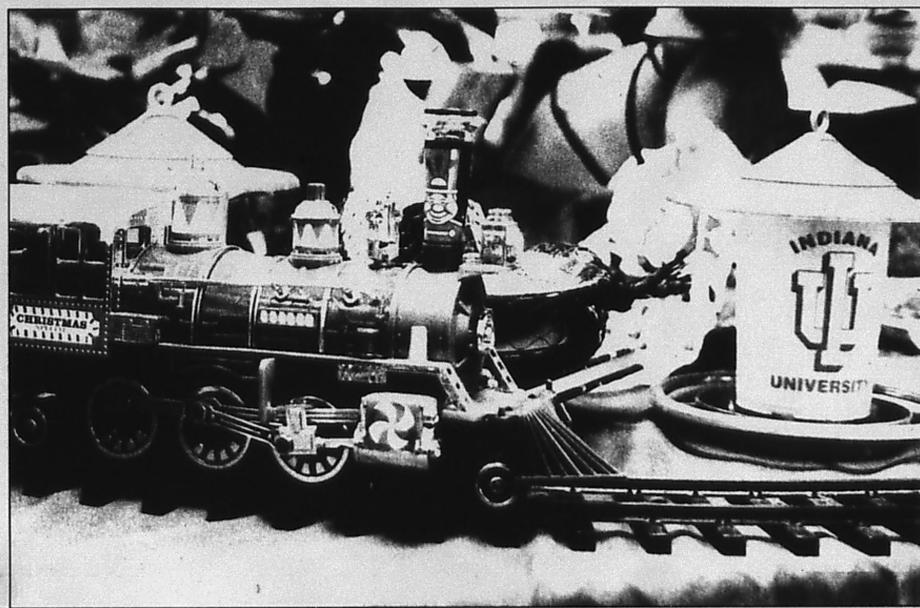
The study of adolescent shoplifters was conducted using anonymous surveys during mandatory high school classes in public schools throughout Georgia.

Cox also reported that the study found no correlation to socio-economics.

"There's no between socio-economic status and whether or not they (shoplifters) shoplifted," he said.

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I think I can, I think I can!



Rob Walter/Sagamore

The Cavanaugh Hall bookstore has a trainful of ideas for students needing holiday gift giving ideas.

Business school creates new policy

Incoming freshmen can now be admitted into the School of Business due to the changing of admission guidelines.

By Tammy Dean
The Sagamore

In January the School of Business will, for the first time, break the traditional admission standards and allow two freshmen to enter. The school recently underwent a policy change that would allow students who rank in the top twenty-five percent of their high school graduating class with SAT scores over 900 to

be recommended for early admission to the school.

"It was a very subtle policy change in that the school decided we wanted to have a high quality student body," said Victor Childers, acting director of Undergraduate Education for the School of Business.

He added that some students get "lost along the first two years and lose touch of the business courses." Rachel Wawter, a graduate of Brownsburg High School and Shirley Ellis, a graduate of Warren Central High School have been admitted to the School of Business for next semester on a "satisfactory progress" basis.

According to the admissions pamphlet, "This means that necessary academic goals along the way must be maintained in order to remain

in good standing. The key advantages to early admission are having access to School of Business counselors and having opportunities

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Victor Childers
associate professor of international business

for involvement in on-going activities of the School."

Ellis applied in the fall and was admitted to the Undergraduate Education Center declaring Accounting as her major.

"It is great being admitted early to the School of Business because I can take business classes along with my core classes," said Ellis.

She added that this will help her provide direction into what aspect of business she might pursue.

Both students have already been in business surroundings in an international aspect.

"I sat out for a semester so I could take a missionary trip to Venezuela," said Wawter.

"The trip helped me understand a different culture and I think will help me prepare for a position in International business."

ACCESS Point undergoing internal financial audit

Preliminary investigation being overviewed by Office of the University Counsel.

By Trent D. McNeelley and Tammy Dean
The Sagamore

Concern regarding the financial records of ACCESS Point have led to an internal audit, according to Marshall Collins, director of media relations at IUPUI.

Collins said that Associate Vice Chancellor (Acting) Garland Elmore telephoned him about the issue just before Thanksgiving, announcing that the investigation would occur.

"I do not know how far back they are looking. It could be 10 years, five years or one year. I do know that this is being overviewed by university counsel, but, at this date, I do not know the status of the audit," Collins said.

To his knowledge, no charges have been made in this preliminary investigation. "This investigation is very preliminary.

"Jerome Kelly (Associate University Counsel) is out of the office today, but I will be calling him Monday," Collins expected that Kelly would bring him up to date on the progress of the audit at that time.

Attempts by The Sagamore to contact Kelly were unsuccessful. The Office of the University Counsel confirmed that Kelly was not available for comment by press time.

"When the audit is completed, our office will be obligated to make a complete statement on the issue," Collins said.

Chancellor Gerald Bekpo declined to comment on the investigation.

"This is a pending matter, so I am unable to comment at this time. I only know the general outline of this particular issue," Bekpo said.

ACCESS Point, an auxiliary of the Office of Integrated Technologies, currently provides consulting services on computer usage for students, faculty and staff. Prior to July 1, ACCESS Point also sold computer products for educational purposes at reduced rates. This operation then moved to University Bookstores.

Seminar to examine ethics issues

The university will be sponsoring a workshop next semester examining America's current ethical dilemmas.

By Ariane Townsend
Contributing to The Sagamore

Euthanasia. Abortion. Capitol Punishment. AIDS.

These are complex issues in a complex world, which present ethical dilemmas for professionals involved in making real-life decisions.

Therefore, students need to be prepared to make the ethical choices that will occur during their professional careers.

Next semester, the School of Social Work will offer an Interprofessional Seminar on Ethics for graduate students in the schools of law, social work, nursing and journalism to examine ethics issues from a practical perspective.

As stated in the Institutional Ethics Program Proposal by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. "A number of critical social issues of broad interdisciplinary concern will provide the context for substantive discussions concerning the nature of ethical assessment, as well as the

moral concepts, principles and theories that serve as instrumental guides to professional actions."

According to Gerald T. Powers, project director from the School of Social Work, this will be the first time IUPUI has offered an ethics course that will cut across the professional and academic boundaries.

The schools were chosen to participate in program with the School of Social Work because of the diverse perspectives these fields can provide in examining the different ethics issues.

Along with Powers, William Marsh from the School of Law, Juanita Keck from the School of Nursing and Sherry Ricciardi from the School of Journalism are responsible for the development and implementation of this seminar.

John Tilley, philosophy professor from the School of Liberal Arts, will also act as an on-going consultant for the project in the examination of ethics principles and theories.

Three or four graduate students will be selected from each of the four schools to participate in the seminar.

According to Powers, the students will look at ethics issues or principles within the context of real-life ethical dilemmas or problems.

Ethical case vignettes will be used to stimulate discussion on the moral implications that result from the choices people make.

"We will not focus on ethics in the abstract," says Powers. "We'll look at the criteria people use to make their choices regarding ethical decisions," he added.

Students will explore the use of self-determination, confidentiality, truth-telling and informed consent in making these decisions while increasing their awareness of the diverse ethical positions held by other professionals.

The seminar will also determine if students from different professions enter the course with certain perspectives that change as a result of the discussions.

Instructors want to see if student's perspectives become more homogeneous or polarized as a result of the seminar, said Powers. "We hope to overcome the professional myopia that is bound to their professions."

The Interprofessional Seminar was developed as a part of the Institutional Ethics Program sponsored by the Puynter Center, an affiliate of IU Bloomington and funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The program provides the opportunity for faculty members from seven Indiana colleges and universities to discuss the various aspects of ethics as related to academic and professional disciplines.

As a result of this workshop, each college or university develops a program to educate their faculty and students in ethics issues.

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THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES PAGE

INFORMATION COMPILED BY BRIAN MOORE

Activities Calendar

Monday/13th

• Join the Apostolic Student Fellowship in "The Search For Truth" Bible lesson with minister Keith C. Braddy, Callie Cowan and Vikki Riley every Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Ball Residence A320.

• The Indiana Campus Compact presents its Campus Community Council Meeting starting at 1 p.m. in BS 3023. Any students interested in volunteering their service are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Tuesday/14th

• Campus Crusaders for Christ conducts a Bible study/prayer meeting from 4 to 5 p.m. in BS 4087.

• "Reservoir / Aquifer Heterogeneities and their importance to fluid flow" is the topic at the Geology Club's Fall Colloquium Series lecture from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in SL 2018. The public is invited to hear Dennis Prezbindowski give this educational lecture.

Wednesday/15th

• Intersarsity Christian Fellowship conducts a Bible study entitled "Gone Fishing: Bible Studies in the Gospel of John" every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in ES 2108. Everyone is welcome; bring a sack lunch.

• The Newman Center presents a "Midweek Menu" meal every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Newman Center.

Friday/16th

• This week's discussion at the International House begins at 5 p.m. at the International Commons of Warthin Apartments. The Commons is located on the second floor.

Sunday/18th

• The Newman Center conducts a mass/workshop starting at 4 p.m. at the Newman Center.

Alpha Phi Alpha Beauty Pageant

Alpha Phi Alpha presents its Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant on March 5, 1994 from 7:06 to 9:06 p.m. in the Madame Walker Urban Life Center. Applications are available in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. Application fee is \$5 and deadline for the pageant is Jan. 28, 1994.

Any IUPUI female currently enrolled full time is eligible. The winner will represent IUPUI in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity state convention on March 18-19, 1994 in Fort Wayne. Travel expenses will be paid.

Undergraduate Student Assembly

The Undergraduate Student Assembly will be conducting Book Swap, a book trading center program where students can sell or trade their used books with other students, on Dec. 6. Interested persons should fill out the application below, and

return it to the drop box on the USA door of the USA office located in the basement of the old library building. For more information or details about the Book Swap program, call Ken Scales, USA president, or Teresa Kratzer in the USA office at 274-3907.

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UEC Ski Trip

The Undergraduate Student Assembly Student Council will be sponsoring a Christmas Break Ski Trip on Jan. 2 - 5. Only UEC students and a guest are eligible to attend. The trips will partially be paid for by the Student Activity Fee.

Deadline for application is Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Call the UEC Student Council voice-mail to reserve your attendance.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Bulletin Board

Newman Club / Lutheran Campus Ministry provide relief from rigors of semester finals

The Newman Club and the Lutheran Campus Ministry will be conducting a snack break to relieve the stress of final exams.

The event will take place from 9 to 11 p.m. on Dec. 14, 15 and 16 in the Newman Center. All students are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Spanish Club presents conversational hours

"Hora de Conversacion," an hour-long

time for students to practice their Spanish conversational skills, takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in the Food Court in front of Blondie's.

Two sessions per day are offered, a morning session from 9 to 10 a.m., and an evening session which lasts from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Level of speaking ability is not important. Call Jennie Hurst at 274-3380.

Goldmann Center 4 Jewish Learning sponsors activities

The Goldmann Center 4 Jewish Learning sponsors a Joyous Chanukah Program featuring Chanukah stories,

songs and games with Lawrence and Beverly Newman. The event will take place Dec. 9 in the third floor Passport Gallery of The Children's Museum at 300 N. Meridian. The program starts at 5:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m. There is free admission to the Museum and the program itself. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- 5:30 p.m.: Chanukah stories.
- 6 p.m.: Lighting Chanukah candles, and a Chanukah sing-along.
- 6:30 p.m.: Games and Crafts.
- 7 p.m.: More Chanukah songs.
- 7:30 p.m.: Chanukah videotape.

Lawrence T. Newman presents an enrichment course titled Travelogue: Israel focusing on the History, Geography and Culture of the Holy Land on five consecutive Tuesdays in January and February. Dates of the program are Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 5 and 12.

The programs will take place from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 6144 North College Avenue. Tickets are required and the prices are \$30 per person or \$50 for a family.

The program is a comprehensive history of Israel with up-to-date demographics and facts on Middle East issues, historical film footage and a current textbook.

Call Lawrence or Beverly Newman for details and information on tickets.

Attention Writers

The English Club is accepting submissions for a new campus literary magazine to be called "The Fine Print," which will be published in April, 1994. The magazine's purpose is to acknowledge and exhibit the literary excellence of IUPUI students. "The Fine Print" is soliciting manuscripts of prose (both fiction and non-fiction), poetry, and drama, but don't let that limit you. If you write it, we'll read it. Submissions will be judged by an impartial panel of both academic and non-academic community readers, none of whom may submit works.

All students enrolled on the IUPUI campus for the Spring, 1994 semester are eligible to submit original, unpublished works, and each work may contain up to 5,000 words. Submissions must be on 8 1/2" by 11", typed, single-sided, double-spaced pages. Poetry may be single spaced. Each work must include a cover sheet with the following information: Author's name, address, phone number, student I.D. number, the title of the work, and the number of words. Do not include any identifying information of the work itself, except for it's title. Submissions will not be returned.

Beginning January 10, deliver or mail submissions to:

The Fine Print
IUPUI English Department
Cavanaugh Hall, Room 502
425 University Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

No submissions will be accepted after February 7, 1994. Questions? Call Margeret Willout, 845-9538.

Submit your works in January. In April, read "The Fine Print."

Metros Men's Basketball on radio

After a successful first season of broadcasting IUPUI Basketball in 1992-93, WXLW 950 AM expanded its coverage this year. Seventeen home games are being broadcast, compared to ten last season.

Sat. Dec. 18 St. Joseph's College 3 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 28 IUPUI Classic 5:7 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 29 IUPUI Classic 5:7 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 3 Belknap College 7:30 p.m.
Thur. Jan. 6 College of St. Francis 3 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 8 SIU Edwardsville 3 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 22 Drury College 3 p.m.
Thur. Feb. 3 St. Francis College 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 9 IU Southeast 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 12 Quincy College 3:30 p.m.
Tue. Feb. 15 Taylor University 7:30 p.m.
Sat. March 1-5 District 21 Playoffs TBA
Tue. March 15-21 NAIA National Championship Div. I TBA

9th Annual Gospel Festival

The IUPUI 9th Annual Gospel Fest has been slated for Saturday February 26, 1994, at the Madame C. J. Walker Theatre at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are already on sale and cost \$8. They can be obtained from the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. They can be contacted at 274-4239.

Featured artists will be "The Ohio States' Mentoring Choir" from Columbus Ohio. Last year's festival sold out 900 seats.

For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Journalism faculty aid Croatian students

Zagreb University uses The Sagamore as teaching model for their students.

By Beverly Thompson
Contributing to The Sagamore

It is really better to give than to receive. A gift of education is what journalism students at the University of Zagreb received from a team of IUPUI faculty and staff members this holiday season.

Deborah Perkins, assistant to the dean of the School of Journalism, and Patrick McKeand, adjunct professor of journalism and publisher of *The Sagamore*, spent the Thanksgiving holiday teaching the second session of a journalism seminar that they introduced in May.

Sherry Ricciardi, a Fulbright scholar and IUPUI journalism professor, instructed her students in classes that concentrated on reporting,

editing, page design and photography. Using computers installed during the first trip, students produced a newsletter from start to finish.

These future journalists are now using *The Sagamore* as a model to publish their own newspaper.

"They want to exchange articles with each other's student publications," McKeand said. "We have to first figure out guidelines on content so we can share stories of our cultures—music, theatre, film."

Ricciardi is assigned to the University of Zagreb as a temporary faculty member for the remainder of

the year. She is monitoring the student's progress and conducting follow-up for the program.

"We are now linked up electronically with their lab, and we can provide any assistance they need from here," McKeand said.

According to Perkins, Ricciardi has a special interest in the recent events because of her Croatian heritage.

She has family that reside in Karlovac. When Croatia became a free country with the ability to operate a free press, she contacted her counterpart at the university after securing financial assistance from the International Media Fund to institute the program.

Student education is funded by the government for those who pass the rigorous entrance exams for college education. Croatian students envy American students, whom they view as sophisticated and advanced. They were anxious to attend the seminars because "they wanted to learn what we know," Perkins explained.

Perkins was especially impressed with the dedication of the journalism majors. Croatian students are scheduled to attend 10 classes each semester from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participation in the journalism seminars was voluntary. No academic credit was given for the additional instruction, however, attendance was at capacity for each class.

"We are dealing with new technology for the future," McKeand said, "and they want to be a part of that."

Both Perkins and McKeand view the opportunity spent writing and presenting this program in a war torn

country as humanitarianism.

"It is quite an honor to take knowledge and skills and share them with people who are part of a struggle in an emerging democracy," Perkins said.

The citizens of Zagreb were very appreciative and mindful of the fact

that someone in a distant country cared enough to want to help.

"We are shaping and building the journalists of a new country," Perkins said.

"How many people can say in their lifetime that they helped make history?" Perkins questioned.



Photo courtesy of Deb Perkins
Deb Perkins assists students in Croatia with designing their newsletter.

Bye bye holiday blues

Psychological services offer suggestions to ease the stress of the season.

By Christina Moore
Contributing to The Sagamore

Holidays can be very difficult times of the year. In addition to all of the planning and preparation which this season entails, there is the added stress of being trapped under the same roof with family members whose company you may or may not be able to tolerate. All of this leads to what Donald Wakefield, director of Counseling and Psychological Services, calls the "Holiday Stress Syndrome."

"We all get it (holiday stress and depression)," he said. "Causes can be from the reduced daylight during winter, or being confined indoors with family. Parties and entertaining can be very stressful. Stress and depression can set in when we feel things are out of control—the budget is shot, our diet is shot."

"Depression affects millions. It's probably the biggest malady in America today. (At Counseling and Psychological Services) we see cases of depression all year long, but there is an increase from late October to the end of the year. It becomes more prominent as our expectations become higher," he states.

"Students have the added pressure of papers and tests being due. They miss the things they did before, going places, seeing people," he continues.

"Then as the year draws to an end, people have a tendency to take stock and ask themselves, 'What have I accomplished?' They may think of all the food they ate, the alcohol they consumed and the money they spent and feel bad about themselves. It's very common for people to feel unwell and worthless," he says.

"Bill Stanley, Crisis Clinician at Midtown Health, has a slightly different perspective. He suggests, 'It is not the holiday itself, but the feeling

of having a lack of resources. People with a tendency towards depression notice it more during the holidays when the emphasis is on togetherness, families and generosity."

What are some of the stress danger signals of which we should be aware?

- Frequent unhappiness,
- Explosive anger,
- Anxiety or tension,
- Things frequently go wrong,
- Insomnia,
- Inability to focus attention,
- Unable to slow down and relax,
- Headaches/upset stomachs,
- Increased consumption of alcohol or drugs.

"All people experience some of these symptoms of stress at one time or another. If they occur frequently, or are severe enough to interfere with normal routines, perhaps you should seek professional help," Wakefield advises.

Underneath all depression, there are either one or two major causes. The first is in dealing with relations of some sort and the second is difficulty in some form of time/self management added Wakefield.

Both Wakefield and Stanley recommend talking to someone, whether it be a friend or family member, a minister, or a professional counselor.

"Just talking to someone can help you put things in perspective," Stanley says. "Talking through issues, identifying resources, (i.e. people and things for which you have to be grateful), can help you (understand and deal) with your sadness and depression. It doesn't mean you're crazy or that there's anything wrong with you. You need a reality check and talking to someone can help you do that," added Stanley.

Wakefield agrees. "Our office can deal effectively with situational stress caused by the time of year. However, in more serious cases of depression where the individual is not functional we will refer them to a mental health center."

Wakefield advises, "Realize holidays are part of living. Set reasonable limits for entertaining and

gift giving. Keep your normal routine and get adequate amounts of rest and exercise.

Wakefield especially emphasized the importance of exercise. "Get in a good exercise program with loss of artificial light—weight machines, swimming, aerobic walking—in advance of the holiday season."

"Holidays have become very commercial. Everyone is hyping gifts. Buy, buy, buy. People can feel guilty if they don't spend," Wakefield said. "Take some of that money you're spending excessively, say a third of what you'd spend this season, and give it to your favorite charity. This will give you a sense of what this period is about, a feeling of atonement."

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Students volunteer time with families

Volunteers work with the Ronald McDonald House to help comfort families over the holiday season.

By Darin Crone
Contributing to The Sagamore

Christmas can be a challenging, emotional time for the family members whose children are at Riley Hospital for Children. The Indiana Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for the families of children who are at Riley. It is the second largest refuge of its kind. While last year these families may have enjoyed the serenity of family gatherings, football games and gift exchanges, this year the tranquility of the holiday season doesn't mean as much. It is a task to be joyous when a son or daughter is going through weekly chemotherapy treatments. "Sickness is a natural separation (of a family)," said Vivian Gill, fund-raising coordinator and

Christmas coordinator. For this reason, the Ronald McDonald House tries to give its guests the best Christmas possible. To make families feel more at home, the House has Christmas trees, strands of tinsel and colored lights. They also schedule an appearance by Santa Claus and a traditional home cooked meal. "We really try to create a home-like atmosphere," said Beth Johnson, house director. She added that the not-for-profit organization encourages all family members to come and spend Christmas day with their child and the House is an inexpensive place to stay. "We decorate (our house) just like anyone would," she added. "People are surprised by the home-like atmosphere." The Christmas Elves, a group of 10 volunteers, have been planning for the holiday for two months. Approximately 40 families will spend the holiday at Ronald McDonald House. "We try to make Christmas a special thing," said Gill. "Christmas is probably the most (family-oriented) tradition there is." Since Nov. 1, Gill, with the help of her elves,



Matt Bingham/The Sagamore
Sarah Gradek, Junior English major, decorates a tree in the Ronald McDonald House.

has been gathering and wrapping donations. The gifts include such things as small toys, coloring books and crayons, stationary, table games and jigsaw puzzles. Although Gill has received several donations, more jigsaw puzzles and table games are needed. "We like to have (these games) because it is something the family can do together," Gill said.

On Christmas Eve, the Christmas Elves put together a basket for each family. They also fill a red bag full of gifts - one per family member, including one for the child staying at Riley Hospital for Children.

On Christmas morning, the presents are placed under the Christmas tree in the Great Room, a recreation area at the house. Santa Claus arrives at dawn, sits in his rocking chair and passes the gifts out to the families. A continental breakfast is served during this time.

Thoroughbred's Steakhouse and Catering prepares an old-fashioned Christmas dinner with all its trimmings for lunch. "The Ronald McDonald House is a beautiful place for Christmas," said Gill. "It's hard not to be in the spirit of giving and receiving in a setting like this."

In addition to these festivities, local churches and other organizations provide carollers and prepare meals throughout the month for all of the families. Ronald McDonald makes an appearance as well. "I am always overwhelmed by the generosity of people," said Gill, who has served as Christmas organizer for the last five years and as a volunteer before that.

The House asks that family members pay \$10 a night to stay there, however, no one is refused if they cannot afford it.

Shoplifting

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The survey also stated the most common stolen items of shoplifters which are candy, tapes and CD's and sporting goods. Clothing was another popular choice for shoplifters.

Anthony stated that the more expensive an item is, the less likely it is to be stolen. Also, of the 37 percent of students that admitted to shoplifting in the past year, approximately a third of them had stolen only candy.

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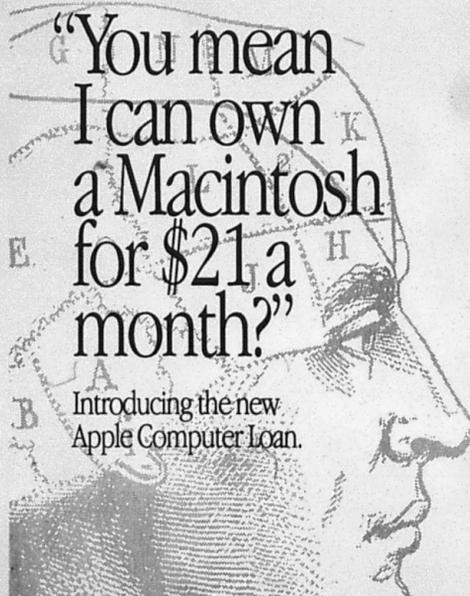
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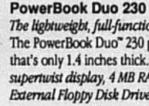


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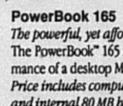
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A New Civil War

President's refusal to address military concerns may lead to disaster for America.

There seems to be a problem in the world today that all inhabitants of the globe cannot afford to ignore. Faced with an ever-changing world, mounting budget constraints and personal concerns, President Clinton seems to have turned his back on the providers of liberty - the military.



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back to the days of isolationism, but that has been impossible since December 7, 1941. Why all the hubbub now, bub?

Because while Clinton and his cronies seek not to isolate America (a good thing) they also seek to dismantle the military as we know it - a military that has provided liberty through vigilance for over 200 years.

What the military wants and needs from Bill Clinton is a clear understanding of purpose. They do not need to be told that guys can openly operate around them or women can fight next to you in a combat theater, while also being told that half your buddies are being discharged for cutbacks, your home base is being shut down and realigned, you can't get your promotion because you're in Somalia and can't attend the necessary service school and, guess what, Congress just approved more funding for NASA to fix a bungled telescope but eliminated procurement for a rifle that doesn't jam every time it gets a little sand in it.

A solution may be difficult to find. Certainly some of the changes to the military are necessary, and in some cases long overdue. Yet, if you want to see what shock therapy can do, take a look at any country under austerity measures from the International Monetary Fund. It's chaos.

Change must proceed at a regular pace - not slow, nor fast. Regular, with a known end in sight. Instead of closing bases and eliminating soldiers on a piecemeal basis, why doesn't the administration develop a plan for the future, with realistic levels set for personnel and equipment?

I don't know. Maybe you should ask.

Trent D. McNeely is a junior majoring in journalism.

LAWMAKERS AT WORK?

Lawmakers all set with new batch of crime buster bills, even a full month before the General Assembly reconvenes.

Crime is an evergreen political issue. People fear becoming victims, and some Indiana lawmakers are more than willing to play off those fears.

That blunt message came from a lawmaker last week previewing the 1994 legislative session.

As Sen. William McCarty, D-Anderson, warned sarcastically, expect a slew of bills to protect the state's residents from "gun-toting, beer-swilling" perverts."

On the other side of the political aisle, Rep. Jeffrey Linder, R-Waldron, predicted a lot of such politically popular, and safe, measures, will pass without a single dissenting vote.

As Linder put it, "We're going to do that to show people we care, from a public relations viewpoint."

It's already happening. More than a month before the 108th General Assembly returns in January, lawmakers began cranking out get-tough crime bills.

One measure would impose the death penalty for gang-related violence that ends in murder. Another, not yet drafted, claims to protect public school children by running background checks on teachers to look for molestation convictions.

There's more, and more to come. A recently published survey on crime shows that the lawmakers know their voters. People in central Indiana, at least, are scared, even as FBI statistics nationally show a drop in reported crimes.

More than one-third of 520 people polled say they don't feel as safe as they did only a year ago. The numbers are even more pronounced among non-white residents of Indianapolis and the surrounding counties - nearly 50 percent think they're less safe now.

The poll conducted by the IU Public Opinion Laboratory for The Indianapolis News found 40 percent had been victims of theft. More than one in four reported their homes had been broken into. About one out of five reported someone had threatened to harm them.

Three-fourths say they lock their car doors when they drive and nearly one-half avoid driving after dark. Almost two-thirds deliberately stay away from neighborhoods they believe are dangerous; about one in 12 has moved to get away from violent surroundings.

As fear is mounting, the FBI statistics show reported crime on the decline. The total number of crimes reported to police last year was off by nearly 3 percent.

There's some bad news tucked inside those numbers. The number of violent crimes is edging up, growing by slightly more than 1 percent as the overall rate eases.

So people have some reason to be scared. Whether they have reason to believe the General Assembly can protect them may be another matter.

Fear of crime has grown even as lawmakers have passed tougher sentencing laws, created new crimes, re-imposed the death penalty and expanded the number of cases where capitol punishment may fit the crime, and spent tens of millions of dollars on new prisons.

Everybody talks tougher on crime. Still, only 8 percent of those polled said they feel safer.

In light of that history, McCarty suggested the Legislature "should not become obsessed with safety and security" because, he says, there's only so much they can do.

By Thomas P. Wyman, Associated Press Writer

He found it for a time when, after snubbing several recommendations from top military officials, he finally sat down with Gen. Colin Powell and appeared to accept some of his advice.

Yet, actions speak louder than words, and in the eyes of many soldiers, sailors and airmen the Commander-in-Chief's actions send a strong message - "you can be sacrificed in any way I see fit."

A soldier swears allegiance to the Constitution, not to the Commander-in-Chief. While the C-I-C should be respected for what he represents, he must earn that respect and thus receive the loyalty he would then deserve. As military historian Richard H. Kohn put it, "The unbroken record of subordination and loyalty by the American forces, under the Constitution of the United States, has been a blessing of the American political system, and the envy of nations the world over."

We hear every day that the Earth is realigning both ideologically and economically. It is the "Post-Cold War arrangement," or the "New World Order." That may be true. Certainly, we cannot revert



It's been a long drawn out semester and I'm all but too happy to say... it's been fun...

I'm not a racist, sexist, pervert, politician, foreign lobbyist, and so forth... so take it as it comes and stop reading into things. Haven't you got anything better to do? Try chess...

Oh, and since this is my last episode, I just gotta say, lighten up will ya? I'm only a CARTOONIST. Thank. T.G.

READERS' VOICES

Status of black women addressed, behaviors of some not necessarily same for all.

To The Sagamore:

In the spirit of Christmas giving, here's what I wish for the author of the letter to the editor last week. (The black man who thinks that men have no control over their sexual behaviors, women are responsible for the sexual behaviors of men, black women are exploited by white feminists, and that the world is flat...)

#1. A gift certificate from the School of Liberal Arts that would entitle him to take a class - any class, that would develop his critical thinking skills.

#2. A one year's subscription to Essence magazine ("The magazine for today's black woman"), where he would find articles and essays by black women who adamantly supported Anita Hill, Desiree Washington and Lani Guinier. He would also find in Essence black women supporting black women, unafraid of repercussions and veiled threats from black men. What a concept!

#3. Let's throw in special passes to every function or event sponsored by IUPUI's

Women's Studies Department that features work by and/or about women of color.

#4. A fee waiver to enable him to attend the class that covers Toni Morrison's work. This may be particularly meaningful, as Morrison is not a Hoosier, is a woman, is a Pulitzer Prize winner, is black, and a feminist - someone that he may not otherwise have the chance to encounter.

#5. A t-shirt donated by L.S. Ayres perhaps that carries the following disclaimer across the front: "Caution, although I am a black man, educated, vocal and convincing, I do NOT represent the views and opinions of many other blacks."

#6. Last but certainly not least, if we all pitch in just a little consciousness, collectively we may assist in broadening his perspectives which have apparently been severely restricted.

The author and those who share his sentiments regarding the "place" of black women need to know this: That we live in a period of time when even black women who have carried the least privilege and status in our society and borne steadfastly the onslaughts of black men's frustrations, have learned to recognize and reject many of the behaviors and attitudes that were once part and parcel of our interactions. Hill - Thomas and Washington - Tyson

exemplified this argument. Wake up and smell the roses. This is, if nothing else, a period of enlightenment and achievement for women, including women of color.

Signed, a very black woman. Cynthia L. Randolph, Junior/School of Science

Women's Studies director offers opportunities for change to all willing to make effort.

To The Sagamore:

In a December 6th letter to the editor, it appears that a writer has resorted to an age-old strategy of "divide and conquer." He baits disenfranchised groups of women and seeks to pit us against each other. This longstanding practice of the group with privilege and power serves them well because when they can get us to fight among ourselves, it insures that their dominant position will be preserved. I would like readers of The Sagamore to know that the IUPUI Women's Studies Program and the IUPUI Women's Student Caucus are eager to collaborate with any group or individual to advocate for the

removal of barriers for women, including women of color and majority group women. I invite the author of that letter to join us by putting his pen to use on behalf of women. Join with other feminists who seek to increase the opportunities for women and remove obstacles so that every woman, regardless of color, can enjoy the same privileges and power that men have.

Rebecca Van Voorhis, Director of Women's Studies

Racism may be found anywhere you look - if you look hard enough to find it.

To The Sagamore:

In response to the Dec. 6 letter to the editor regarding the editorial cartoon, I would like to ask why one would strive to read racism into such a simple picture and then proceed to submit a letter that attempts to awaken racial controversy? Wouldn't one think that The Sagamore would deliberate at length about the inclusion of a "possibly" racist cartoon? Certainly there are only a few people, if any, who would see a

stereotype in the doodle. Instead of looking for something to point a finger at and cry "racist," why not concentrate on a more positive aspect of life. There is no reason for such hypersensitivity that one needs to insult a fine campus paper with the phrase "was there a Sagamore staff contest to see who could denigrate the most people..."

To even see color or race in fellow humans (or doodles) may be a grave mistake and the root of racism. Why not observe people and their actions and try to look past the differences and see the similarities... they are there.

William O'Sullivan, Junior/Architect

Editor's note: While it is the policy of The Sagamore not to run letters to the editor written about previous letters to the editor, it was determined in each of the above cases that the latest submissions added substantial merit to the debate over the issues at hand. We will not, however, publish any submissions deemed to personally attack an individual or group. Please remember that all letters to the editor should be limited to 300 words in length and must include the author's name and telephone number for verification.

YOUR VOICE

Answers and photos compiled by Matt Brigham

Should federal tax dollars continue to pay for rebuilding in disaster-prone areas?



Lisa Miller, Freshman/UEC

I don't mind paying for these people to have the chance to rebuild, but the stipulation should be that they have to move to a different area.



Suzie Spawr, Sophomore/UEC

If they want to stay in the same disaster-ridden area, they should ride it out themselves and fund it themselves.



Craig Johnson, Professor/SPEA

I do believe they should be given some relief, however, that relief money should be used to build a new house someplace safe.



Wm Zhou, Sophomore/Technology

In my opinion they should move, I think.

Sports

Tourney time for Lady Metros

■ The women's basketball team finished 1-1 in their second tournament in two weeks.

By Kent Bell
Contributing to The Sagamore

Even though their record is 2-4, the future is looking bright for the IUPUI Women's basketball team.

For the second weekend in a row the IUPUI Lady Metros participated in a tournament. On Dec. 3 and 4, the team hosted the Lady Metro Basketball Classic.

"We moved the ball very well against the other team, played good defense and played a lot smarter."

Joe Johnson
Head Coach of women's basketball team

In the first game, the team raced out to a half-time lead of 43-35 and never looked back as they routed the Fighting Saints from the College of St. Francis in Illinois, 97-76.

The leading scorer for the home team was freshman sensation Sheila McPherson. She poured in 19 points in only 14 minutes of play, including 4 for 5 from the three-point arch.

The Lady Metros outshot St. Francis 50 percent to 41.5 percent. IUPUI also forced the Saints to commit 35 turnovers and stole the ball 22 times with the leading thief being all-tournament selection Kamil Phelps, a freshman guard/forward, who had 5 takeaways.

"We all played good defense," Phelps said.

Head Coach Joe Johnson was very pleased with his team's performance.

"We moved the ball very well against the other team, played good defense and played a lot smarter," Johnson explained.

"Our shooting and defense was the difference in the game," he added.

This set up a great matchup for Saturday night's play, as the Lady Metros hosted the Lady Bulldogs of Northeast Missouri State.

This was almost like a home game for the team from Kirksville, Mo. Not only did the Lady Bulldogs have five Hoosiers on the team, including two from McCutcheon High School, it was also a homecoming for their coach, Jan Conner.

Conner was the head coach at Warren Central High School and also coached for 16 years at Benton Central, before moving up to the college ranks two years ago.

"In October '92 the former coach quit and I left while we were beginning practice at my high school," Conner said.

"While everybody still knows me here, I'm going to continue to recruit the best players in the country," she added.

In the first half, the Lady Metros committed 18 turnovers but were only down by one, 39-38 at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the Lady Bulldogs went up by 14, 71-57, before the Metros tried to stage a comeback. The team fell seven points short and lost 83-76.

The leading scorers for that game were sophomore sensations Katie Murphy and the other all-tournament selection from the Lady Metros, Josie Bowman. Both scored 20 points each.

Bowman, who was selected to the all-district team as a freshman last year, is not suffering from the ever popular and overrated "sophomore jinx."



Matt Bingham/The Sagamore

Tim Oliver, senior forward, gets fouled by Tihomir Juric, senior forward for the UW-Parkside Rangers, as he attempts to go in for a layup.

This year she leads the team in scoring with a 17.5 points per game average and cleans up the boards at 7.5 rebounds per game.

"I'm not as nervous coming into the games as I was last year, I don't feel as much pressure," Bowman said.

The team leaves for Fort Wayne for another weekend tournament before returning home on Monday night to play conference rival Shawnee State at 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

The men's team won their first ever NCAA game on Dec. 7 by defeating

UW-Parkside Rangers. The final score was 98-88.

The scoring barrage was led by senior forward Rhetz Dallas. He dropped in 27 points, including 3 out of 4 shots from the three point line.

The Rangers jumped out to an early lead of 6-0 before the Metros found their mark and went ahead 15-13 on a three pointer by senior guard Mike Archer.

The Metros outshot the visitors from the free throw line by a 2 to 1 ratio.

IUPUI, which is now 3-3, gets a week off before hosting St. Joseph's College on Dec. 18.

NAIA Honorable Mention All-America Team



Samantha German

Junior outside hitter, Samantha German, has been selected to the NAIA's honorable mention All-America Team.

German led the Lady Metros with 544 kills, 56 service aces and 110 blocks. She had a season high of 27 kills against the University of Indianapolis on Sept. 21, 24 digs against Huntington on Oct. 24 and seven blocks against Huntington on Nov. 13.

IUPUI first-year Head Coach, Lisa Dillman, is very pleased with the NAIA's decision.

"This is a great honor for Sam, especially since we didn't win our district," Dillman said.

"She's a very versatile athlete and she lead our team in several statistical categories. She is also a team leader on the court, so I'm happy she'll be back for us next year," Dillman added.

German was also named the District 21 Player-of-the-Week for Nov. 1-8, the MVP at the Metro Invitational, Oct. 2 and selected to the All-Tournament Team at the IUPUI Invitational, Sept. 11.

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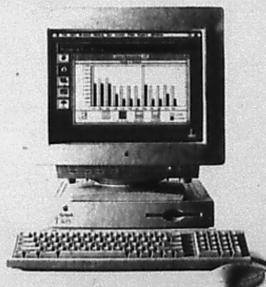
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Perspectives

City celebrates Christmas with many activities

Variety of holiday activities will take place throughout the city this Yuletide season.

By Brian Moore
The Sagamore

It's that time of year again! Every year, Indianapolis celebrates the Yuletide season with over a month of Christmas activities that includes something for everyone. Although perennial favorites such as the lighting of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument as the World's Largest Christmas

Tree have already taken place, many more events are scheduled for the days leading up to Christmas, and New Year's Eve.

Aside from the many pre-planned and organized activities, there is Downtown itself.

The Circle City has again been converted into a giant Christmas display complete with decorated trees, giant wreaths and lights adorning virtually every street and building. Just in time for the holiday season, the traditional Cherub, which sits atop the clock on Washington and Meridian Streets, has returned.

For those who wish to hear the sounds of Christmas, more than 200 different school, church and

community choirs will entertain daily from the choir house on the south steps of Monument Circle. The Hyatt Regency Indianapolis will have carolers, orchestras and bell ringers from various organizations Mon.-Sat. from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Dec. 24.

On Dec. 18, steps of a different kind will be the focus of a holiday happening. The Volksmarch Holiday Walk allows participants the chance to stroll through town and take in the holiday atmosphere. Two walks will take place, one from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and one guided walk at 6 p.m.

For a quick snack after the event, visit the Roselyn Gingerbread House on the east side of Monument Circle.

While downtown, be sure to check out the 92 decorated Christmas trees along Market Street between the Statehouse and Market Square Arena. The trees were decorated by fourth graders in Indiana.

As for New Year's Eve celebrations, many special activities will take place, but virtually every establishment in town will have parties of some sort.

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra presents a New Year's Eve Vienna Gala featuring Alfred Savia, ISO Associate Conductor and Joshua Bell, violinist.

The Phoenix Theatre presents A Phoenix Theatre New Year's Bash which will include an 8:30 p.m.

performance followed by champagne, a countdown to midnight and a dance band. The Madame Walker Urban Life Center presents New Year's Eve "Oh What a Night," an elegant evening of dancing, great music and food from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

One of the most aptly named New Year's activities, though, takes place right here on campus Jan. 1. The Tenth Annual Hangover 10K Run and Walk at the IU Track & Field Stadium will begin 1994 in style. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m.

By all means, these are not all of the holiday activities that will take place in Indianapolis this year. For more information on city activities call the Indianapolis Holidays Committee, Inc. at 237-2222.

Ice Cube's 'Lethal Injection'

Popular rapper, formerly of N.W.A., unleashes a dose of hardcore tunes.

By Matt Bingham
The Sagamore

If the daily dosage of Ice Cube has not been strong enough in the past, head to the record store and get a "Lethal Injection."

Priority Records has released yet another up-front, in-your-face, tell-it-like-it-is (or how he sees it) album by "the nigga ya love to hate."

This album is full of high energy tracks such as "Really Doe" and my personal favorite "Down for Whatever."

Although this is his fifth solo album, he is not alone on this one. The last cut on the first side features Funkadelic pioneer George Clinton on the song "Bop Gun (One Nation)."

The song has Clinton singing over most of the track with Cube filling in

Music Review

Artist: Ice Cube
Album: Lethal Injection
Release Date: Out Now
Rating: ****

* Poor, ** Fair, *** Good
**** Excellent, ***** Classic



the gaps with some straightforward rhymes.

Side two features basically unknown rapper K-Dee rapping with Cube on "Make It Ruff, Make It Smooth."

Some lines in the song are a little tricky, but overall, the song does not belong on this particular album. It might have been better on a K-Dee album or on one of Cube's earlier works.

Some of the tracks may be offensive

to some listeners such as "Cave Bitch," which generalizes and stereotypes white women as leach-like users who were sent by the devils to bring down the black man.

Another somewhat offensive track is "Enemy," which mocks the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. and Christianity, and tells listeners to treat the white man as their enemy.

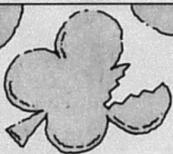
An innovative piece to look for on the album though is "Ghetto Bird." The name stems from the slang meaning of a police surveillance helicopter. The hard core lyrics and a slamming rhythm make it by far one of the best cuts on the album.

Even though "My Skin is my Sin," the B-side to the earlier released single of "Really Doe," did not make it on the LP, it is one of Cube's best new pieces this year.

"You Know How We Do It," "What Can I Do?," "Li Ass Gee" and "When I Get to Heaven" finish off the rest of this long, but excellent twelve-track disc.

Happy Holidays!

The Sagamore would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season as we end our production run for the Fall semester. We will return with the Orientation issue on Jan. 10, and watch for the first all-new issue on Jan. 17.



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Monday 13: Beef & Boards

Dinner Theatre presents The Lettermen Christmas Show. Performance starts at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday 18: The Indianapolis Civic Theatre presents the opening night of "Cinderella." It will continue showing until Jan. 9.

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Wednesday 15: "She Loves Me"

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VIDEO

Aretha Franklin live at Park West

INXS continues doing what they do best — being different

By Keith Loria
Associated Press Writer

There are a lot of things you can call INXS, but typical is not one of them. INXS demonstrated their uniqueness with their decision to bypass the usual MTV style high flash form of video and opt instead for a film clip for each of the 12 songs on their new album. The group also wants a more intimate feel for the audience, so they will be playing smaller venues rather than stadiums and arenas.

"INXS writes music that is challenging and sends a message to our fans that we are not afraid to be different," said the group's Michael Hutchence in an interview shortly before he and the rest of INXS embarked on a five-week North American tour.

The tour, to support the release of their 10th album, "Full Moon, Dirty Hearts," will have INXS playing small venues.

"It will be like a bunch of warehouse parties," said Hutchence, "so the audience is at one with us."

Hutchence said the group wants a more intimate feel for the audience. He also said that INXS will be back in the states next year for a longer and bigger tour.

Don't expect the usual from this tour, though. "We don't plan to do anything typical," said Hutchence. "We're going to do as much to be

different as possible."

The idea to do film clips for the LP's songs originated from discussions the Australian group had about finding ways to be, well, different.

"We wanted to know what else we could do with the medium and how we could approach it," he said. "Nine filmmakers from Melbourne and Sydney worked on the project and Hutchence believes the videos will stand out on MTV. "These are not girls with leather hot pants. There's enough of that," he said.

One video shows a tracking shot of a castle door. As it pans closer, the camera leads toward the keyhole and the point of view shifts through the keyhole and onto a black void with INXS playing.

Another is about female terrorists, dressed in 1960s garb, kidnapping the band with the aid of toy guns. "I always wanted to make a funny video," Hutchence said.

"Full Moon, Dirty Hearts," is the 10th album released by INXS in the last 13 years. The group's breakthrough album was the 1987 "Kick" release, which featured the

"Need You Tonight / Mediate" single and video.

Although the smaller venues may show that INXS has lost some of its popularity, the new album offers songs that easily could send INXS back to the top. The haunting ballad "Kill the Pain," is the strongest song

on the new album and should warrant the airtime and success that "Need You Tonight" achieved.

To work on "Full Moon, Dirty Hearts," INXS traveled to an old hotel

on the island of Capri, Italy.

"It was beautiful," Hutchence said.

"In winter, it's just the local people and it was a very cultural experience for six young Australian men."

Hutchence said that by living together the band was able to "live the album," and that helped give the album "a lot of attitude."

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LEFT: Some of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Andrew in 1991 at Black Point illustrates the power of a force four storm to wreak havoc on a shoreline area. Photo courtesy Lenore Tedesco.

BELOW: Members of the Indiana National Guard are frequently activated to respond to disasters in the state, such as this flooding in Adams County last year. While soldiers are asked to "volunteer," they are compensated by the state through supplemental pay or compensatory time off. Photo by Staff Sgt. David McCrory, courtesy 126th Press Camp Headquarters.

Rising Waters Higher Costs

Federal agency counted on to provide assistance

By Tom Freebalm
The Sagamore

Ah, to live the good life, a place by the sea, or in the mountains and deserts of Southern California, or by the waters of a tranquil river. These are places where the American dream lays its head to sleep. But the harsh truth is, these are also the places where natural disasters are going to occur and there is nothing the American dream can do to stop them, according to Pascal de Capraris, associate professor of geology.

So why do people put themselves in harms way and live in unstable areas prone to hurricanes, earthquakes and floods? "Because some of them are very nice places to live," de Capraris said. "I'd love to live on the coastline but I can't afford it and, when you do, you're looking for trouble... They live there because the aren't aware of the dangers or they think it can't happen to them."

Think Again

The San Francisco earthquake of 1988, hurricanes Iniki and Andrew in 1991, and this year's flooding in the upper Midwest and wildfires in the West were testimonies that nature pays no heed to "the good life."

The costs for these disasters is sobering. These disasters are estimated to have cost over 130 lives and more than \$40 billion in damages in a five-year period. Factor in injuries, mental trauma and the loss of personal mementos, and it would seem that those home owners and prospective buyers who don't know or ignore the risks need to pay more attention to the news.

Who Pays?

As the nation braces for budget cuts and tax hikes, the question of who pays for disaster relief comes into sharper focus. The short answer is - everyone does. It does not matter if citizens live in low-risk areas, part of the tax burden goes to relief for people living in unstable areas. The tab includes:

- Low interest loans from the Small Business Administration for damaged residential and commercial properties.
 - Low interest loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for crop damage.
 - Appropriations to the Army Corps of Engineers to build, maintain, and plan flood management structures.
 - Free aid to presidentially declared disaster areas from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- According to a report in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last month, FEMA has given out more than \$7 billion since 1980, not including this year's payments.

These figures do not include emergency appropriations to other agencies. This year's congressional emergency appropriation for the Midwest flooding included nearly \$250 million above the \$550 million earmarked for FEMA. The money went to agencies within the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation.

Then there is federally subsidized flood insurance that, until a few years ago, was vastly underpriced and still does not reflect the true dangers, according to de Capraris. Low rates have allowed some people to move into unstable areas who could not have afforded realistic rates.

Where to Draw the Line?

The costs of disaster relief and flood insurance are not easy to paint in black and white, said de Capraris. He said most of the cities in the Midwest are built in flood plains. It is unreasonable to move all the people to higher ground or leave them without any flood insurance. Local economies would be devastated if a fair percentage of the population lost everything in a flood.

The Future

As the populations of cities in flood plains grow, so will the headaches of disaster relief. "Each (calamity) is going to be more expensive because more people are in the way," said Roy Price, president of the National Emergency Management Association, in a Time Magazine article. "Unless we work harder on mitigating the effects, \$20 billion to

centuries of experience and flood mitigating structures are already in place. The problem for the growth of suburbs.

Most development is done on former farm land away from traditional flood controls, he said. In the past when these areas flooded only crop damage occurred. Now that they have homes on them, they are disasters waiting for the river to rise.

"It's going to flood," de Capraris said. "That's what rivers do."

Those Trendy Spots

Dr. de Capraris is less thrilled with those who live in trendy, unstable areas, such as earthquake zones, beaches and barrier islands. He is skeptical of a recent federal proposal. The idea, backed by the insurance industry, is to make everyone buy earthquake insurance. The plan's proponents assert that every state has earthquakes so everybody should buy insurance.

Dr. de Capraris points out that, while most states do indeed experience earthquakes, very few of them experience major ones.

"They claim it is not just to subsidize California, but it is," he said. The beach or a barrier island may look like a lovely place to live but any powerful storm can take the condos and summer homes of the rich with it. For all its expense the nation was lucky that hurricane Andrew missed the really pricey real estate.

While some of the coastal states are trying to put teeth in their zoning laws, they are finding it to be an uphill battle. "Anytime you tell someone he can't do something with his land, he goes crazy," de Capraris said. "The only subjects in this country that are more controversial than zoning are gun control and abortion." The courts are not being friendly to states, either. "The Supreme Court, today, is not happy with the concept of preventing people from using their land," de Capraris said. Developers who take the states to court have a



50-50 chance of winning, he added.

Narrowing the Focus - Indianapolis

Threatened with losing its federal flood insurance, Indianapolis passed stricter zoning ordinances concerning permits for developing in flood plains last year, said John Oakley, an associate engineer in the city's Asset Management Division.

The timing was probably not coincidental. From June 1990 to April 1991 FEMA paid out \$19.7 million to Indiana for flood disasters, with \$854,000 of that going to Indianapolis.

"The new ordinances" were mandated by the state and federal authorities," Oakley said. "They said, 'You guys are so out of the compliance that you'd better get your act together.'"

Oakley, co-author of new codes, sees them as a step forward in flood plain management and development. He said the city's thrust is not to halt development in the local flood plain, just to do it responsibly. "We're not on the coast, we're not at the foot of the Rocky Mountains - so what have we got going for us? We've got low-cost land for development," Oakley said.

But the flood plain problems of the city did not disappear by passing new codes, partly because they are not retroactive.

Narrowing the Focus Again - Ravenswood

On the Northeast side of the city is Ravenswood. Always one of the first areas to get under when the river rises, the neighborhood faces many problems, not the least of which is that the Army Corps of Engineers would like to see it go away, according to Oakley.

After assessing the area the Corps concluded that they could do nothing to make things better. They recommended that the city buy-out the neighborhood's properties as they come on the market. In the long run this would be more cost effective than bailing out the area

every time it floods, Oakley said.

There could be an expensive pitfall for the city beyond the cost of buying a neighborhood, Oakley said. If a house has asbestos in it, or the owners dumped motor oil in the yard, the city would be liable for the environmental clean-up. Such clean-ups could cost as much as the buy-out.

Residents of Ravenswood already have serious environmental problems. According to Oakley, most of the houses are on septic systems and well water. When it floods the ground becomes saturated and the septic systems no longer work properly. Combine this with overflowing sewage from a storm outlet, and it becomes obvious that the people of Ravenswood are sometimes, literally, living in a "waste" land.

Dr. de Capraris had definite opinions on living in this area.

"There is an example where people are dumb," de Capraris said. "I think the government should buy those homes... It bothers me that the community subsidizes those people. Everybody knows there is a problem, everyone knows it is going to flood. They chose to live there."

Oakley's personal thoughts about flood plain living in general are that he wants no part of it.

"Let's put it this way - that was the first thing I looked at when I bought our house," Oakley said.

"One, I don't want to be one of those guys you see on TV in a row boat trying to get to my home. And two, because of the tightening up of the regulations in the county, there are some significant limitations on what you can and cannot do if you ever wanted to add onto or improve your property."

Oakley suggested that prospective home buyers call for flood plain information. It could make the difference between the American Dream and the cold sweats as the river laps against the sand bags.

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\$30 billion losses are going to be routine." The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the number of U.S. families living in flood plains rose by one million between 1980 and 1987, to 9.9 million. The projected number living in flood plains by 2002 is 13.2 million. The historic cities, by and large, have their acts together when it comes to flood management, de Capraris said. They have