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RETIRING POLICE CHIEF SURVEYS RECORD  

When Spurgeon D. Davenport retires June 30, he can point to a professional university law enforcement agency keeping more than 30,000 people safe on the sprawling campuses of IUPUI.

While many cities and towns are showing increases in personal injury crimes, IUPUI police boast a steady decrease—only a half-dozen over the past six years. "However, the rate of burglaries and thefts -- crime against property -- is increasing at IUPUI, just as it is everywhere," Davenport states frankly.

The IUPUI campuses are as safe night and day, says the veteran police officer and former deputy chief of the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD). In cars and on foot, 34 professionally trained officers, 21 guards, and eight student escorts protect people and property which includes the I.U. Hospitals and a maze of other buildings.

Davenport's law enforcement philosophy is "protection and service." "Since I came to IUPUI over six years ago," Davenport explains, "there has been only one, never more than two, serious crimes against people in any given year. I think that's a remarkable record for this university which is really 'a city within a city.'"

The worn cliche, "there's safety in numbers," holds true at IUPUI. Both Davenport and Jack Crouch, assistant administrator of the Evening Administration Office, say that the safety of both women and men can be attributed to the volumes of people on campuses. Crouch takes complaints from more than 13,500 people who attend or teach evening classes on all campuses. He's getting fewer and fewer reports of crimes against people.

Women are more vulnerable to personal injury crimes, Davenport believes, and his department takes a personal part in their protection on campuses. The IUPUI police operate a van escort service which is available to transport women about campus at night. "But," Davenport says, "while they're more careful about protecting themselves, they're often careless about locking their vehicles and protecting personal property from theft."

Three IUPUI properties not adjacent to the two major campuses include the Herron School of Art, the Marott Building and the physical education school. All three areas have security guards who have been instructed to help women get to nearby parking spaces—or from them if they let IUPUI police know their arrival time. Davenport points out that his jurisdiction stops just a block in all directions from these properties, and IPD takes over.
"We also rely on people to help us," he says, pointing out that people can protect themselves and property by using common sense precautions and by notifying him of any suspicious activity.

There is one "serious" problem for officers in the IUPUI police department. "People get very, very angry over parking tickets. And considering we have only 12,000 designated parking spots for 30,000 people, the chances are good we'll make a few people mad on a regular basis," Davenport says good-naturedly.

In spite of flaring tempers over parking tickets, Davenport says there is good rapport between his officers and campus personnel. His department has "nearly overcome the former attitude that IUPUI officers are 'rent-a-cops.'"

"We have many highly skilled and educated people here. My men are also professionally trained with no less than 420 hours in the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy," he notes. The IUPUI police agency has official police powers. Officers make bona fide arrests and conduct investigations.

Officially, Davenport ends his 40-plus years in law enforcement when he retires this month, but he plans to stay in the business-- unofficially: "I plan to be one of those $1-a-year men who volunteer their time. That way I can decide my own hours."

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WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE & SOMETIMES WHY

Genetic -- "Down's Syndrome: Clinical and Cytogenetic Correlations," Medical Genetics Seminar by Dr. John F. Jackson, professor of medical genetics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center; Riley Research, Conference Room 138, Monday at noon.

Stars under the Stars -- The first annual Indianapolis All-Star Music Festival continues through Friday at the Indianapolis Sports Center: Monday is Big Band Night (Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Nancy Wilson and Count Basie), Tuesday is Gospel Night (Bill Gaither Trio), Wednesday is Family Night (Kingston Trio, Up With People, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra), Thursday is Jazz Night (Herbie Mann, Dizzy Gillespie and Ella Fitzgerald), and Friday is Pops Night (Sarah Vaughan, Henry Mancini and the ISO). All concerts start at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 923-2500.

Seminar -- "Ultrasonic Scanning of Prostate," Ultrasound Research Division Seminar by Dr. Bryan Burney from the radiology department at St. Francis Hospital; University Hospital, Room N436, Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Display -- Parke, Davis & Co. will have a pharmacy display in Riley Hospital Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oncological -- The psychiatric care of the cancer patient will be the focus of a presentation by Dr. Albert Sattin, Department of Psychiatry, during grand rounds in oncology Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Radiation Therapy Building, Room R104.

Council -- The IUPUI Staff Council will meet Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in University Hospital, Room N436.

Scratch -- "The Seven Year Itch" will be on stage at the Brown County Playhouse in Nashville from Wednesday through Sunday, plus June 25-29 and July 2-6. For ticket information, call 812-337-1103 or 812-988-2123.
All in the Family -- Barbara Roy, a clinical specialist in psychiatric nursing at Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital, will discuss "Families in Conflict" at a Mental Health Association in Marion County public meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. The program, which will focus on both the destructive and constructive aspects of conflict, will be given at the association building, 1433 North Meridian Street. Pre-registration is requested; call 636-2491.

Music -- The Merchants Plaza Summer Concert Series opens Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the 30-piece Indianapolis Concert Band. The concerts will be held every Thursday through August 28 on the Merchants Plaza Terrace.

Far-Away Places -- Mrs. Anita Schwab, chairman of the International Visitors Service of Indianapolis and a member of the executive committee of the Indianapolis Council on World Affairs, will talk about "An 11-Week Odyssey in Southeast Asia" on Thursday at noon. The program, sponsored by the IUPUI Office of International Programs and Services, will be held in the Lilly Room on the mezzanine at the Union Building. Visitors and guests are welcome. For information, call Ext. 7294.

Golden Oldies -- The popular Friday Night Film Series on the Concert Terrace at the Indianapolis Museum of Art opens Friday at 8:30 p.m. with "Stagecoach," starring John Wayne. The gates open at 7 p.m. for those who want to bring a picnic supper before the movie. Tickets are $1.50 for IMA members, senior citizens and students with identification cards, $2.50 for non-members.

Conference -- A Radiation Oncology Conference, featuring research topics presented by the radiation oncology residents, will be held Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the School of Nursing auditorium. All interested persons are invited.

Gala -- Six hours of exciting, nonstop entertainment flavored with an international variety of food will fill the Monument Circle area Saturday night for the fifth annual Midsummer Festival. Sponsored by Cathedral Arts, the festivities start at 6 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at all AFNB branches for $2.50 or for $3.50 at the gate on the night of the festival.

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The 1980 Mayflower LPGA Classic is slated for July 3-6 at Harbour Trees Golf Club near Noblesville and, for the first time, the Classic will draw national television coverage and offer an expanded purse of $150,000.

Defending champion Hollis Stacy, plus Nancy Lopez Melton, Jane Blalock, Donna Caponi Young, Judy Rankin and the rest of the LPGA golfers are expected to compete for the winner's check of $22,500.

And, for a mere $15, you can see some of these fine athletes compete in each of the Classic's four rounds, the Pro-Am Tournament and a practice round. On a single day's basis, that is a savings of more than 50 percent for six admissions.

Again this year, part of the proceeds from this tournament will be added to the Mayflower Fund for Research in the Diseases of Children. Your attendance will help build this fund so that annual grants eventually can be made to aid medical and scientific investigators at Riley Hospital.
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE APPROVED

A student activity fee of $2.50 per student per semester will be charged students at IUPUI, effective with the fall semester. The fee was approved this month by the I.U. board of trustees at their meeting at I.U. Northwest.

The fee will be charged all students of the Indianapolis campus (including IUPUI-Columbus) with the exception of those students in the External Degree and the Learn & Shop programs and all professional-school students who are taking their courses off-campus. The former mandatory $3 student fee charged to students of the I.U. School of Law at Indianapolis was terminated by the trustees.

The Indianapolis campus has been the only one of eight I.U. campuses without a student activity fee.

The program, which has been an urgent priority of the IUPUI Student Assembly for three years, will be administered by a committee of faculty, staff and students who will have final say on the allocation of the funds.

Figuring that about 20,000 students will pay the fee per semester, the estimated income for the program is about $100,000 per year. The funds will support student activities such as the Sagamore (student newspaper), day care center, theater productions, athletics, special performances and lectures, and the like. The fee will be charged only in the fall and spring semesters.

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NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

Closed -- The campus post office will be closed Thursday until 2 p.m. (Employees will be attending the U.S. Postal Customer Council.) Business as usual will be conducted from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Position Available at IUPUI-Columbus -- Coordinator of public information and outreach activities; serve as campus news bureau representative (writing and dispensing news releases, photographer, coordination of advertising, planning special events), bachelor's degree in journalism, newspaper or related media experience, and public speaking skills preferred, 12-month position, $14,000. Submit resume by Wednesday (June 18) to: Dr. Paul R. Bippen, Director, Columbus Campus of IUPUI, 2080 Bakalar Drive, Columbus 47201.

Help! -- Anyone witnessing the accident involving a 1974 orange Vega wagon and a 1974 two-door green Ford on April 23 at about 8:05 a.m. at the intersection of Barnhill and Michigan, please call Jane Vollmer at Ext. 8371 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or 241-0083 after 5:30 p.m., or write her at the School of Nursing, Room 146.

Retiring -- Mrs. Elizabeth Browning will be retiring at the end of the month from the I.U. Hospitals' Social Work Department after 18 years of service. A reception in her honor will be held June 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Griffith Room on the first floor of Riley Hospital. All her friends and colleagues are cordially invited.

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