



RAYMER'S Bloomington

Life in our town as seen through the lens of **Steve Raymer**, Indiana University professor and renowned former National Geographic photographer.

From late November until early January, a canopy of holiday lights along 6th Street helps transform the downtown Square into a winter fairyland. The lights also signify that Bloomington is determined to preserve its core retail and entertainment district at a time when cities of comparable size have seen their downtowns fall on hard times.

> RUN FOR CHARITY

More than 5,000 area residents showed up at Indiana University's Memorial Stadium last September for the 13th annual Hoosiers Outrun Cancer to support patients and their families at the Olcott Center for Cancer Education, which is operated by IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

A soft midwinter snow falls on *Indiana Arc*, the crimson aluminum sculpture created by Charles Perry that sits at the entrance of the sharp-angled IU Art Museum. Opened in 1982, the building—designed by world-renowned architect I. M. Pei—houses more than 40,000 artworks, including paintings by Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso.



> FOURTH OF JULY

Bloomingtonians show their devotion to country on the Fourth of July. With equal reverence, the community marks Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and other national holidays with pride in service to the community and the nation.

(above) Students cram for final examinations in the Indiana Memorial Union Mezzanine, beneath portraits of Joseph Swain (left), IU's ninth president but its first Indiana-born, and the Reverend Lemuel Moss, a Baptist minister and IU's sixth president.





> TYPICAL DAY

An autumn rain falls near the downtown Square outside of Scholars Inn Bakehouse at West 6th Street and North College, a perennial gathering place for townspeople and students since 1995. The Courthouse Square Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1990.

> IU TAILGATING

Like a tribal rite, students congregate in the Grass Lots of the tailgating fields just south of Memorial Stadium to savor ear-splitting music, beer, and one another before IU football games.

For families, alumni, and more mature football fans, Hoosier Village is the destination of choice before the game. Sponsored by the IU Alumni Association, Hoosier Village features music, food and beverage vendors, and a live pregame radio show on the IU Football Radio Network.





The Amish, including Lydia Graber of Odon in rural Daviess County, sell fresh fruit and vegetables at the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings. Some 700 Old Order Amish families make their homes in Daviess, about 40 miles southwest of Bloomington.



Some of the 900 young people who belong to the Monroe County 4-H program exhibit their prize pigs at the county fair. In August, an outbreak of swine flu closed the swine barns and some participants tested positive for a variant of the type A influenza virus.



> PRAYING

Faith in Bloomington finds expression in an end zone prayer led by Scott Bless, assistant athletic director of Bloomington High School North, and in the Eid Al-Fitr prayers that mark the end of the Ramadan month of fasting for Muslims. In Bloomington, Muslims hail from Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Malaysia, and around the U.S.

