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By **BRET SCHULTE**
Music Critic

Concert Preview

More dependent on Las Vegas than Wayne Newton and more infatuated with toilet paper than fraternity members, the sin city-obsessed New Duncan Imperials will bring their lyrically warped and potentially offensive rock 'n' roll circus to Lincoln, a town never having seen a slot machine, much less drive-thru marriage booths.

Playing this evening at the Zoo Bar, 136 N.14th St., the New Duncan Imperials have made their name by gracefully melding the tasteless spectacle of Las Vegas with an inherent tackiness that is all their own.

Their latest offspring of this marriage of bestiality is "In-A-

Godda-Da-Vegas," a tribute to their personal Mecca, that was released earlier this year on Pravda records.

"We've always felt a kinship to Vegas in our performance, drummer Goodtime said. "Our show is very schnazzy. We wear polyester tuxedos, straw hats, and the stage is always well lit with sparkly lights and such things."

Although the band hails from alt-rock capital Chicago, two of the three members proudly claim Bucksport, Tenn., as their hometown.

"It's just a little dot in the road," Goodtime said. "It consists primarily of a gas station, motel and a restaurant."

But that little dot on the road

played a big role in the development of the New Duncan Imperials. It is also the hometown of the band's inspiration and forefather, the Duncan Imperials. The original band was started by an uncle of guitarist Pigtail Dick, who decided to create a sequel to the now-defunct band as a tribute.

There are crucial differences, however, Goodtime said.

"We actually have amplifiers," he said, "which, along with lots of booze, pulls hordes of women."

Although heavy touring and heavy drinking is a cliché well reamed in the rock 'n' roll chronicles, the New Duncan Imperials strive to make it an image unique to themselves.

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Photo man shares life, love of wild

■ **Jack Ross** crosses charging bison, snapping alligators and crisp dawns to capture the perfect shot.

By **SEAN MCCARTHY**
Assignment Reporter

Nature photographer Jack Ross has been charged by a bison, come close to being swallowed by an alligator and performed and written his own country western songs. He also has spoken at college campuses across the United States.

Tonight, Ross will share his photographic and life experiences in photography with students and faculty in the Nebraska Union Crib at 9. Sponsored by the University Program Council, Ross will give a slide-show presentation of his work.

Throughout Ross' life, he has learned one thing: Never be tied down to one specific profession.

"You're going to find out it's going to be difficult to make a decent living just on taking photographs," Ross said. "You can

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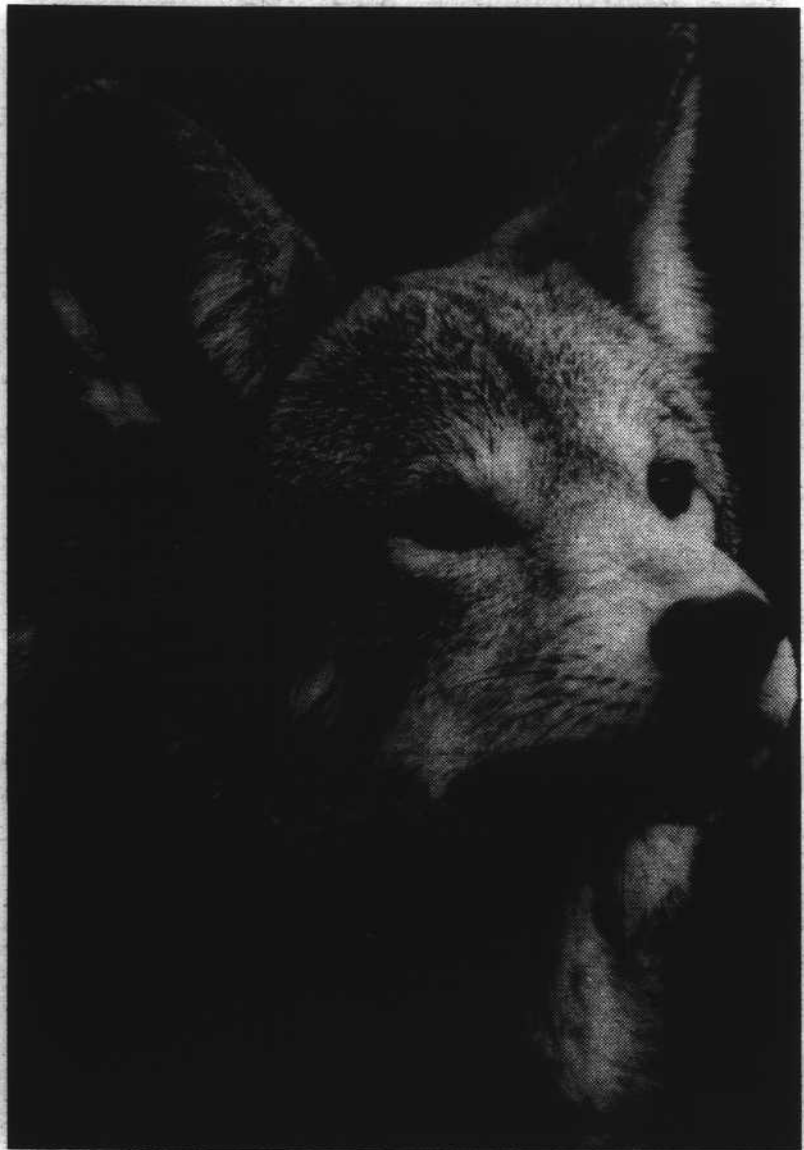


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"RED WOLF, Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky," will be one of the many Jack Ross photographs featured tonight in the artist's slide show at the Nebraska Union Crib.

Video shop honors patrons

By **BRET SCHULTE**
Senior Reporter

After a year punctuated with legal technicalities and bureaucratic run-ins, local business owner Mike Stretz suffered the revocation of his sales tax permit Tuesday by the Nebraska Department of Revenue. The action effectively disabled him from continuing business at his store, Pig of Destiny Video, 897 N. 27th St.

Today, he is opening his doors again to celebrate "Customer Appreciation Days."

Since Stretz no longer is allowed to conduct any business that involves the collection of sales tax, he will be offering free video and game rentals to all customers with positive accounts as an expression of gratitude.

"Despite everything, it has been a pretty good year," Stretz said. "I appreciate my loyal customers and friends, and I want to give something back."

While free video rentals will be available, Stretz says the event is not a free-for-all. He asks that people be rea-

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MIKE STRETZ
Pig of Destiny Video owner

sonable and not exploit the generosity of the store.

"It's for all existing customers still in good standing," he said. "Movies are still due back on time just like normal. Let's not go crazy here, folks. You can only watch so many movies in one night."

Although the store is no longer allowed to transact business, Stretz said, the government cannot stop him from giving away merchandise.

"In a way, this is an act of defiance," Stretz said. "If I can't sell it, I'll give it away. I don't want my customers to have to go without."

Pig of Destiny was closed due to a failure to pay back taxes of about \$4,000 — a sum Stretz said would be readily paid off if his store were allowed

to continue doing business.

While Stretz is working to get his store relicensed to conduct business, the doors will remain open to offer videos at no cost to trustworthy customers.

The event is not intended as a fundraiser, although Stretz said gratuity will be accepted, and a raffle might be held in the near future. The length of "Customer Appreciation Days" is undetermined, but Stretz says he refuses to allow his doors to be closed permanently.

In the midst of this financial crisis, Stretz may be maintaining the kind of heroic attitude only seen in the movies.

"Things will turn around," he said. "I could sit here and cry in my beer, but if you spread a little good karma out there, things should come around."

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