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## Assembly Hall marks 40th; project manager talks of building

It's been called a flying saucer and a cooked container of Jiffy Pop popcorn

It's the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall and it's celebrating its 40th birthday this year.

Richard Foley, project manager when the Assembly Hall was erected, was the featured speaker at the Nov. 13 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch program.

Construction on the Assembly Hall started in May 1959 and was completed March 1, 1963, said Foley, a

civil engineer, who was employed by Felmley-Dickerson, an Urbana-based construction company. A 19-week strike during construction kept workers through an extra construction season.

The project architect was Max Abramovich, U of I alum whose firm also designed the Krannert Center, United Nations Building and much of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

See ASSEMBLY HALL on other side



### Just a dusting

The green of Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert makes provides contrast for the first snow of the season Monday morning. The Hoopeston area received a trace of snow and temperatures nearly 30 degrees colder than Sunday. Some who enjoy snow wondered if the old wives' tale will hold true, that the number of snowfalls in a winter is the same as the date of the first one.

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**Police News** 

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident that happened after 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Police said an unknown vehicle hit a parked 1991 Dodge owned by Rebecca Coleman of East Lynn.

A **50-year-old** Georgetown man reported Sunday that someone slashed two tires on the passenger side of his vehicle. The man was visiting relatives in the 700 block of South First Ave.

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## Assembly Hall continued from other side

Foley said he believes a round design was chosen to seat more people in proximity to the arena. The Assembly regularly seats 16,000 people but can seat nearly 20,000 with added floor seats.

The building cost \$8.5 million at the time; Foley estimated it would cost \$35-\$40 million now.

To build the structure, wooden frames were made. About 1 million feet of wood was used in that phase before concrete and steel were put in for the finished project. To keep the concrete together, a machine was brought in that wrapped 2,500 revolutions of wire around it. Foley compared it to staves holding a barrel together.

Some U of I officials would like to renovate the Assembly Hall. Foley said he would like to see more rest-

**Civil engineer Richard Foley talks about measurements in the University of Illinois Assembly Hall at the Nov. 13 Neighborhood Watch meeting.**


## Obituaries

**CARTIER** - Gladys V. Cartier, 98, of Rossville, died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Healthcare Center. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

## Weather

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rooms added, as well as entrances and escalators, but draws the line at the suggested addition of air conditioning, saying existing ductwork makes that unnecessary.

After 40 years, Foley is still proud of his handiwork, "I hate to hear them say it's outdated," Foley said. "It's a pretty fantastic place to watch a game."

 **Black Sheep Pub**  
**Taco Night**  
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