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Just the Facts
 Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994
 Lourdine Osborne, Editor Susan Comstock, Ad Manager

Chamber, city to host U of I architecture students

Hoopeston's downtown area may have a facelift in the future.

Between 70 and 80 University of Illinois architecture students and four professors are expected to be in town Friday as part of a downtown revitalization project.

The students will tour Hoopeston before concentrating on the downtown area, said Bonnie Manion, a member of the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce economic development committee.

Manion contacted the school about the possibility of using students to develop revitalization plans for Hoopeston.

Students will visit Hoopeston at least twice, studying city history and talking with merchants before constructing a model for the area. The model, which will include suggestions for facades and store fronts, as well as things such as lamp posts and other furnishings, will then be given to

the city for use in its long-term planning, said Tom Osborne, economic committee chairman.

Chamber president Rod Burkett said his group is contacting local financial institutions to arrange low-interest loans which business owners may use for revitalization once the project is done.

Students will use the experience as their semester project in urban studies and are providing plans free of charge. The Chamber, through donations from businesses and industry, will pay students' transportation and meal costs.

Business owners' response to the idea has been good, Osborne said. "All of them have been positive," he said. "I didn't run into any negativity."

Beside plans to revamp the downtown, students will also submit suggestions for improving the look of Routes 1 and 9 and ways of enticing people from the highway to the downtown area.

See "REVITALIZE" on other side

Schools, industries form local partnership for education

Providing well-trained workers for business and giving students a meaningful education is the goal of a program new to northern Vermilion County.

The Northern District Advisory Council for Work Force 2000, a partnership between school and business, met in Hoopeston yesterday.

The council is made up of leaders from businesses, industries and schools in the northern part of the Danville Area Community College district. The college coordinates the program.

The group will function similarly to one at Danville High School, and will coordinate classes

and work experience for high school vocational students, said Mary Lou Meador of DACC's Work Force Challenge program.

Debra Mills, coordinator of DACC's Tech Prep program, said the program helps students identify skills and provides a hands-on look at the work world through job shadowing, mentoring, internships and apprenticeships, all to help them become contributing members of the work force.

"I'm a firm believer that if you do your part and I do my part, we can turn this around," she said.

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Revitalize continued from other side

Mayor Bob Ault said this could be the first of many ventures between the school and city, suggesting the city could also benefit from other departments. "We should certainly tap into the resources," he said.

A second student visit is planned for February, and a third, more specific visit may be held before the semester ends, Manion said.

U of I students elected to focus on the downtown area, Manion said.

Briefly...

A.A.R.P. meeting set

The Hoopeston A.A.R.P. will meet at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Cen-

ter. Election of officers will be held.

Rules of the Road offered

A Rules of the Road refresher course will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 27 at city hall.

Police News

Several accidents were reported by Hoopeston police over the weekend.

On Thursday, cars driven by Todd E. Mayberry, 407 W. Dice, and Joseph D. Thrasher, 110 E. Maple, collided at 3:37 p.m. at West Maple and South Fifth Ave. Mayberry was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a marked intersection and Thrasher was ticketed for operation of an unin-

sured vehicle.

No tickets or injuries were reported in the following accidents: Haskel L. Absher, 612 E. Chestnut and Martin D. Parsons, 102 S. Third, at 7:20 a.m. Friday; Jesse A. Keiser, 902 E. McNeil and Sally A. Lee, 412 W. Maple, 8:05 a.m. Friday; Jeremy S. Salter, 704 E. Elm and William J. Start, 503 W. Maple, 3:35 p.m. Friday; and Tedra A. Stacy, 118 W. Attica, Rossville, 3:29 p.m. Saturday.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Jan. 20, 1994

Admitted: James Edwards and Tara Tyler, both of Hoopeston; Elsie Milton, Rossville.

Discharged: Mildred Lightle and James Edwards, both of Hoopeston.

Jan. 21, 1994

Admitted: Louise Braden, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Viona Masengale and George Wagoner, both of Rossville.

Jan. 22, 1994

Admitted: Virgie Maxwell and Carolyn Nelson, both of Hoopeston..

Discharged: Elsie Milton, Rossville.

Jan. 23, 1994

Admitted: June Gagnon, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Vera Lawrence, East Lynn.

Obituaries

JONES, Helen L., 64, of Hoopeston, died at 3:15 a.m. Sunday at her daughter's home in West Chicago. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. A VFW Auxiliary service will precede the funeral. Memorials may be made to Fox Valley Hospice, St. Charles.

Weather

Seventy percent chance of rain today. High in the upper 30s. Tonight, rain. Low in the upper 20s to low 30s. Tomorrow, rain continues. High 37, low 29.

Spotlight on...

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