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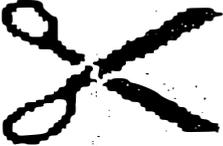
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Downtown development program completed

After nearly a year of work, a University of Illinois project to help Hoopeston's downtown area is completed.

Hoopeston officials have received copies of the City of Hoopeston Urban Design Study - Solutions for Main Street, portfolios of work done by students in the U of I school of architecture, said Bonnie Manion, a member of the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce's economic development committee, coordinated the cooperative effort between the city and university.

The portfolios are the work of students under Professor Jeffrey Poss, one of five professors whose students were assigned to develop concepts to improve the appearance of Hoopeston's business district.

The collection of ideas is "a compilation of what

Professor Poss figured was the most relevant work," Manion said, adding that students' suggestions were based on four concerns expressed by officials. Those concerns included attracting visitors from Routes 1 and 9, making downtown buildings more attractive, providing continuity for the business area, and "reinforcing the sense of place that is Hoopeston," Manion said.

"Those are some of the concerns we'd hoped students would take into consideration," she said. However, because it was a university project, "students were not as constrained as hired architects would have been. That's why we came up with so many innovative ideas that were neither practical nor relevant."

Some of those innovative ideas included using
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Grant Township United Way plans annual fund drive

Grant Township residents will soon be asked to help others by giving to the 1994 United Way drive.

The drive will kick off Oct. 1, said Chalmers Flint, who, with Sara Fourez, is overseeing this year's fundraiser.

The organization has set \$35,000 as this year's goal, which will benefit 21 civic and charitable groups.

The goal is the same as the one set last year, Flint said. Last year, approximately \$30,000 was collected.

Flint said organizers would like every adult in Grant Township to give \$1 per pay period. "If everybody in town did that, we could surpass our

goal by who knows how much," he said.

One change is being made this year, according to Flint. The annual door-to-door drive has been discontinued and will be replaced by a street-corner collection on Oct. 29. Those contributing on that day will receive coupons from local restaurants for their donations, he said.

Flint stressed that all money collected in Grant Township benefits local residents. "Every dollar stays in the community," he said, adding that while some Danville agencies receive funding, it is only in proportion to the services provided locally.

Because United Way did not meet its goal last
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second-story areas of downtown buildings for such things as museums dedicated to Hoopeston history.

More practical solutions were included in the portfolios, Manion said. Students suggested building owners "restore the original look" by reopening boarded up second story windows and returning them to their original design and removing siding and other modern facades from the classic structures, she said.

The urban design project took just about one year to complete, from Manion's first contact with the university's architecture department to receiving the final portfolios. City and university officials met in December to discuss the project. Students made their first visit to Hoopeston in Jan-

United Way continued from other side

year, no out-of-town agencies received money, a move Flint hopes to see changed this year. "We really ought to give something," he said. "We're not providing them with nearly what they provide us," he said.

Groups funded by the local United Way include: the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Well Baby Clinic, Boy Scouts, Hoopeston T-Ball, Hoopeston Pony League, Catholic Social Services, Hoopeston Ministerial Association, Hoopeston Migrant Headstart, Center for Children's Services and Hoopeston Midget Football.

Also, CRIS senior services, Hoopeston Swim Team, Cub Scouts, Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center, Girl Scouts, Hoopeston Multi Agency and Hoopeston Little League.

Divisional chairmen for this year's drive are: Larry Oyler, financial institutions; Mark Conolly, schools; Jerry Northam, corporations; Calvin Hultquist, professional; Fourez, small business; W.T. Harden, ministerial; Mary Jo Rush, civic and Carol Boose, Ed Layden and Bill Putnam, rural.

uary to inspect the downtown business district and design preliminary changes. Those suggestions were presented to business and city leaders last May.

Copies of the final portfolios were given to city leaders last week and are available at the city hall and chamber of commerce office.

In the Hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
 Sept. 26, 1994
Admitted: Roy Borders, Hoopeston.
Discharged: Tracy Myers, Hoopeston.

Police News 

Hoopeston police received three additional complaints that someone sprayed substances on vehicles on East Seminary, East Washington and East Lincoln streets.

Two pedestrians were injured in an accident at 8:56 p.m. Monday in the Pamida parking lot.

The two unidentified female passengers were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

The driver involved, Carson E. Burton, 525 N. Seventh Ave., was ticketed for improper backing. Burton told police he thought he was placing the car in drive, but had it in reverse.

Anne Coffman, 910 E. Thompson, reported Tuesday that someone removed an AM/FM cassette radio from her car while it was parked at 329 W. Main.

David A. Dugle, 634 W. Maple, reported that someone broke a window at his residence. Dugle was unsure if anything was missing.

Weather 

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