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## Carbondale's Northeast Side The Forgotten Neighborhood

A once prosperous region of the city continues its downward economic spiral. Is there hope for recovery?

STORY BY KATE MCCANN

Shelton's Steam Bakery used to produce 4,000 loaves of bread a day on North Washington Street, located in the Northeast side of Carbondale.

But that was in 1903.

Now, most residents would settle for just being able to buy a loaf of bread in the city's most destitute neighborhood.

Gone is Mary and David Russell's once-thriving grocery store on North Marion Street. And all that remains of the bottling works that replaced the bakery in 1929 is a faded Coca-Cola emblem barely visible on the upper facade of a storefront building. Businesses such as the Busy Bee Cafe and Edwards Cleaners closed their doors back in the 1940s.

Today a row of empty storefronts littered with trash and decorated with "For Lease" signs are nearly all that remains of the once-thriving business district on the Northeast side.

This saddens neighborhood resident Henry Carter. Inside his dilapidated trailer, Carter sorts through the sheaf of applications from city hall and local banks scattered across his cardboard kitchen table, souvenirs of a pipedream he won't surrender.

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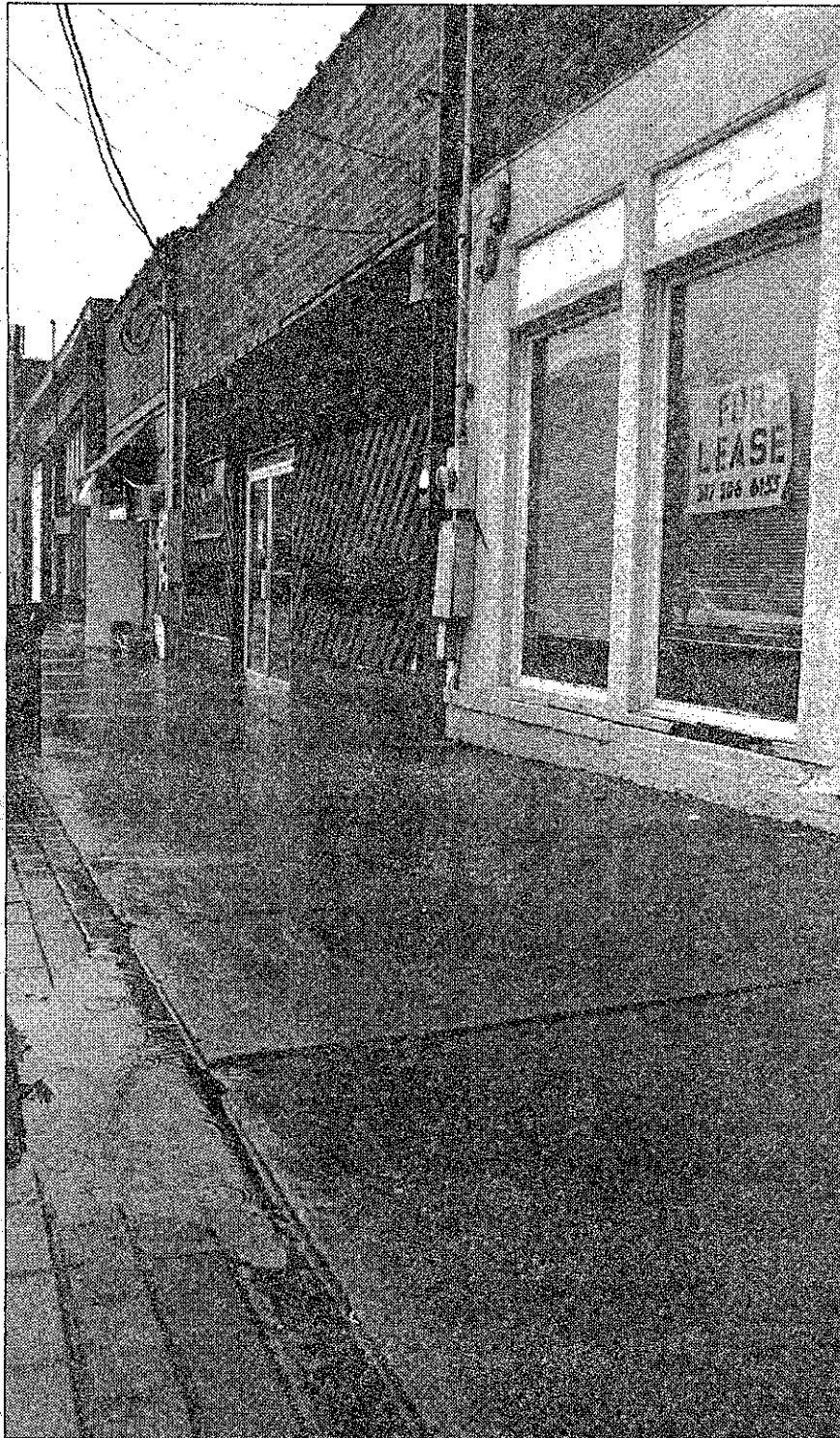
Carter's wish is to open a convenience store in the Northeast side, where he has lived most of his 56 years minus time spent in various federal prisons. But it will probably never happen. An ex-convict with poor credit history has little hope of obtaining the

financing for such an endeavor. And while he realizes his efforts are somewhat futile, he still tries because he thinks his neighbors should enjoy the simple luxury of walking to the store and buying a loaf of bread.

Carter's complaints are not unfounded. The only grocery store in the Northeast side of town, Fresco Produce, 212 N. Washington, is owned by and geared toward Mexican immigrants, according to store owner José Tomás. Tomás said his customers are not Northeast-side residents but immigrants traveling sometimes from outside the city to shop. The bulk of the store's merchandise is ethnic food, music and other Mexican-oriented merchandise.

Carter said the lack of a traditional grocery store is an inconvenience to him and his neighbors, some who do not own cars and find it difficult to get to Wal-Mart, Kroger or Schnucks.

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Storefronts stand vacant in the 200 block of N. Washington Street. The empty buildings testify to the downfall of Carbondale's once thriving Northeast side.

Northeast side is composed only of a few beauty parlors, barber shops and funeral homes. With the rise in crime rates, unemployment and overall poverty during the last several decades, the remaining businesses floundered and eventually died.

Even as recently as the 1960s there were still a handful of mom 'n pop-type stores residents could walk to from their homes. Or restaurants Carter describes as "little joints, where you could go get a hamburger and listen to the juke box."

The restaurants and grocery stores Carter fondly remembers folded on their own, mostly during the 1960s and 1970s, said Tom Redmond, Development Services Director at city hall. In 1974, the first and current city ordinances adopted zoned almost all of the Northeast side into a residential district, rendering it impossible for new business growth.

But even if the area was re-zoned and interested business owners began developing

land, City Council candidate and Northeast-side resident Corene McDaniel predicts they would not survive.

"Barber shops and beauty parlors are of a different nature of business," said McDaniel, owner of Corene's Hair Palace, 508 E. Jackson St. "I think the community would welcome (alternative business growth).

"But as far as staying afloat — the expenses would be too great."

Local historian Richard Hayes, a lifetime Northeast side resident, said he would support growth because it would create jobs for the neighborhood.

"Any business that would survive and give opportunities for employment would benefit the Northeast side," Hayes said.

Jill Bratland, Program Manager of Carbondale Main Street, places partial blame for the untapped business potential on the negligence of landlords along North

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## GPSC still reviewing grad student union idea

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Officially remaining neutral pending more information, Graduate and Professional Student Council will continue considering the viability of a graduate student union, despite an unfavorable Illinois labor board decision concerning graduate student union membership.

A Tuesday decision by the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board will set back unionization efforts among graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Under the board's guidelines, only a little more than 250 out of 5,200, or 5 percent, of the UIUC graduate students would be able to join the union, excluding all teaching assistants and research assistants from membership.

The labor board decided only graduate assistants who do not teach or perform research and who work in jobs outside of their discipline are eligible for union membership.

For example, an English graduate student could join the union if doing office work for the physics department, but not for doing the same work in English.

Keith Prufer, GPSC executive board member, said he wouldn't be surprised if the Illinois board's decision is challenged since so many universities have allowed collective bargaining and representation of graduate student bodies.

"At this point, GPSC has not come out in favor or against [unionization] because we are still trying

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## Blues guitarist to serenade Spring Thing

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He has four Grammys under his belt, owns a premiere blues club in Chicago and Eric Clapton has hailed him the world's greatest guitar player — now, Buddy Guy is coming to SIUC.

Guy is a product of a Chicago blues movement from the '50s and '60s and has been playing ever since. The guitarist will perform to an audience warmed up by the local blues group, the Southern Illinois All-Stars.

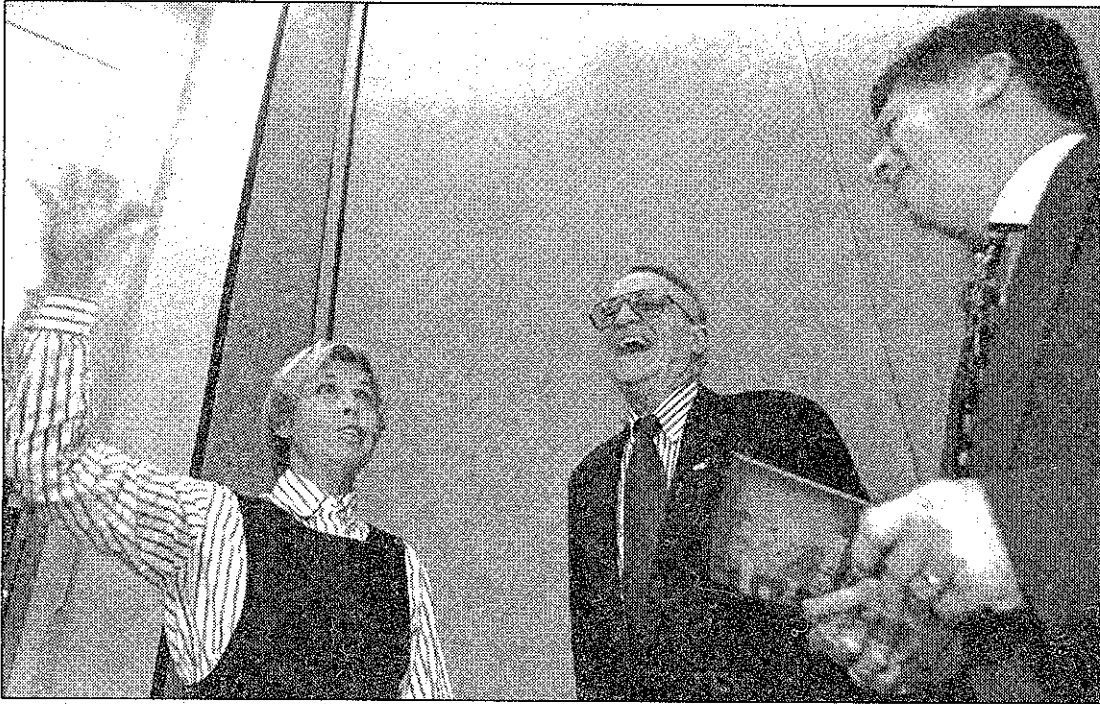
"It's a great opportunity for everybody to kick back and have fun before finals start," said Laura Mitchell, marketing director for SPC.

Sarah Nungesser, executive director of SPC,



**Buddy Guy**

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Linda Brandon, Secretary of District #165 Board of Education, Mayor Neil Dillard and Steven Sabens, Superintendent of Carbondale High School, converse after the community service awards ceremony given by the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha on Friday night in the Carbondale Civic Center. Sabens holds an award of special recognition due to pursuing his dream of a new high school in Carbondale.

## Sorority granted two commemorative days

STACEY ROBINSON  
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A formal night of dinner, speeches, awards and presentations took place for the graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, as they celebrated their anniversary Friday at the Carbondale Civic Center.

The Gamma Kappa Omega chapter was chartered 60 years ago in Carbondale, and in recognition of the chapter's anniversary, Mayor Neil Dillard declared Friday and Saturday as Alpha Kappa Alpha days in Carbondale.

Ann Marie Shepherd, a member of the Gamma Kappa Omega chap-

ter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said the sorority was not surprised by Dillard's efforts to commemorate the organization's anniversary.

"The mayor has given us grand support through the years. He is supportive of those who he feels are really trying to help Carbondale be all it can be," Shepherd said.

Members of the sorority and visiting members of the Gamma Kappa Omega chapter returned from several states including Texas, California, Missouri, as well as the Illinois region, to share in the anniversary celebration.

Shepherd said the evening was a wonderful and was enjoyed by all in attendance. She also commented on

the banquet, calling it a "scrumptious buffet" and extended her appreciation of the event and guest speaker Joseph Brown, director and professor of black American studies, also known as Father Brown.

"We had a wonderful speech by Father Brown, he came up to the plate and delivered beautifully," Shepherd said.

The theme for this year's anniversary program was Blazing New Trails: Meeting the Challenges of this Millennium. The commemoration was designed in three phases. A performance by Mavis Staples: A Tribute

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## Greeks sponsor multicultural day

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Ryan King is the president of a primarily white fraternity at SIUC, but recognizes ethnic diversity and multiculturalism on campus as a top priority on his list of things to do.

King and members of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, teamed up with sorority and fraternity members of Delta Xi Phi and Sigma Lambda Beta to initiate a Multicultural Day Friday.

After contacting Student Development with the idea of a Multicultural Day, which would combine community service and multicultural programs for the Carbondale community, the group met and discussed ways they could promote the event and get involved with a diverse population.

"Our chapter wanted to reach beyond our little culture and do something with some diverse groups," said King, a senior in math from Colon.

With the idea in the planning stages the group decided to sponsor an Easter egg hunt for 220 students, grades four through six at the Thomas School in Carbondale. Members of all three greek organizations said the event went well and both students and teachers were appreciative of their efforts to collaborate together to help the children.

Following the community-service activity, the group met again to discuss ways to improve diversity within the greek system and on the SIUC campus. They talked about how multiculturalism affects the SIUC population, how the media impact the issue, ways to improve diversity and tackle multicultural problems and other related issues.

Severo Cosyelon, a junior in finance from Pueblo, Colo. and member of Sigma Lambda Beta, said the Multicultural Day idea was a great opportunity for greek organizations to come together and work with each other outside their normal surroundings.

"We see ourselves as a bridge between Pan dash and

Panhellenic," Cosyelon said. "Our objective is to work with other [organizations] that aren't Latino or minority based."

The fraternity demonstrated they are deeply involved with dealing with diversity issues on the campus and elsewhere. The fraternity represents 208 different nationalities nationwide and have current members on campus who are of different ethnic backgrounds.

"We are Latino-based, but we are openly accept other cultures," Cosyelon said. "[Currently] we have one brother who is Asian and another who is Caucasian."

The women of Delta Xi Phi sorority are the only incorporated multicultural sorority on the SIUC campus.

Coai Nunez, a senior in speech communication from Champaign and president of Delta Xi Phi, said the idea behind Multicultural Day is to promote unity within the greek organizations. She said her sorority is one that demonstrates multiculturalism in all aspects.

"We are the only sorority that was founded purposely for multiculturalism, while other diverse sororities just have multicultural membership," Nunez said.

Nunez said that right now they are confronting the issues and slowly progressing to something larger in the future.

"People are getting to together. Its a slow process, but we have to work on ourselves, before we can get the entire campus together," Nunez said.

Juan Garcilazo, a junior in civil engineering from Chicago and a member of Sigma Lambda Beta, said his fraternity is trying to promote programs to expand multiculturalism.

"We are trying to get an annual thing, like a multicultural dinner and hold other social events with different groups."

King said the campus is a diverse place and Multicultural Day is a good way to reach out to each other for a common purpose now and for the future.

"We kind of enhanced our learning as far as diversity goes," King said. "I think for the future it will be up to the chapters who participate next year to decide how high up the ladder they want to go."

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