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(From left) Vice president and treasurer of Red Roots, Genevieve Tenoso, and president of Red Roots Siobhan Beaver, talk with acting director of the Native American House Brenda Farnell, Wednesday outside the new Native American House located at 1206 W. Nevada St., in Urbana. Red Roots, a Native American Student Association, will be using the house for its programs and activities.

## House brings new possibilities

### Officials of new Native American house excited about bringing culture to campus

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With its bare front lawn and almost empty rooms, the new Native American House may not be much to look at yet, but there are many goals for the house and its new space; staff members said they are excited about new programs they will soon be able to offer.

Located at its new residence at 1206 W. Nevada St., the Native American House is the culmination of more than a decade of student efforts to create a space to celebrate and learn about the Native American culture.

"We want the house to be a cultural center for Native American students," said Dr. Brenda Farnell, associate professor in anthropology and acting director of the Native American House. "This

is their house, their space to come and meet each other and study the culture."

Farnell said the house is primarily meant to "educate against ignorance." The need for a house was recognized by a group of graduate students in the early 90s, said Victoria Wade, research assistant for the Native American House, coordinator for recruitment and Seneca-Abenaki Indian.

"No one really knew what the culture was," Wade said. "There were no Native American studies when there were other ethnic studies programs."

The graduate students decided they needed a place to meet and come together.

"It's been a constant struggle and we are constantly reinforcing what our needs are," Wade said.



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(From left) Siobhan Beaver, University professor Brenda Farnell and Genevieve Tenoso confer with one another inside the new Native American house.

For now, the Native American house is trying to focus on recruitment for both students and faculty. There are a total of 93 Native American students, which includes both undergrads and

graduates, Farnell said.

Farnell said she hopes the house will help Native Americans on campus accomplish three main goals.

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## Hospital redevelopment moves forward after decade of vacancy

### City struggles with keeping the project community-focused

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What used to be a fully operational emergency room entrance is now boarded up with plywood, and the aging of the wooden windows has caused even the boards to loosen.

After more than a decade of vacancy, the old Burnham Hospital still stands at 407 S. Fourth St., occupied only by old desks and empty cups strewn across the floor. But there is still hope for the eyesore at the corner of Fourth Street and Springfield Avenue.

The complex is set to be demolished by March 31, 2004.

This September, the Champaign City Council voted 8-0 to begin negotiations with the Atkins Group on the Burnham Hospital redevelopment project. The goal of the project is to replace the old hospital and all of its facilities with an urban neighborhood that will include residential buildings, restaurants, coffee shops and general or high-tech offices.

Upon completion in August 2005, city officials say the project will beautify the area and act as a catalyst for further development.

"I think it's a great project," said Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart. "The building has been sitting there for 10 years without anything good happening, and now we have an opportunity to have a positive effect on the site."



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The entrance to Burnham Hospital sits quietly on Wednesday. The hospital has been abandoned since closing in 1992. Developers hope to attract retailers and tenants to a new property on the site.

Champaign City Council member Tom Bruno is also optimistic about the project. He believes the new development will bring new opportunities to an area that has seen little growth in recent years.

"By seeking a proposal to develop the entire site, we're able to bring in a quality development that will link Campustown to downtown and raise the property values for blocks," Bruno said.

City officials compared the new development to the Bucktown neighborhood in Chicago. It will include a pedestrian-oriented commercial district in the vicinity of Stoughton and Third

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## Project's history and financing

The Burnham redevelopment project has not been without its major setbacks, including concerns about the apartment issue.

In October 2001, the city council selected the Stone Arch Group as the primary developer of the site. But in February, the city council directed staff to end negotiations with the Stone Arch Group because they could not reach an agreement that met the city's goals for the project.

"It was the mix of units principally," said Bruce Knight, Champaign city planning director. "They wanted to limit the number of four-bedroom units. We wanted to promote the development of an urban neighborhood."

In addition, the \$50 million price tag was too high. Knight said \$50 million would have required more investment than the council was prepared to accept. Under the current plan, the final cost of the project is estimated at between \$35 million and \$40 million.

The current cost is lower than the old projection because the scale of the buildings in the new plan is three

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### History and future of Burnham Hospital

March 1895  
Julia F. Burnham Hospital opens

June 1969  
Fifth and final edition complete

1970  
Nurses strike and modernization problems makes Burnham suffer

October 1988  
Illinois Department of Public Health denies request to form a Level 1 trauma center

May 1989  
Loses over \$1 million for second consecutive year, closes units

Late 1980s  
Attempts to sell to Christie Clinic fail; merges with Mercy to form Covenant Medical Center then purchased from city by Mercy's parent company, ServantCor

July 1992  
Shut down by ServantCor

August 1994  
ServantCor sells building to the state

September 2000  
Attempt to auction building for \$3.3 million dollars fails

November 2001  
Burnham Redevelopment Group chosen to develop site

March 2003  
Atkins Group takes over development project

November 2003  
Expected approval of development agreement

March 2004  
Expected demolition complete

August 2005  
Expected project complete

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## New al-Qaida boss in charge in Persian Gulf

### U.S. believes young former bodyguard of bin Laden in command in region

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials believe they have identified a young former bodyguard of Osama bin Laden as al-Qaida's new chief of terror operations in the Persian Gulf.

Abu Hazim al-Sha'ir, a 29-year-old Yemeni now believed to be living in Saudi Arabia, is one of a new crop of al-Qaida operatives who are trying to fill the roles of senior bin Laden lieutenants who have been captured or killed since Sept. 11, 2001 according to U.S. officials.

"Capable replacements appear to be emerging, many of whom have demonstrated their ability to see previously planned operations through to fruition," according to one U.S. intelligence report.

Abu Hazim is just one of the top al-Qaida leaders now at large, according to officials from U.S. counterterrorism agencies, who discussed intelligence on the terror network on the condition of anonymity.

Officials acknowledge there may be other emerging leaders they don't know about. The CIA and FBI, for example, did not learn that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, was a top al-Qaida figure until well after the attacks took place.

Abu Hazim appears to be taking the place of Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, a key organizer of the USS Cole bombing and the 1998 East Africa embassy bombings, officials say. Al-Nashiri was detained in the United Arab Emirates in late 2002.

Abu Hazim is on Saudi Arabia's list of 19 most-wanted al-Qaida

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operatives, listed under his real name of Khalid Ali Bin Ali Al-Hajj. He is believed to have trained in al-Qaida's Afghan camps in 1999 and later to have served as bin Laden's bodyguard. Before Sept. 11, he traveled frequently to the Arabian peninsula, to southeast Asia and to Afghanistan.

U.S. counterterrorism officials also tie him to the May 12 bombings of residential complexes in Riyadh and possibly to some Saudi-based planning of operations targeting the United States directly.

There isn't hard evidence tying him to ongoing attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq, however.

Abu Hazim's emergence as a senior figure comes as al-Qaida is struggling to deal with the losses of many of its pre-Sept. 11 operational commanders, including Mohammed Atef, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Abu Zubaydah. Atef was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Afghanistan in November 2001, and Mohammed and Abu Zubaydah later were captured separately in Pakistan.

The international hunt for such senior leaders is a key component

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The Associated Press

Members of Teamsters Local 731 hold their signs up to City of Chicago Streets and Sanitation garbage trucks as they enter a transfer station owned by Allied Waste on Wednesday in the west side of Chicago. Garbage collection for industrial buildings and residential buildings with more than four units in Chicago and its neighboring communities was disrupted Wednesday after about 3,300 trash haulers hit the picket line.

## Garbage pickup halts in Chicago

### Strike stops private service in city, suburbs

CHICAGO (AP) — Roughly 3,300 garbage workers in Chicago and its suburbs went on strike Wednesday after contract talks between union and management officials broke down, leaving millions of residential and business customers without trash pickup.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters called the strike one minute after the previous contract expired at midnight Tuesday. Negotiations continued but were halted around 2:30 a.m. when a lockout was declared by the Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association, the bargaining agent for the Chicago area's 16 largest private waste disposal companies.

"The walkout includes trash haulers and drivers of transfer trailer trucks," said Bill Plunkett, spokesman for the Refuse Haulers Association. "Waste has to be transported miles and miles outside the city. Without transfer drivers, the system's going to be backed up within a couple of days."

Negotiators remained at odds

over wages and benefits, with talks scheduled to resume at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Millions of residents and business owners were affected by the work stoppage, including commercial and industrial customers and multifamily buildings of more than four units apiece in Chicago. Residents of smaller apartment buildings and single-family homes in Chicago are serviced by municipal workers and were not affected by the strike.

"We just hope it's going to be settled," said Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, who would not say whether the city would get involved. "Everybody wants it to be settled. It has to be settled for the health and safety of people."

Management personnel stepped in to provide "critical services," such as trash pickup for hospitals and O'Hare International Airport, Plunkett said. Garbage collection companies otherwise had no contingency plans in place, he said.

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