



Friday, June 14, 2002

## OC food court to undergo renovations

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer

Portions of the food court in the **Oakland Center** will be closed for renovations beginning Thursday, June 20, as Oakland University makes the transition to **Chartwells**, its new food service provider.

"It's essentially a moving situation," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing and campus food service. "It's a food service transition where some areas of the food court will have to be shut down at times while equipment is moved in and new venues are installed. But there won't be a time when the entire food court is shut down. We're projecting that all the initial work for the food court will be done by the beginning of the fall semester.

"Chartwells is very excited about coming to OU and they are very committed to installing a high quality, showcase food service for our campus. I think everyone will be very satisfied once the transition is complete."

During the transitional period, the food court will remain open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Starbucks kiosk, located across from the food court, also will close for a limited makeover and reopen a few weeks later. Food services on the lower level of the **Oakland Center**, which are currently closed, also will reopen for the fall semester. For catering requests, please contact the Oakland Center Reservations Office at (248) 370-3245.

Under the agreement with **Chartwells**, the food service outlets in the first year will include:

### Oakland Center Food Court

- Au Bon Pain Soups
- Center of Refreshment
- Chick-Fil-A
- Coyote Jack's
- Double Treat Bakery
- Menutainment
- Noble Roman's Pizza
- Outtakes
- Ritazza
- Subway
- Terra Ve
- Wild Greens

### Oakland Center Kiosk

- Freshens
- Krispy Kreme
- Outtakes
- Ritazza

### Oakland Center, lower level

- Center of Refreshment
- Outtakes
- Pretzel Logic

The OU Board of Trustees approved a five-year contract with Chartwells at its June 5 meeting. At least \$900,000 of Chartwells' capital investment of \$1,341,000 will be spent on a two-story, 30,000-square-foot expansion of the **Oakland Center** and renovation of 8,500 square feet of the existing kitchen area. The remainder of the funds will go toward updating the food court concepts, making cosmetic improvements to Vandenberg Hall Dining Center and adding a food concept to the School of Education and Human Services building, which opens this fall. For more information on the expansion of the Oakland Center

and the new food service contract, see the [accompanying story](#).

Questions or concerns about the food court transition can be directed to Reynolds at (248) 370-3570 or [reynolds@oakland.edu](mailto:reynolds@oakland.edu) or to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs, at (248) 370-4200 or [mbsnyder@oakland.edu](mailto:mbsnyder@oakland.edu).

**SUMMARY**

Portions of the food court in the Oakland Center will be closed for renovations beginning Thursday, June 20, as Oakland University makes the transition to Chartwells, its new food service provider.

Created by CareTech Administrator ([webservices@caretechsolutions.com](mailto:webservices@caretechsolutions.com)) on Friday, June 14, 2002

Modified by CareTech Administrator ([webservices@caretechsolutions.com](mailto:webservices@caretechsolutions.com)) on Friday, June 14, 2002

Article Start Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2003