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OC expansion, food contract approved

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A two-story expansion of the **Oakland Center**, to be completed by fall 2003, received **Board of Trustees** approval at its formal meeting June 5. The board also approved a five-year contract with **Chartwells**, which replaces ARAMARK as the food service provider on Oakland University's campus effective July 1.

The five-year contract with Chartwells represents a new and improved food service for students, faculty, staff and campus visitors. Chartwells will make a capital investment of \$1,341,000 to OU. At least \$900,000 of that amount will be spent on expanding the Oakland Center. The remainder of the funds will go toward updating food concepts in the Oakland Center food court, making cosmetic improvements to Vandenberg Hall Dining Center and adding a food concept to the School of Education and Human Services building when it opens in the fall.

The **Oakland Center** expansion project consists of a two-story, 30,000-square-foot addition to the southwest corner of the building and renovation of 8,500 square feet of the existing kitchen area. The first level of the addition will expand the dining area of the existing food court and provide a coffee shop/computer lounge with 24-hour accessibility. The second level will contain a large, 8,000-square-foot multipurpose room with banquet seating for 400 people and associated food service/storage spaces. The kitchen area renovation will modernize the space to update the layout and equipment for a more effective food service operation. Construction on the project will begin sometime in November.

"The expansion of the Oakland Center is an excellent investment in the student life of our campus," said Kimberly Langley, student liaison to the board. "It's something students have been anticipating for a long time."

Duce Simmons Associates was selected as the design firm based on competitive bidding and experience with similar building types. The board also approved their schematic designs of the addition and building renovations and approved retaining the J.M. Olson Corporation as the construction manager for the project. Current construction projects the Olson Corporation manages for OU include the School of Education and Human Services building and the new parking structure.

"We worked with students, staff members and the design firm to come up with an appealing design for this addition to the Oakland Center," said Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder in her comments to the board. "We listened to the students very carefully with regard to their priorities. We felt that a two-story addition would be attractive and allow for a multipurpose activity space that we lack in the current building for dances, lectures and films. The computer lab also provides a service that students have repeatedly requested."

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

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

Vandenberg Hall Dining Center

- Center of Refreshment
- Fresh Grille
- Garden Emporium
- Market Carvery
- Menutainment
- Morning Editions
- Sandwich Central
- Terra Ve
- Trattoria Pizza n' Pasta

Yacht Club Convenience Store

- C-store
- Noble Roman's Pizza
- Ritazza

School of Education Building

- Center of Refreshment
- Expanded Outtakes
- Krispy Kreme
- Ritazza

In addition to the new food outlets, Chartwells will offer expanded service hours on weekends and evenings. Chartwells also will participate in the existing SpiritCa\$h program and accept SpiritCa\$h purchases.

The overall plan includes a 5.5 percent increase in the residential room and board rate. The rate will increase from \$4,978 to \$5,252, or by \$274.

The board also approved:

- The general fund budget and tuition and fee rate increases for fiscal year 2003. See the **fiscal year 2003 budget** story for more information.
- The Trustee Academic Success Fund proposal for 2002-2003. This program's goal is to recruit and retain a diverse student body and expand the cultural horizons of all students to prepare them for post-graduate employment in a multicultural world. The program promotes undergraduate enrichment by providing a diverse student environment and responds directly to OU's **2010 Profile**.
- A new Bachelor of Science in financial information systems to be offered by the **School of Business Administration** beginning this fall. The degree integrates information technology and financial information in the development of business information systems.
- A new Bachelor of Science in wellness, health promotion and injury prevention to be offered by the **School of Health Sciences** beginning this fall. The degree allows students to choose a specialization in one of six areas: general health enhancement, interventions in wellness, complementary medicine, injury prevention, exercise science and pre-professional studies.
- Honorary degrees for former Michigan Governor William G. Milliken and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Comerica Bank Eugene A. Miller at OU's Dec. 21, 2002 commencement ceremony.

Proceeding with the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the north section of Wilson Hall and repair of deteriorated pavement on campus, including sections of Wilson Boulevard, Oakland Center service area, Meadow Brook Drive/Sunset Lane, Sunset Terrace Drive and Mansion Drive/Sunset Lane.

- Proceeding with repairs to the pedestrian bridge over the lake, the lake's banks/shoreline, and to add landscaping.
- Revisions to the solid waste disposal contract.
- Modifying the Viron Energy Services Agreement, which allows for alternative energy service saving measures.
- Resolutions honoring Kimberly Langley and Adam Kochenderfer, student liaisons to the Board of Trustees.

The full meeting agenda and most supporting materials are available online at the **Board of Trustees** Web site.

All board materials are available for review in the Oakland University Board Office, 203 Wilson Hall. For more information, contact Rhonda Saunders at (248) 370-3112 or saunders@oakland.edu.

SUMMARY

A two-story expansion of the Oakland Center and a new food service provider for campus was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 5. The board also approved a five-year contract with Chartwells, which replaces ARAMARK as the food service provider on campus.

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