

Brodhead asks for more import duty on autos

U.S. Rep. William Brodhead, D-Detroit, has called upon the U.S. Customs Service to change the classification of imported small trucks under which Japanese automakers have avoided paying \$600 million in import duties in seven years.

In a letter to Commissioner of Customs Robert E. Chasen, Brodhead demanded that the Customs Service charge the Congressionally mandated 25 percent import duty on small trucks rather than the 4 percent currently being charged.

Depicting it as a giveaway, Brodhead said that Japanese small truck exporters have developed a ploy for evading the higher truck tariff.

They simply remove the cargo beds from otherwise totally road-ready trucks and then take the cab chassis and the truck bed through customs separately as parts.

When the truck is broken down in this manner the importer pays only the 4 percent duty which applies to parts and chassis rather than the 25 percent duty which applies to trucks.

"The crowing irony of this procedure is that the importer in many instances uses a customs warehouse within the United States to remove the cargo bed," Brodhead explained.

"When the truck goes through customs, it is re-assembled, the whole operation costs \$150, a tiny fraction of \$5,000 average cost of vehicles."

BRODHEAD SAID he will circulate the letter for signatures to all other members of congress with special emphasis on his fellow members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Farmington Hills music student awarded scholarship at Alma

Ann Simanek, an Alma College junior from Farmington Hills, has been selected by the music department faculty members to receive special recognition. Dr. Paul Russell, department chairman, announced recently.

She has been awarded the George and Hilda Thomas Scholarship.

"This scholarship honors George Thomas, a retired minister of music at Detroit's Westminister Church, and is awarded periodically to a music student whose achievement and talent are outstanding," Russell said.

Miss Simanek is a flutist for both the Alma College Kiltie Band and the Alma

Symphony Orchestra and has been selected as a participant in the Michigan Small Colleges Honors Band for the second-straight year.

She started playing the flute in the fifth grade.

"It was very frustrating at first," she said. "But after about a year, things started clicking and flute playing felt very natural, almost too easy."

"When I got to high school I started looking at my playing as a form of self-expression. The music department at Harrison High School was a big inspiration. I've always loved to practice, and like to think of playing with music rather than simply performing it."

Miss Simanek is considering a career in music therapy or ensemble performance. "I hope that no matter what career I choose, I'll be able to continue performing in small orchestras or other ensembles," she said.

A 1977 graduate of Harrison High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Simanek.

From rock to restaurant Deejay opens 'Gathering'

By MARY GNIEWEK

Radio listeners might remember him as the disc-jockey who hosted WDRQ-FM's "The Gospel According to Paul," a Sunday morning show that mixed God, love, and rock and roll.

The jock, Paul Nicholas, has moved from rocker to restaurateur



PAUL NICHOLAS

entrepreneur with the opening of The Gathering in Farmington. Replacing the short-lived Winston's Pub at 32305 Grand River, Nicholas opened for business last Thursday. Amidst first-day orientation to the world of bill collectors, deliveries, and last-minute repairs for a dishwasher, he talked about the career change.

At 25, Nicholas leaves behind a 14-year radio career. It began as an after-school adventure for a 12-year-old kid at an obscure FM station and ended at WTWR-FM, where he spun easy listening music at the Renaissance Center station owned by Hollywood's singing cowboy Gene Autry.

"I felt I was at the right age to make a move into business," said Nicholas in a soft radio voice. "I've always had a dream of owning my own business."

He sees the restaurant as a natural progression to his real interest: serving and being with people.

"I enjoy working with people. That's why I got into radio."

As host and creator of the rating's hit "Gospel According to Paul," Nicholas was able to reach thousands of Detroit-area listeners over the shows four-year run. The talk-music

show encouraged the audience to call in and discuss problems ranging from adultery to depression.

"THE SHOW was credited with preventing more than 1,000 suicides," he recalled. "It had quite a following."

That, like the restaurant, was one of his dreams.

"I think so often people need a friend, they feel no one really cares. "It all goes back to relating our situation here," he said, seated in his small office in the rear of the restaurant.

"We want good people to have a nice place to go, a warm place with a relaxed atmosphere."

The Gathering is the ideal type place Nicholas himself would choose for a night out.

"I've eliminated all the things that've bothered me about other places — loud music during dinner, a strict disco or a strict rock and roll format."

The Gathering will feature a Thursday through Saturday disc jockey who'll spin records from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. The music will be a combination of oldies, easy rock and roll, and some disco.

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