

Mixed music to rock three bars

By Sean McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The sounds of rock will be abundant on West O Street this weekend. Over three nights, 36 bands will play at three bars. The Hurricane, Knickerbockers and P.O. Pears will be hosts for the Grain Reaper's Harvest Ball.

Tobie Stratford, organizer of the Harvest Ball, has been planning the event since May. She said she chose the three bars because of their location.

"West O is really developing for live music on a consistent basis," she said.

Some of the local bands that will play in the Harvest Ball include No Left Stone, Amor'ee, Heroes and Villains and Morphine Angel.

"I really hope the people are there for this," said John Fynbu, lead singer of Morphine Angel.

Fynbu described Morphine Angel's sound as post-punk-gothic rock. Angel's heavy use of drum machines and use of smoke on the stage are part of its gothic trademark.

"We're always gagging from the smoke, but we don't terribly overdo it," Fynbu said. "It's nothing like Kiss."

Morphine Angel will be playing Thursday at Knickerbockers along with Tragedy Playground, Grimace and St. Nickelhead. The lineup at Knickerbockers features a harder lineup than The Hurricane or P.O. Pears. Stratford said she tried to cater each band's sound to the bars when deciding the lineup.

"P.O. Pears has very danceable music and Knickerbockers has a lot of the harder sounding bands, while The Hurricane is somewhere in the middle," she said.

Ernie Pulos, who handles promotions at Knickerbockers, said that the lineup at Knickerbockers followed a theme throughout the Ball.

"Thursday features a local alternative lineup while Friday is more bluesish, and Saturday features more touring bands," Pulos said. "We're



Courtesy of Heroes and Villains

Heroes and Villains are, from left: Kevin Pond, Chris Hadfield, John Laffer Jr. and Tony Lamar.

Quik Facts

- Event:** Grain Reaper's Harvest Ball
- At:** The Hurricane, Knickerbockers and P.O. Pears
- Times:** today, Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8:30 p.m.
- Tickets:** \$13 for all three nights, available at Twisters; \$6 for one night, at the door

phine Ceiling, Dashboard Mary and Sufferbus, will be his first in Lincoln since he left in 1989.

Book of Wheels has been together since 1991, Herold said. Since the band formed, they have gained a growing cult following around Minneapolis, he said.

Some of the clubs that Herold has played in Minneapolis include Seventh Street Entry and Grand Slam, a nightclub owned by the former Prince.

Herold said that Book of Wheels had a different sound of music beyond the mainstream. Many of Wheel's lyrics rely on storytelling.

"Without trying to sound pretentious, our music is about how the technology and the isolation of our lifestyle has blinded us to see how we see each other and ourselves," Herold said.

Tickets are available at Twisters, one of the event's sponsors. Tickets are \$13 for all three nights and all three bars. For people who only want to see one night of the Harvest Ball, tickets are \$6 at the door. The price covers all 12 bands playing that night.

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In addition to local bands, the Harvest Ball will also feature some regional bands. The Kansas City, Mo., band Solefish, Omaha's Beef Curtains, Acoustic Juice from Lawrence, Kan., and Book of Wheels, a Minneapolis band, are some of the featured bands from outside of Lincoln.

Scott Herold, a member of Book of Wheels, also is a former Lincolnite. His band's performance Saturday at Knickerbockers, along with Cello-

Grain Reaper's Harvest Ball

Today	Friday	Saturday
Knickerbocker's 901 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.	Knickerbocker's 901 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.	Knickerbocker's 901 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.
Tragedy Playground 9:45 p.m.	Amor'ee 9:45 p.m.	Book of Wheels 9:45 p.m.
Grimace 11:00 p.m.	Stone Sundae 11:00 p.m.	Cellophane Ceiling 11:00 p.m.
St. Nickelhead 12:15 p.m.	Flatwater Circus 12:15 p.m.	Dashboard Mary 12:15 p.m.
Morphine Angel	Big Sky Showcase	Sufferbus
P.O. Pears 322 S. Ninth St. 8:30 p.m.	P.O. Pears 322 S. Ninth St. 8:30 p.m.	P.O. Pears 322 S. Ninth St. 8:30 p.m.
The Roadside Band 9:45 p.m.	The Now 9:45 p.m.	Living Proof 9:45 p.m.
Jumpin' Kate 11:00 p.m.	Beef Curtains 11:00 p.m.	Heroes & Villains 11:00 p.m.
Die Waiting 12:15 p.m.	Jack Timberfish 12:15 p.m.	Plowbabe 12:15 p.m.
Beatkitchen	Geowerk	Chair
The Hurricane 1118 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.	The Hurricane 1118 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.	The Hurricane 1118 'O' St. 8:30 p.m.
Solefish 9:45 p.m.	Acoustic Juice 9:45 p.m.	Tea & Sympathy 9:45 p.m.
No Left Stone 11:00 p.m.	Slowdown Virginia 11:00 p.m.	Hatful of Rain 11:00 p.m.
Town Crier 12:15 p.m.	Honey 12:15 p.m.	Nudie Voodoo 12:15 p.m.
Accidental Sisters	Iris Anvil	Stick Figures

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