

Chefs cook up gourmet exhibit at OCC

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES

Tables of food snaked down the halls in glistening mounds of breads, glazed birds and high-rise cakes as schools from throughout the metropolitan area competed in the Fifth Annual Culinary Arts Competition at Northland Center last week.

The event was sponsored by Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, in cooperation with the Food Services Executive Association, the

Food Industry Council and the Michigan Restaurant Association.

Thirteen high schools, colleges and vocational institutes participated including Lahser High School, Plymouth-Salem High School and the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.

One of the landmarks of the site, always visible above the heads of the judges and students, was the high white hat of retired chef Jean Caubet of Southfield, who believes that a pro-

fessional approach to food preparation and management shows at any stage of a career.

Caubet was trained in Toulouse, France, and came to Detroit in 1924 as one of the staff which opened the Book Cadillac Hotel. He was the Executive Chef of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, has worked as chef in clubs throughout the city, and opened the kitchen at Cobo Hall for Rounell Catering Services.

"If I was opening a restaurant and looking for talented help I would recognize it immediately from the show such as this," Caubet said. "I could see whether a student prepares fine foods and presents it well."

"I have known competitors to cover a loaf of bread with pastry and call it a galantine, but they cannot do this when I am a judge because I taste to be sure that it is properly prepared."

"Very few chefs can prepare this kind of dish any more."

Judges from throughout the metropolitan area included James Skinner of the P.F. Peister Co. of Southfield, Leopold Shaeli and Martin Kreger of Madhus Enterprises and Jack Bedell of Bedell's Restaurant, both of Birmingham.

THE CULINARY arts competition was "fathered" several years ago by Marty Bishop of Superior Coffee Co., who is on the advisory board of the food program at Oakland County Community College.

Bishop, who lives in Franklin Village, says that there is a severe shortage of culinary schools in Michigan, and that competition of this kind inevitably upgrade the level of management trainees in the hospitality industry.

"Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College have full

degree hospitality schools but they are always full," Bishop said. "Schoolcraft gets 600 applications for 50 spaces."

The situation should be eased when OCC opens a new four-year culinary arts school at its Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills in September.

Bishop says that any spectator can judge the food presentation at such a competition simply by using common sense.

"Judges look at table presentation, originality, quality of work and the same small things that you would notice," he said. "Does the tablecloth cover the table properly and hang to the floor as you would expect it to do at home? Does the food look professionally presented on the platter? Is it attractive? Does it look like it would taste good?"

STUDENTS CROWDING around the tables entered food in seven categories: canapés, decorated meat and fish, galantines, mousses and aspics, pastries, decorated cakes and tortes, breads, and general decorative centerpieces, salt carvings or wax works.

Don Steadman of Farmington Hills, the executive director of the Food Industry Council, considers student involvement an important part of the educational process in food management.

The food council is part of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Com-

merce, and represents 27 segments of the food industry from restaurants and supermarkets to dairies.

LAHSEY HIGH SCHOOL students, with instructor Jenny Peterson, submitted a table of cakes, hors d'oeuvres and shaped bread. At a table nearby, students from Hazel Park High School hovered over a high, tiered wedding cake which has been raffled to a bride through Channel 7 television.

Students from Plymouth-Salem High School entered a large heart-shaped cake, which had a central position on its table in the mall.

It was all very elegant, but it was too much for many of the small children who passed the tables at lunchtime. The judges were fast but they weren't fast enough to catch the tiny dark-haired shopper who ran her finger through the intricate icing of a showpiece cake and took a lick.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Quakertown Chapter, will meet March 21 in the home of Mrs. Bruce Robinson, Farmington Hills.

A luncheon will honor Julie Markovick, the winner of the DAR Good Citizen Award from Harrison High School.



Two of the aspiring chefs in the show from Farmington are Clover Hebel (left) and David Chuchula who take a final look at Chuchula's wedding cake before the judging. When judging was over he took a second place award in the canapés and hors d'oeuvres division. (Photo by Allen Schlossberg)



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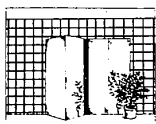
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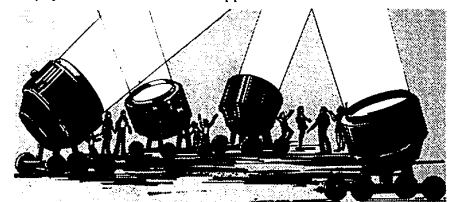
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