

Television chef Douglas Duglass and his maitre d', Joseph Calemme, prepare a gastronomic treat. (Staff photo by Art Emmanuel)

## College, cops get contract

In what is becoming a winter-quarter pattern, more students are enrolling at Oakland Community College's (OCC) four campuses, but they are taking fewer credit hours.

OCC President Robert Roelofs last week told trustees a "minor increase in headcount just about offset a minor decrease in average credit hours."

According to unofficial enrollment totals, 18,557 students will be attending winter classes. Last year, 18,089 students enrolled for the winter quarter.



## Hotel rooms will be scarce during GOP 1980 convention

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

If you have out-of-town friends planning a mid-summer visit to Detroit in 1980, it might be best if they stayed with you. There will be few hotel and motel rooms available from July 14-18 next year when the Republican National Convention comes to Detroit.

Because the Republican convention site selection committee demanded 20,000 committed rooms—enough to handle the army of Republican officials, delegates, alternates, reporters and television technicians—the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau had to scramble to come up with several thousand more rooms.

In November, the convention bureau had booked nearly 18,000 rooms around the metropolitan area. As the site selection committee was going into its conclave in Washington, the bureau had rounded up another 1,500 rooms.

According to convention bureau spokesmen, about 20 suburban motels

were added to the updated GOP housing list, and a number of the 120 hotels and motels that had already committed rooms increased their commitments.

Some motels, such as the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills refused to set aside any more rooms in advance but spokesmen said they would be willing to accept reservations if additional space were needed.

BECAUSE DETROIT, even with large commitments from the Detroit Plaza Hotel, the Radisson-Cadillac and the Hotel Pontchartrain, could not accommodate all the delegates, many will be housed in Oakland County, out-Wayne County, Windsor, Ann Arbor and Monroe County.

According to room totals supplied in November, Oakland County hotels and motels will house nearly 4,000 conventioners. That represents about 21 per cent of the total.

More than 2,700 delegates are expected to crowd western Wayne County motels.

## Women's group enjoys gourmet cooking show

By TERESA BANAS

Who else (of local recognition) would garnish a dinner plate with roses but Douglas, Douglas—a man who so eloquently changed his name from Douglas Grech to Douglas doubled.

The televised chef and personality extraordinaire was on hand at a recent luncheon of the Redford Suburban League. There, he pranced and enhanced some very ordinary ingredients with his own patented style. He even dropped a few plugs for his own, newly opened Southfield Restaurant called—what else—but Douglas, Douglas.

Duglass appeared before the women's group at their monthly meeting held at Livonia's Vladimir's Banquet Hall. About 100 women attended and displayed their delight with helpful kitchen hints.

Such as: There are no short cuts to cooking. It's a matter of trial and

error until you get it right.

Duglass himself later admitted he bombed at his first culinary attempt. He bombed at rice pudding at the age of 12. However, we all know he grew up and graduated to accomplish more complicated feasts.

After demonstrating the preparation of a dessert called Banana Foster, he said: "It takes a lot of guts but it's a wonderful thing for a woman to prepare dessert in front of her guests."

But about gourmet food, Duglass said, surprisingly: "I don't eat it. But I sure do like to cook it."

Duglass also talked about a new trend emerging in the preparation of French food. He says the trend steers away from heavy sauces made with flour and starches. Pureed vegetables should now be used for thickening sauces.

He says it's a practice he has incorporated at his new restaurant.

Duglass, who says he is insecure

doing speaking engagements, says this one is one of the few he has done recently because of his busy schedule since opening the new restaurant.

"I'm not a professional speaker,"

he says. "I was thrown into it."

The arrangement was made last year by this month's program coordinator, Ginny Burkhardt. Duglass was accompanied by his maitre d', Joseph Calemme.

## Clean air hearing Feb. 14

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a hearing on the revised clean air plan for the state at 1 p.m. Feb. 14 in the community arts auditorium at the State Fairgrounds on Woodward near Eight Mile Road.

Arguments are expected over a vehicle inspection plan.

"Clean air is everyone's business," said DNR air quality chief Del Rector, "and these hearings offer citizens an opportunity to help shape Michigan's air pollution control programs before they take effect."

The most controversial part of the plan, according to Rector, will be the

mandated requirement for a motor vehicle inspection-maintenance program to help meet federal clean air standards.

The motor vehicle inspections, according to the plan, are necessary to cut carbon monoxide emissions and bring the state into compliance with the beefed-up provisions of the federal clean air act. The act's provisions were toughened by amendments in 1977.

After the clean air plan is reviewed and approved at the state level, Gov. William Milliken will submit it to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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