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table talk

River Place

The restaurants of River Place Inn, Detroits next small luxury ho-tel, feature fresh cheese, meat and produce flown in from all parts of Michigan. Executive Chef Victor Gentile says he may buy products at the Eastern Market or have products flown in from the Upper Peninsula if they aren't available locally. Among his specialities are whilefields soup, and veal sweetbreads sauteed with oyster muschrooms, pine naits and ar-tichke hearts. Menus in the River Hoom and the Tavern are revised daily.

Stately Dinner

Next monthly Stately Dinner at Meadow Brock Hall will be present-ed Friday, March 16, on the Oakhand University campus in Rochester Hills. Chef Steven Machlay (who re-cently was chosen to attend the School for American Chefs at Ber-inger Vineyards in California's Napa Valley) is preparing a meal that in-cludes hors doeuvres, garpacho, black sea bass poached in red wine, mango sorbet, sliced leg of lamb stuffed with pesto and prosciutto ar-companied by roasted field potatees and brussels sproats, sliced expon slad with ratic-tho and Belgian en-dive, and baked apple flam. A recep-tion at 7:30 pm. begins with hors drewures and aperitifs in the Great

Hall, along with casual touring of the main floor. Candlelight dinner with wines is at 8 p.m. Reservations are \$70 per purson. For more informa-tion call 3703-3140.

Love feast

The Salute to Aphrodite, a love feast, continues every Tuesday night at the Rhinoceros restaurant in by-troi's Rivertown. The "aphrodisac menu" was researched and prepared by Chef Mark Schwartz. An art show, and music by Paul Vornhagen on saxophone are part of the eve-ning.

Chef Raphael

Chez Raphael and Chef Edward Janos were among those highlighted in a recent issue of Gastroomy-magazine as exemplifying the best of the restaurants and chefs in the Midwest. Achille Bianch's wine hat recently received a Distinguished Achievement Award of Excellency-from the Wine Spectator. The Contrel de la Chaine des Iton-tisseurs, international goarmet soc-ety, recently invited Bianch-to the thermal problem of the special dinner in mid-March for the Chiegan Chaptater of the chaine, for which I2 of Michagan'-chaine, for which I2 of Michagan'-ting the dinner.

