



New mega college has practical vision

THREE of Port Elizabeth's top technical colleges merged earlier this year to form a mega Further Education and Training (FET) centre.

Bethelsdorp Technical College, Iqhayiya College and Russell Road College combined to form the Port Elizabeth College. The new college has five campuses, located across the city in Central, Strandale and the Northern Areas. Pre- to post-matric courses are offered.

According to Wille Durant, co-

ordinator of Corporate Affairs at the PE College, the emphasis has changed slightly and the colleges will now be looking more towards pre-matric, while at the same time still focusing on higher education.

"Students will be able to concentrate less on academics and more on the practical side, as each course has practical components," she said.

A new logo has been designed and a new corporate identity is being introduced.

"An interim single council was

established when the three colleges merged, and we expect the permanent council and new CEO to be appointed early in the new year."

An administrator from the provincial government is presently acting as CEO.

The rectors from the disestablished institutions, Johan Burger, Dorian Baartzes and Noma Mkencele, are currently in acting director positions for Programmes, Finance and Administration, and Human Resources and Institutional

Development.

"One of the many benefits of this bigger college is that we are now able to serve the whole community effectively. The individual strengths of the former colleges have been consolidated to the benefit of all learners as well as commerce and industry."

The Heath Park campus, part of the Bethelsdorp campus, will still offer Business Studies and Utility Services such as Hospitality and Catering.



Wille Durant

THE Port Elizabeth College opens for enrolment from January 13 to 20.

For further information call the Russell Road campus on 041-5857771, the Iqhayiya campus on 041-4013800 or the Bethelsdorp campus on 041-4812171.

The Dower campus will still offer Engineering, while the Iqhayiya campus will offer Engineering, Business Studies and Skills Training.

The Erica campus still looks after the Art and Design courses.

The Russell Road campus is "basically the hub of the PE College," said Mrs Durant. Courses will remain unchanged, with Utility Services, Business Studies, Engineering and the Centre for Continued Learning open in the afternoons and evenings.

The college recently acquired a Victoria Memorial house in Hirsch Avenue, Central. The Utility Services division will be located there from 2003.

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