

# OCC choice revealed

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI  
Robert Field Roelofs, according to good sources, is likely to become Oakland Community College's (OCC) next president.

Roelofs, the 60-year-old president of Macomb County Community College (MCCC), must first pass a physical examination and then get out of his contract with MCCC.

Spokesmen for OCC say no official decision has been made. Other sources, however, indicate that the seven-member board of trustees recently met in a closed session and singled out Roelofs as the "preferential choice."

Roelofs was unavailable for comment, but William Hoerauf, his executive assistant, said he has not received any official offer.

"We've heard the stories. Apparently there's something to them," he said.

ROELOFS, WITH a background in industry, emerged from a pack of four finalists. That list included Harold D. McAninch, president of Joliet Junior College; Michael E. Paradise, president of Central Technical Community College in Hastings, Neb.; and R. Stephen Nicholson, president of Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.

Prior to becoming president of MCCC in 1975, Roelofs had little background in academia. His entire career background is in the steel industry—president of Midwest Steel Corp., president of Great Lakes Steel Corp., vice president of National Steel Corp. and executive vice president of Empire-Detroit Steel Corp.

Gordon Henderson, chairman of OCC's board of trustees, said there was no set schedule for bringing the new president on board. He said, however, that the board might be willing to make an official offer Thursday.

## Helen Milliken enlisted by Oakland Republicans

Oakland County Republicans are searching for support.

They've enlisted Helen Milliken, the governor's wife, to kick off another recruiting effort.

Mrs. Milliken will be whirling around Oakland County Tuesday cutting ribbons, opening GOP campaign phone centers, and making random phone calls to Oakland residents.

She will officially open phone centers in Birmingham, Pontiac and Royal Oak. At each of the stops, Mrs. Milliken will make a random phone call urging voters to go with the Republican ticket in the November election.

The state's first lady will open the Birmingham Center, which will be located in the Studio Four Theater at 391 S. Woodward, at 10:50 a.m.

An hour later she will open the Bloomfield-Pontiac center at 909 N. Woodward across from St. Joseph Hospital.



HELEN MILLIKEN  
Aids Oakland GOP

## Bishop opposing new con con

Proposal "A" got bad grades from State Sen. Donald Bishop (R-Rochester).

"The measure, which is required to appear on the November 7 ballot by the present constitution, asks whether voters wish to keep the current constitution for another 16 years or draft a new one."

"The cost of funding a con con in 1978 is estimated at between \$8 million and \$10 million," Bishop said.

"The present constitution has only been in operation for 16 years and has hardly had enough time to reach its full effectiveness," he said. While he acknowledged some "minor flaws," he

said a completely new constitution is unnecessary.

"Any changes in the constitution which the voters or lawmakers believe necessary can be achieved by placing a proposed amendment on the November ballot," he said.

In addition to defending the state's present constitution, the Rochester Republican charged that Michigan Democrats see a con con as an opportunity to introduce fundamental changes into the state's government. Such fundamental changes, Bishop said, could include introducing a graduated income tax.

## Confusion on Columbus

In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue," goes the old rhyme. But for the rest of his story, history often has had trouble keeping up with the facts.

Historians think Columbus was born in Genoa—or Greece, Switzerland, Portugal, or Spain. Some say he was a Basque pirate.

Experts argue whether he was Catholic or Jewish. Nobody knows what he looked like—no paintings from life survive. But descriptions say he had car-

rot-colored hair, blue eyes, a ruddy face, a long nose, and was "more than middling tall."

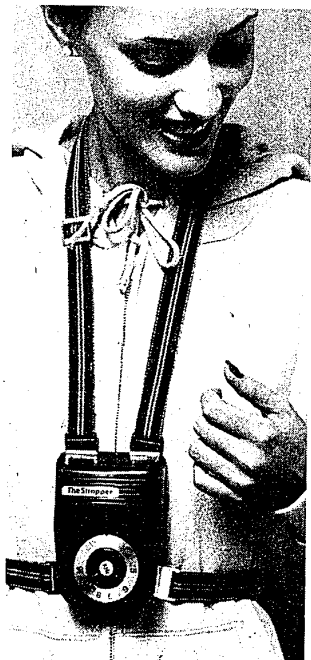
Columbus is buried either in Italy, or in today's Dominican Republic overlooking his first-discovered shore, but not in the Cathedral of Seville, Spain—where his bones turned out to be those of a teenage girl when his sarcophagus was opened a few years ago.

That's confusion enough for Columbus' strongest oath: "...by San Fernando!"

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