OCC picks humanist as president of 'family'

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This time Oakland Community Col-lege is hiring an academic humanist as president — R. Stephen Nicholson, cur-rently president of Mount Hood Com-munity College in Greaham, Ore. "I wanted a change. He has a less corporate style, more humanistic."

"I wanted a change. He has a less corporate siyle, more humanistic," said veteran OCC trustee David Hack-ett of Rochester. Hacket is teacher by profession, participated Monday in hir-ing his third OCC predicet. . "If feel he brings a new element of humanism and cooperation," said Hackett in making the motion to hire Nichtlein formers matter

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tionships. He also was first choice of the facul-ty and staff. After tratees void 7-0 to make Nicholson the offer, Walter Fightmaster, provoit of OCC's South-east Campus System, revealed a secret: The 21-member faculty-staff Praidee-tial Advisory Committee, which recom-mended fire finalists from a field of 15, had taken its own poll and rated Ni-cholson No. 1.

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University of Michigan doctoral candi-data serving her second term on the board. She outlined the history of OCC's previous presidents:
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• John Tirrell, president wars use college was organized in the mid-1965 and known as "Jack the Jet," was good at raising money and lobbying OCC's cause in Lanzing, (Nicholson Uzst bard of, and became an admirer of, OCC during these years. In the 50s, he was academic dean at Lansing Community College)

academic dean at Lansing Community College.) • Joseph Hill, an educational theor-ist, was a curriculum man and deep into "cognitive learning styles." Rey-nolds said Hill abhorred the thought of vocational-technical programs. Hull also enforced an isolationist policy, re-

to a process brown mained to fusing to join associations of other community colleges or to let his staff join such associations. He died in 1978. Roelofs, the businessman. He in-troduced a rafi of vocational pro-grams, became an expect on general community college inance, brought OCC into associations with other col-leges and oversaw the starting of a foundation. (Nicholon had been among the finalists when Roelofs was hired.)

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THE HIRING procedure this time was different, probably reflecting Roe-lots' influence. Instead of going it alose, the OCC beard hired consultants from the Association of Community College Trustees and involved the staff. "The procedure was more democrat-WAREHOUSE

Nicholson on students, colleges

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Ic." aald trustee Hackett. "They in-in philosophy and history from Marion (nd.) College in 1950, studied at the ACCT helped the college draw a pro-file of a president, then winnowed 55 guage in 1951, received a mazikr's de-applicants down to 15. These were gree in cultural antiropology from turned over to the 31. member faculty-staff committee, which gave the board is list off re inalists without revealing. After being an instructor and dean at list ling of Nicholson. After being and instructor and dean at trustee earl Anderson, retired unloc Official from Madison Heights who has utive officer of Clark County Commu-participated in the hiring of all form tity College in La Vegas 198747, talef acco-official from Madison Heights who has utive officer of Clark County Commu-ertier, Til m around the acrit groce-presidents, liked the ACCT proce-board 60 (applicants didn't list their gor's Casacde Monntins. Several tru-age), was a missionary in Japan in 1932-8. He extrade a bachelor's degree lare.

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Heart drug linked to liver cancer

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rm. "The drugs are effective right, and right now

there are no known alternative to help some fyupes of potential beart attack victims or persons with hyperlipidenia," Chatterjee said. "But the drugs have been found to be tonic to the liver. The laboratory tests on rodenis do raise some real questions about the drugs safety. Chatterjee has received a \$17,000 grant from the American Heart Association of Michigan for a pilot study of the problem. Using genetic engineering, she will attempt to determine what happens when the drugs interact with liver cells — and how nor-mal genes become cancerous.



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