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Do you Tae Kwon Do? Unless you have mastered this Korean form of martial art as skillfully as Albert Li, you probably don't. Li, a certified black belt, demonstrates self-defense techniques for the KIAI! presentation sponsored by the Asian American Student Association Wednesday night in the EMU. A crowd of nearly 200 watched as hands and feet braved both bricks and boards. The program was designed to bring a touch of Asian culture into focus as part of the Asian students' cultural week. While self defense is important, Li said the best defense of all is "fast feet" — or running VERY quickly.



Chop - chop

Photo by Patrick Sullivan

Amazon tenants question rate raises

By MARY BETH ALLEN
Of the Emerald

Amazon residents are charging that a University housing office decision to raise the Amazon building replacement value rate violates a policy agreement between the office and the Amazon Housing Family Policy Board.

Also stemming from the decision are allegations by Amazon Community Tenant (ACT) members that the Amazon budget shows a \$14,000 budget discrepancy.

"The Amazon Family Policy Board is given responsibility for establishing policy — especially policy that has to do with large

dollar allocations," said Don Chalmers, director of the office of student advocacy and a legal representative for the policy board.

"It's clear that the policy change has been made without the policy board's knowledge," continued Chalmers. "I expect the policy board will ask the University to be given their legal authority to re-

view this decision before it's implemented."

Chalmers' remarks were prompted by a Feb. 15 memo from Bob Minshall, housing office business manager, to Richard Romm, assistant housing director, stating that an Amazon budget surplus of \$36,270 announced in December was actually a budget deficit of

\$45,810. Romm explained Monday the difference as a misinterpretation of University accounting systems.

Amazon residents are dissatisfied with this explanation. Members of ACT claim that the difference stems from the unauthorized

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Boyd calls for new registration process

Low credit hour loads financially crippling

By RICHARD SEVEN
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University Pres. William Boyd, talking at a Wednesday press conference, said he is actively advocating a new registration process to increase "students' academic opportunities" and legislative funding.

Boyd estimated that the University is losing \$1 million a year because students aren't taking enough credit hours. Instead of taking 15 hours a term, which the Legislature considers to be a fulltime load, students are averaging only 11.8 hours per term.

So even though students pay full-time fees, the University loses state revenues based on a legislative reimbursement formula for total hours taken.

Boyd puts part of the blame for declining

student hours on the University's present registration system.

"Our present registration system has always been defective on two levels," Boyd said. "Number one, it doesn't make enough classes available at the right times for our students. Secondly, it masks demands that students are unable to express through our present system. We badly need a pre-registration system."

Boyd said students are too often unable to get the classes they want or need, and rather than fill their schedules with meaningless hours, they just take fewer credit hours.

Given the present registration situation, Boyd says there isn't much the University can do because "we are not free to direct that students have to take a particular class load."

Another possible reason for the decline of average student credit hours is a corresponding decline in the "work ethic" among 18-22 year olds, according to Boyd.

Boyd said he has actively supported a computerized registration system since he has joined the University, and said he realizes that efforts to switch to it were researched long before that.

"We're three registrars later, and we will continue to go through them until we get an effective, rational system," Boyd said.

Boyd expects the system to be implemented by fall 1979.

Boyd said the change process will "involve student and faculty acceptance along with leadership and design." Gerald Moseley, associate provost for student affairs, will provide much of that leadership

and design, Boyd continued.

Opposition to the change may occur, the president warned.

"Some people believe the present system is better than the rationalized system I want. They believe it's important to keep the process a face-to-face encounter. I am unmoved by that discussion."

Boyd likened the discussion to an earlier time in his administrative career when dormitories were sprouting up because of student growth.

"At that time, the campus architects were arguing in favor of 'gang-toilets' because they would enhance socialization," he said. All it seemed to do was complicate co-educational living. I lost that time like I've been losing over the registration change for two and a half years now."