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## AHC to give views on policy to board

By ELIZABETH BURA  
Staff Writer

Area Hall Council is presenting survey results on the proposed residence halls guest policy to the board of trustees at its Oct. 14 meeting.

Jean Miller, program coordinator for residence halls, said AHC president Debbie Ciupak will make a five-minute speech concentrating on students' opinions of the policy.

Proposed changes include the possibility of added nightwatch in some residence halls and a distinction between the terms guest and visitor.

A visitor, according to the policy, is a university student or staff member, while a guest is anyone else.

The cost of added nightwatch to Hill and Van Wagoner Houses, Fitzgerald and Anibal halls is estimated at \$30,000.

THE WORDING was informally added by Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, and President Joseph Champagne, according to Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs. He thinks the differentiation came as a result of disproportionately high disciplinary problems with non-university students. "They feel we have no authority over them," he said.



University students were not included in the stricter policy because, "They're already a member of the community."

Jack Wilson  
They have a stake in our environment...we want them to feel welcome in the residence halls," Wilson said.

The board of trustees has not yet seen the policy, said Catherine Rogg, senior executive secretary to John DeCarlo, secretary to the board. A university affairs committee composed of board members Patricia Hartmann, Howard Simms and Stephen Sharf reviewed the policy on Aug. 12, along with 12 or 13 other proposals, according to Rogg.

After reviewing the policy, the committee asked Ray-Bledsoe to bring it before the students. Board member Phyllis Googasian is also on the committee but was not present at the Aug. 12 meeting.

## Author says country living on past success

American schools weak,  
Halberstam says

By CATHERINE KAZA  
News Editor

Americans have become too complacent about their place in the world, according to David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. "We need to get off of automatic pilot," Halberstam said to an on-campus audience of 600 business leaders and university officials at a luncheon business forum at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion Oct. 6.

HALBERSTAM, author of *The Reckoning*, a book about Ford Motor Company and the automobile industry, also spoke to about 300 students and the public in an afternoon lecture later that day in the Oakland Center Crockery.

Halberstam said the book is "not a book about autos," but about the United States' "years of easy affluence."

That era "where we were without question the best" is over, according to Halberstam.

"There are other nations out there," he said,

## Pow wow power



The Oakland Post/Ed Hawkinson  
A girl performs in the Indian Festival held from 12 to 1 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge. The Native American Student and Family College Day and Pow Wow was held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Oakland Center.

## Storm, hardware breakdown cause failures

By WENDY WENDLAND  
Editor in Chief

An electrical storm and hardware breakdown caused a power outage and partial break in telephone services in two separate incidents recently.

At 3:55 p.m. Sept. 30 lightning struck a Detroit Edison wire that feeds into a substation near Allerton and Walton, according to Bobb Vergiels, spokesman for Detroit Edison.

The substation serves Oakland University and approximately 400 customers in the Rochester/Auburn Hills area, he said. While Oakland's outage only lasted a short time, the other customers were without power for up to 21 hours.

"Seventeen thousand customers in Oakland County were out for different stretches of time," Vergiels said. "Some went from 4 p.m. to 8 the next morning."

THE ROLM telephone system breakdown occurred Oct. 4 when one of the system's eight processors broke. Jerry Everett, a ROLM/IBM customer support engineer, said the failure affected less than

one-quarter of the campus and was solved in under two hours.

"Some people had trouble placing calls, but they never lost their dial tone," he said.

Everett said he replaced a faulty processor with a new one. A processor is the piece of hardware that runs Oakland's computerized system, he said.

Processors don't affect just one area of the campus, he said. Therefore the phone breakdown occurred in various places throughout campus, not exclusively in one building.

"One person's phone may be fine, while another on the other side of the room may not," he said.

WHILE EVERETT said ROLM phone breakdowns are rare, many administrators said electrical power shutdowns are common.

Jim Graham, computer service operation manager at the office of computer services, said the MULTICS and IBM systems went down because of power shortages at least three times recently. He said several times between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 23, at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 30 and at 12:15 p.m. Oct.

1 the systems were down. Graham said the number of recent program failures is more than normal for this time of year.

OAKLAND is susceptible to power failures because Detroit Edison lines are above ground and subject to storms.

So far this semester Graham estimates the MULTICS system has been down for 10 hours total, and the IBM system for three hours total. Beginning in December, however, the systems will be insured by a battery operated back-up system that will automatically kick in and provide electricity until the Detroit Edison lines have been repaired.

Graham said the program, called UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply), is being funded by a \$125,000 state grant.

But when Oakland loses its power, the computer lab isn't the only area affected. Larry Bartalucci, registrar, said the computer system his office uses shuts down for each power shortage.

The registrar's office is part of the CREDITS system (Computerized Records and Enrollment Data Information Tracking System) that several offices, including ad-

missions and academic advising, hook into.

Bartalucci said that when this system goes down, it needs to be rebooted, which can take anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes.

Also affected by the Sept. 30 power outage was Central Heating. A Honeywell 1,000 computer controls all of the heating and cooling fans on campus. The system has a battery back-up, but when the power loss occurs for any length of time over 7 to 10 minutes, the system must be reloaded, according to Linus Stepp, a master trades worker at the plant.

RELOADING takes approximately an hour, but all of the fans must be manually switched from automatic to manual before the system can be booted, and then switched back from manual to automatic after it's back on line.

Stepp said that because of the large number of fans in each building, the process can be very long. For instance, Stepp said O'Dowd Hall has four main fans, five supply fans, five return fans, and five exhaust fans.

## Faculty say report has little effect on review process

By CATHERINE KAZA  
News Editor

Faculty are preparing a report for the board of trustees on their views of President Joseph Champagne's performance, but many don't think it will have a large impact on the board's own review.

"The board (of trustees) doesn't pay attention" to faculty, according to G. Philip Johnson, math professor and self-described "resident pariah."

James Graham, associate history professor, said while the report "can't hurt," the board "may or may not give weight" to it. He said the board's priorities are "not necessarily the same as faculty."

The ad hoc faculty committee for the review of the president was established shortly after the board of trustees established its presidential review subcommittee in November, 1986.

CHAMPAGNE, who has been university president since 1981, requested a board review last November.

The faculty committee's job is to gather faculty opinions on the president's performance, according to John Barnard, chair of history and the faculty committee. He said a questionnaire for the faculty should be completed and distributed by the end of October. After the survey is complete, the faculty committee will compile the comments and present them to the board subcommittee, hopefully by the end of the semester, according to Barnard.

Donald Bemis, trustee and chair of the board subcommittee, said he expects the board's own gathering of information to be completed soon. "Hopefully everything (will be) wrapped up by next month," he said.

The purpose of both committees is to "make available as many channels" as possible for input, according to Barnard.

While both are receiving input from faculty, the difference between the two is that faculty are doing a "very specific survey, putting things in writing," while the board is gathering information from the university at large, according to board subcommittee member Phyllis Googasian.

The board wants to "provide the chance...to hear individual comments," she said.

Faculty committee member Joseph Hovanesian said he didn't realize the board was accepting comments from faculty and that it was "confusing to faculty."

JOHN DE CARLO, secretary to the board, said it is looking for "constructive recommendations" to improve operation of the university. He said that the board wants information "identifiable and attributable" to a specific source.

However, Barnard said the survey being distributed to faculty will be anonymous, unless the person wants to sign his/her name. In addition, the forms will not go past the committee.

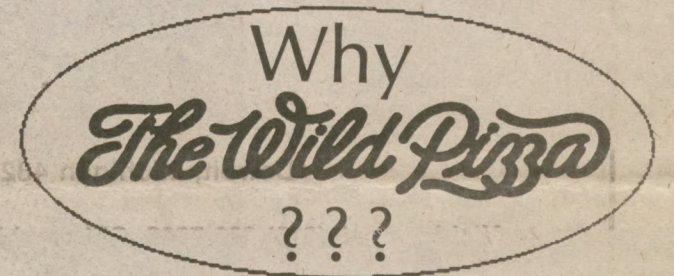
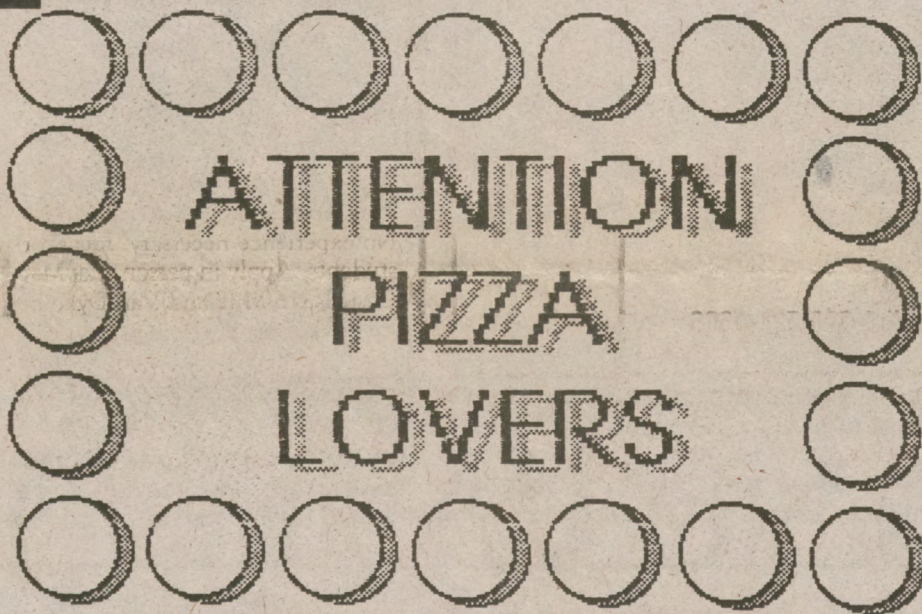
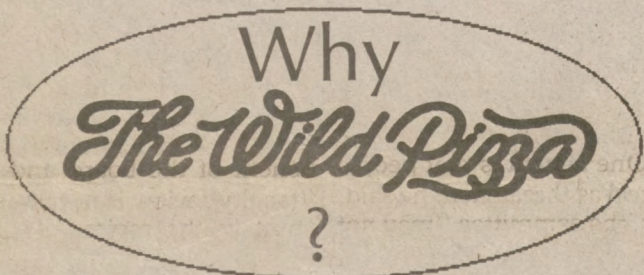
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Journalist and author David Halberstam spoke to more than 300 people Oct. 6 in the Oakland Center Crockery. He also spoke to 600 area business leaders and university officials at a luncheon the same day.

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