Frosh seminars unable to take all interested

(Continued from page 11) Merritt said that recruitment of faculty for the advisors seminars has been difficult. "In many departments, faculty members don't feel they're being rewarded for these things," he explained. Merritt suggested that providing funds for seminar expenses and releasing some teaching obligations for professors participating in the seminar programs would be useful in encouraging faculty.

Provost John M. Deutch '61 sent a letter last spring to all departments asking them what they were going to do to encourage and reward faculty involvement in the freshman initiatives, according to Merritt. The physics department has been the first to respond to Deutch's inquiry, Merritt reported. Jerome I. Friedman, head of the physics department, decided last spring that leading a freshman advisor seminar would count as one course of a professor's teaching load, Merritt said.

"Team advising" also expanded

The team advising program at Baker House expanded this year to include 49 of the 75 freshmen housed there, according to Virginia Sorenson, assistant to the dean for student affairs. Sorenson said ten faculty members are involved in the Baker House program this year.

At 500 Memorial Drive, which also has a team advising group, six faculty are involved with about 32 of the 81 freshmen housed in the dorm. The premise of the team advising program — also in its second experimental year under the freshman initiatives — is that a group of advisors work together with their advisees in the context of a particular department or living group in order to create a large network of contacts, Merritt explained.

Merritt noted that the advising functions are normally carried out on a one-on-one basis, but that occasionally the teams and their advisees meet in small groups. Also, he said, the team tries to have at least one or two large events, like a trip to MIT's Talbot House in Vermont.

Merritt noted that every student who applied to the team advising program — also in its second year, Enterline said, although several dormitory-based regular advisor seminars were cancelled for lack of enrollment. The three dormitory-based seminars held last spring, however, worked much better, Merritt noted.

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House-based seminars moved to spring term

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