Ballot Box Theft Halts UA Elections

By Reuven M. Lerner

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The great majority of next year's freshmen will be advised through Freshman Advisor Seminars, and the remainder through residence-based advising under a new plan being developed by the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office.

The plan, which represents a major departure from the administration's previous intentions to phase out residence-based advising, will require every living group to have at least one advisor/associate adviser team. The plan arose out of a Tuesday night meeting to discuss the future of residence-based advising. "We went into the meeting with one set of expectations and left with a different outlook," said Travis R. Merritt, associate dean for student affairs.

Professor of Physics Hale V. D. Bradt and Registrar David S. Wiley were the first to suggest replacing the Institute advisor program, currently a third advising option, with residence-based advising. Institute advising groups a set of students together without regard for their living group or other common experiences. Bradt and Wiley are both advisors in the residence-based advising program.

"I'm very grateful to the people at the meeting for suggesting [the new plan] as an option, because I hadn't thought of it as a solution, and in fact, neither had Art [Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs]," Merritt said.

Freshmen will choose several seminar advisors over the summer, so they have done in past years. Those who do not get into a seminar will be placed with an advisor in their living group. Freshmen who get a place in a seminar will be expected to stay in the seminar. Merritt said, "We don't want people dropping [their seminars] because they've been told to get into residence-based advising." The number of seminars is expanding, Merritt said. "This year there were 95, and we're hoping for 150 next fall, and we may actually make it.

Merritt said the plan has its difficulties, including the need to find a faculty member or administrator for each through a "reinforcement" discussion Thursday morning that this was the first set in a revolution against the current student government.

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Rajnish A. Chitaley '95, UA election commissioner, declined to comment on any other aspect of the case, because "it would hamper [a Campus Police] investigation if we told you what we suspected.

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