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UA Council Accepts Election Results Due in April

By Katherine Shim

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The SRC has not disappeared. We remain a viable force in the government areas," UA officials said they have notified the Campus Police of the incident, and that they would tighten security measures at their office.

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By Dave Waft

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Wellesley Student Rape Charges Thrown Out

By Sarah Y. kelghtley

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In a statement released Monday, the Wellesley Police said there is not substantive or conclusive evidence to support any of the allegations made by the student.

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"That would mean that there's something else involved," said Whalen.

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Athletic Director Resigns

By Dave Waft

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