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## COMMUNICATION GAP

### Contracts would aid advisers, students

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Joshua Jacobs spent most of last semester playing Online Scrabble and eating Cheetos, finding he had an unusually high amount of free time on his hands.

Jacobs, a pre-education freshman, was told by his academic adviser to take only 12 units because most freshmen feel burdened in their first year at college.

Now Jacobs, who will be taking summer courses in order to graduate in four years, said he believes if his adviser had reviewed his high school courses, she would have known he was capable of handling 15 credits.

"I'll start going to advisers when they start focusing on what is best for the student and not the university's bank account," said Jacobs.

Jacobs is not the first student to receive bad advice. While most advisers direct students in the right direction, communication problems continue to strain student-adviser relations on campus.

But a program under development by Associated Students of the University of Arizona, in which advisers would enter into a contract with students, may help bridge the communication gap.

The "adviser contract" creates a note-taking system that would require each meeting between an adviser and student to be documented electronically or on paper.

J.P. Benedict, ASUA president, recognizes

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Anthropology senior Marina Sergeyeva goes over a degree check with her advisor R. Scott Johnson in the advising center at the Douglass building yesterday afternoon. ASUA has proposed a new advising contract that will hold advisers responsible for bad advice given to students, hoping to improve overall advising at the UA.

### Assault victims hurt by media

By Holly Wells  
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Sexual assault, a crime largely unreported on campus, can leave a victim unwilling to step forward because of embarrassment, fear and excessive attention brought on by the media.

UAPD Detective Sgt. Rolf Averill said students come to the UA prepared to report sexual assault, but when they learn that there is the possibility that the crime could be picked up by the media, they decide not to report it.

"Word could spread and it could be embarrassing," he said. "They feel like they have to relive the crime. It's sad to see."

As part of Sexual Responsibility Week, the Oasis center is holding several events to inform students about sexual assault and what they can do to stop it.

Irene Anderson, director of the Oasis center, said many women are afraid to report sexual assault because they are afraid of being identified.

"Even in 2004, there is still a risk for stigma and judgment," she said. "External forces can interfere with one's privacy."

There is also a cultural tendency to blame the victim, Anderson said.

Noah Aleshire, director of Campus Against Rape Educators (CARE), a program within ASUA, said sexual assault is the only crime where press coverage attacks the victim.

"In public cases, (the media) can get hostile," he said. "Victims are sometimes accused of lying or distorting things."

Karri Wischhusen, a psychology sophomore,

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### Grad students support new activity fee

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Graduate students, who recently asked for their \$1 ASA fee back after feeling underrepresented, say they would be willing to pay \$25-30 to support campus programming.

Jani Radebaugh, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council and member of the Collaboration Board, said she was surprised to see graduate students' support of the fee.

"I wasn't really expecting graduate students to be interested, but they seem to want to participate in activities, which is great," Radebaugh said.

The amount is a little steep, but not if the concerts and speakers are really good, said David Whitehouse, an MBA graduate student.

"I'd like to see a band like The Samples or anyone that's not local," he said.

According to Radebaugh, in addition to focusing on schoolwork, graduates also have trouble meeting other students.

"The fee would help to bring grad students together to feel like they were a part of the whole uni-

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### Senators approve policy requiring anti-virus software for computers

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Faculty senators yesterday approved a policy requiring computer users across campus to install and update anti-virus software on computers connected to UA networks.

It formalizes rules network administrators already enforce throughout the campus in an attempt to keep UA systems free of viruses, which can cause permanent damage to computers.

The policy, which includes a wide range of other guidelines for acceptable computer and network use, won support from all the senators present yesterday, though some expressed reservations about its enforceability.

"How is this going to be enforced and checked, especially because this kind of (program) requires a monthly or weekly update?" asked faculty senator Raffi Gruener.

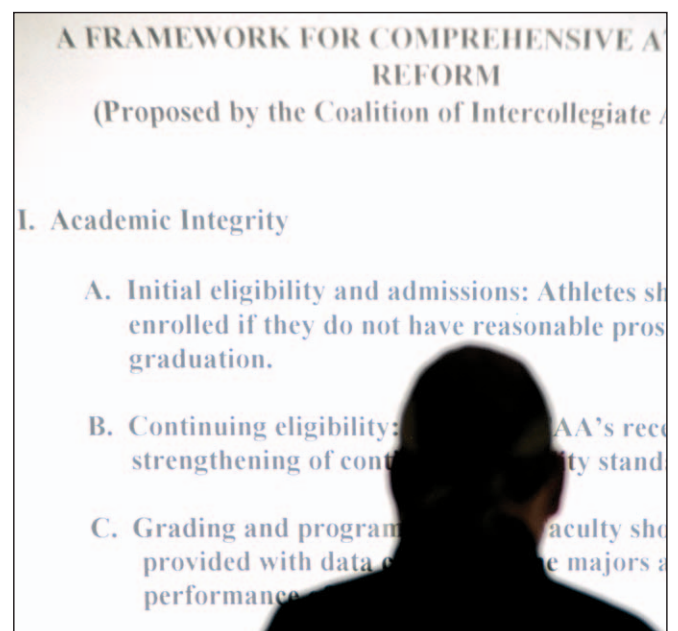
The policy doesn't lay out specific enforcement provisions, but gives network managers the support of faculty in their attempts to keep UA cyberspace safe, said senator Kyle Baughman.

Anti-virus software can be downloaded free from the Center for Computing and Information Technology Web site at [sitelicense.arizona.edu/sophos](http://sitelicense.arizona.edu/sophos).

CCIT supported the policy, which creates a uniform standard for acceptable computer use across campus.

It also bans people from using UA computers to create false identities, which are sometimes used to send threatening e-mails.

Such an incident couldn't occur if someone were using their official UA e-mail account, but could take place if somebody created an untraceable identity on another e-mail program, said Chestalene Pintozzi, who chairs the senate's Research Policy Committee.



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Faculty Senator Andrew Silverman discusses a document outlining problems with intercollegiate athletics.

In 2002, a former student who had accessed labs across campus was arrested on suspicion of sending threatening e-mails to President Peter

Likins.

Senators yesterday also delayed a decision on

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