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Undergrad advising will see overhaul

Undergrad advising complaints

- ▶ Getting transferred to too many academic advisers
- ▶ Advisers not being available
- ▶ Advisers who provide information that is incorrect or not useful

Short-term plans for change

- ▶ Make one central place where advisers and students can ask questions about advising
- ▶ Hire 12 to 16 advisers this year

Advisers to be hired, trained as advising shifts to colleges

BY NATE BUCHIK
Staff Writer

The UA will hire 12 to 16 academic advisers and improve training for other academic advisers this year to address undergraduate student complaints about advisers not being available, having to see too many advisers and receiving inconsistent or useless information from advisers.

This is the first step toward plans to make colleges the main source for all academic advising. The aim is to give students and advisers one place where they can go to ask any question related to advising, and give students more access to advisers by decreasing the number of students assigned to each adviser.

The changes won't come soon enough for some students.

Kristian Richardson, a marketing senior, has been trying to meet with an adviser from the Office of Academic Services since the second week of school, but yesterday he was turned down once again by the OAS.

"I've gone to the walk-in appointments like four separate times and they

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Alumnus killed in Sat. accident

BY JAMES KELLEY
Staff Writer

Michael Turner Woods, a 2002 business graduate, was one of two people killed in Saturday's car accident on West Anklam Road, police said yesterday.

Woods name was withheld until police could notify his family of his death.

Woods, 25, was from Tucson and graduated in May 2002 with a business degree. He was an affiliate of the UA chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Woods pledged his freshman year at the University of Nevada-Reno's SAE chapter and then transferred to the UA, making him a part of the UA's SAE chapter, said SAE president Colin Brown.

Mike will be incredibly missed and we will dedicate a plaque for him, Brown said.

Police released the name of the other person who died in the accident, economics junior Erik Steven

Baumgartner, 21, on Sunday. Baumgartner was also an SAE member.

Woods and Baumgartner died in an auto accident on North Greasewood Road, between West Broadway Boulevard and West Anklam Road at about 3 a.m. on Saturday. The vehicle they were in, a white 1998 Mercedes SUV, flipped and rolled over after it swerved toward a silver 2002 Mitsubishi SUV that was heading north.

The occupants of the Mitsubishi escaped with minor injuries, though the driver, Desiree Velasco, 26, was arrested and released at the scene on charges of driving under the influence.

Associate Dean of Students Alexis Hernandez said she is pretty confident that the occupants of the Mitsubishi were all alumni, unless there is a coincidence between the names of three UA alumni and those involved in the accident.

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UA needs 200 more pints

BY SARAH NIXON
Staff Writer

With only two days to go in the 16th-annual UA vs. ASU blood drive competition, the Wildcats need to make a big push for 200 more pints to catch up to ASU.

There are four blood donation sessions remaining on campus this week and UA has collected less than half of the 1,200-pint goal. The goal for the blood drive was reduced from 1,500 pints earlier this week.

"At this time, I am projecting that we are 200 pints

behind ASU," said Todd McCormick, American Red Cross representative for UA. UA has beaten ASU for 11 out of 15 years.

But ASU could pull ahead in the competition, considering the UA had a head-start on the drive.

"It's tough to tell right now because most of ASU's drives are this week and most of our drives were last week," McCormick said.

"We need a phenomenal second week to make up for a lackluster first week," said marketing senior Cale Miller,

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SUSIE LEMONT/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Judy O'Reilly and Jan Martin, two donor service specialists, help Christina Mcentire, an accounting freshman, give blood last Thursday. The UA-ASU blood drive competition will end on Friday.



SAUL LOEB/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Business sophomore Bradley Lau and public administration sophomore Stephanie Thomas work on a PowerPoint presentation for their Math 115A class last night in the Integrated Learning Center, which has 221 computers with Internet access.

Paper passé in e-age

Students access e-journals and e-books in the Integrated Learning Center, while books are left to gather dust on their shelves upstairs

BY JESSE GREENSPAN
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Imprisoned by a chain-link fence this time last year, the Integrated Learning Center was bypassed by students during its construction.

After all, the more than \$20 million haven for state-of-the-art computer technology stole the UA Mall from students for over two year.

But now, one year later, it's a part of most students' everyday lives. There they check their e-mail, meet with advisers and attend classes.

And despite the lack of what President Peter Likins has called the center's "technological apex" — the

Media Center that never opened due to budget cuts — the underground glass and steel structure is running smoothly and to the liking of students, even the upperclassmen who held their nose up at it when it was just a dirt hole in the middle of campus.

The ILC was designed to be an extension of the library, its Information Commons stretching down from the basement of the building and showcasing more than 200 computers.

But so soon after its January grand opening, the center is not known as

"the library's basement." Instead, the library has become an attic to the ILC, housing remnants of the past — books.

Just one year ago, the library had around 75 computers and only 12 of them had significant amounts of software, said Robert Mitchell, an undergraduate services librarian, who has worked at the UA for more than 25 years.

With the opening of the ILC, the library currently has 221 computers,

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