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Four will face off to be vice provost

By Andrea Kelly
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Four faculty members have been selected as finalists in the search to fill the new position of vice provost for instruction.

Juan Garcia, head of the history department, Jim Shockey, associate dean of the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Chris Impey, professor of astronomy, and Jerry Hogle, professor of English, were recommended to the provost by the search advisory committee.

Sally Jackson, chair of the search advisory committee, said the new position will require a great deal of focus on general education at the university, and the graduate students and majors within all of the colleges.

"We were searching for someone with administrative experience and a record of distinguished teaching," Jackson said. "Someone with good vision for the future of curriculum and instruction."

Impey, who received his Bachelor's at the University of London and his Ph.D in Scotland, is the director of the graduate program for the department of astronomy.

"Even as an administrator within my department I'm a very active teacher. I teach gen eds each year, I know what the issues are firsthand," Impey said.

Hogle is a distinguished professor and the chair of the Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Council. He started his teaching career at Harvard

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Flu hitting UA earlier than usual

By Erin Schmidt
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The flu has hit the UA campus hard this year, and it doesn't seem to be letting up any time soon, officials say.

"We are in the middle of a flu outbreak," said Campus Health Services physician Melvyn Weinberg. "The flu has come very early this year."

Flu season usually hits the UA community in January and continues throughout February and March, Weinberg said.

This year, the flu came months ahead of schedule, he said.

Campus Health Services began seeing its first influenza cases in the last few weeks of October.

"We tend to have a later outbreak of the flu," Weinberg said. "This is the earliest I remember it hitting the UA."

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FIGHTING FOR IT



HEATHER FAULAND/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Psychology junior Jessica Cox practices for today's taekwon do competition with onlooker Diana Perry, a chemical engineering sophomore. Cox will be competing tonight for her black belt, and could become the first student without arms to attain that rank.

NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, NEARLY ACHIEVED

Two handicapped students pursue taekwon do black belts tonight

By Alexandria Blute
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When Jessica Cox goes for a black belt in taekwon do tonight, she will have to stand on her left foot and swing a pair of numchucks while holding them between two toes on her right foot.

Cox, who was born without arms, is a member of the American Taekwondo Club at the UA, and tonight she will take part in a rank promotion ceremony at the Student Recreation Center along with other club members.

Julia Ayala, who suffers from a debilitating condition that left her unable to walk for most of her childhood, will also be participating in the rank promotion ceremony tonight.

The women will be asked to perform a number of exercises emphasizing skills like attack moves, using weapons, sparring and self-defense techniques.

A panel of judges will then decide whether they have earned the title of a black belt.

For both women, the evening represents much more than just a chance at a promotion.

Cox, a psychology junior, will be the first club member to demonstrate her skills using only her legs and feet, said Sarah Perry, head instructor of the club.

"Ms. Cox's promotion to black belt will be a unique event in the ATA. She will be the first student to reach the rank of first degree black belt who was born 'amelia', or entirely without arms," said Perry, a 2002 taekwon do world champion in sparring.

"Having Ms. Cox at the UA club gave an exciting challenge to the instructors who were forced to create an entire color belt curriculum, in the spirit of the original curriculum, for a student to perform entirely with her legs and feet," she said.

Cox, who has been practicing martial arts since age 10 and already has a black belt in a different form of taekwon do, said she is grateful for Perry's efforts to create moves especially for her.

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Zona Zoo pass not limited to students

20 non-students have lower-level hoops tickets

By Justin St.Germain
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When the UA men's basketball team resumes its home schedule next Saturday against Marquette, non-students will be sitting in some of McKale Center's best student seats.

The registrar's office confirmed last week that 20 of the names on the list of Zona Zoo lower-level student ticket lottery winners belong to people who are not currently enrolled in classes at the UA.

The tickets were distributed by the athletics department last month in a new ticket lottery that is part of the Zona Zoo Sports Pass, a first-year program the department's Web site describes as "the UA student pass to Arizona Athletics."

The pass, which costs \$40 and gives a holder entry into all regular-season UA athletics events except for men's basketball games, was intended to be the "next best thing" to a student section, said ASUA spirit director Peter Wand.

"(We wanted to) unite students with T-shirts," he said.

But Patrick Janssen, a physiology research associate at the UA who has a CatCard, said that he was able to buy a Zona Zoo pass and receive tickets in the lottery despite not being a student.

"Yeah, (a CatCard) is all they asked for," he said.

Diane Tatterfield, assistant director of CatCard services, said that the CatCard office issues the card to students, faculty and staff, as well as to affiliates of certain departments who are sponsored by staff.

She estimated that 90,000 CatCards are in circulation.

The UA's total enrollment is 37,083, according to UA Decision and Planning Support. That means that approximately 53,000 non-students hold CatCards.

Tatterfield said that it is possible to verify enrollment status by scanning a person's CatCard, but that a department needs prior authorization in order to access student information.

The Student Recreation Center has a system in place that confirms student status by swiping CatCards, said Juliette Moore, the director of Campus Recreation.

Though some non-students received Zona

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Zona Zoo lowdown

- 7,200 Zona Zoo passes sold
- 20 non-student basketball ticket lottery winners
- 1,500 basketball ticket lottery winners
- \$40 for Zona Zoo pass