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Finalists named for vice provost

Academic affairs position narrowed down to three

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The three finalists for the position of vice provost for academic affairs were announced yesterday.

Juan Garcia, head of the history department, Barbara Mills, professor of anthropology, and Kathryn Reed, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, were revealed as the three nominees for the job.

The position includes recruiting and retaining faculty and obtaining a more diverse staff for the university.

One of the three candidates will take over the position held by Beth Mitchnek since the former vice provost, Elizabeth Ervin, retired in August.

Ervin earned a little less than \$140,000.

"Beth really has done an amazing job," said Provost George Davis. "All the nominees know they have a hard act to follow."

"I know the team has selected very qualified individuals," Davis said. "This is a tremendous opportunity. The position is all about supporting the colleges in recruiting and retaining the highest quality of faculty."

Garcia, who is also a finalist for the position of vice provost for instruction, graduated from the University of Notre Dame and has been teaching history at the UA since 1981. He was named the head of the history department this summer.

"The philosophy behind Focused Excellence really appeals to me," Garcia said. "I have the experience and feel that this would be my way to repay the UA."

Garcia believes that it is important to focus on diversifying the staff, not only by recruiting more women and minorities, but also finding diversity within teaching style and curriculum.

"We need diversity in terms of ideas, not just different people," he

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UA RECYCLES



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Regional development senior Helen Ubiner, left, and Brian Neufang, a theater arts freshman, learn about composting at a recycling fair held on the Mall yesterday afternoon.

Recycling importance stressed on campus

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The smell of newsprint and bottled detergent emanated from the 1,000-pound bales of compacted recyclable materials placed around the Mall yesterday as part of America Recycles Day.

UA administrators and Tucson city officials, who were on the Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. yesterday, stressed the importance of proper recycling practices.

About 1,000 people walked by, asking questions and viewing displays, said Alana Levine, program coordinator of recycling and waste management.

This year's theme for the event was "Recycling Essentials," which focused on recycling at the UA. Basic information

such as what to do with recyclable materials was presented.

"Our job at the event was and still is to educate how people can better utilize the campus recycling program," Levine said.

The city of Tucson was present to educate people about what can and cannot be recycled in the blue recycling barrels.

Some people move into the city coming from places where they may have recycled certain items but can't recycle them here. There's not a standard education about recycling across this seasonal population, so we saw a need to change that, said Wilson W. Hughes, waste reduction planner of the city of Tucson.

"We educated people left and right,"

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Medical college selects new dean

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Dr. Keith A. Joiner, the director of Yale's Investigative Medicine Program, will become the new dean of the UA College of Medicine in March, officials announced yesterday.

"Dr. Joiner is a great selection for the job," said Provost George Davis. "He has a background that bridges research, significant administration experience and business perspectives."

As the dean for the College of Medicine, Joiner will oversee 19 departments at UA.

"He is one of the most uniquely qualified people we have seen," said Ray Woosley, the vice president for Health Sciences. "He is not only a competent physician, but he is also a bench scientist, and he has a MBA in health-care administration."

With this combination, people in the college hope that Joiner will evolve a modern curriculum that sets students up for the challenging practice of medicine, Woosley said.

Joiner is replacing Dr. Kenneth Ryan, who has served as Interim Dean of the College of Medicine since July 2002.

"This is one of the most challenging responsibilities in the university, because of the challenges that lie in academic medicine," Davis said. "He is going to have to work magic."

Joiner will earn \$360,000, which is what the last dean of the College of Medicine earned.

It is also the median for dean's salaries, according to the Association of Academic Health Centers.

As the new dean, he will also be expected to improve connections between the university and life sciences, Davis said.

Arizona is a difficult place to practice medicine because malpractice insurance is high and a large number of people are covered by HMOs. This provides little payout for physicians, causing many of them to relocate, Woosley said.

This puts tremendous financial pressure on the physicians who work at the UA. Joiner will closely monitor the reimbursement process, working closely with University Medical Center and University Physicians to ensure that physicians stay in Arizona.

Joiner not only has a background in business, but he is also a renowned physician and scientist who focuses heavily on research.

With his laboratory team at Yale, he has been studying the parasites that cause focal nervous system infections in AIDS patients, according to the press release.

He is also a world expert in research on malaria and oversees an infectious disease section at Yale, Woosley said.

Joiner earned his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Chicago in 1970.

La Aldea not just for grad students

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The UA's new graduate student housing complex will open its doors to a select few undergraduates in the spring in an effort to fill 96 empty beds in the complex.

La Aldea, which opened in the fall, was designed to house exclusively graduate students, but because there are vacancies at the complex, some juniors and seniors will be allowed to move in for the spring semester only.

The \$20 million apartment com-

plex, located at North Euclid Avenue and East Fifth Street, just north of Coronado Residence Hall, offers 164, unfurnished, one, two and four bedroom units, for a total of 323 beds.

The complex had vacancies this semester because the building was not entirely ready to open by its August completion date, said Angie Pena, assistant manager at La Aldea.

The housing facility was built in three sections, and because the final section was not finished until September, graduate students who may have considered living there likely found other housing options

that would be available for them in August, Pena said.

But Pena said she is confident that graduate students will occupy all units next year.

In the meantime, Jim Van Arsdell, director of Residence Life, has agreed to allow 10 to 15 juniors or seniors to move into the empty rooms at La Aldea only for the last five months of the school year.

The complex will not be open to any undergraduates next year, Van Arsdell said.

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UA is having a difficult time filling the La Aldea graduate housing complex, and it will be opened to juniors and seniors this spring.