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New Eller dean to take over in July

Washington research firm president to make \$400,000 plus perks

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After 15 months of searching, the UA announced yesterday they have appointed its new dean of the Eller College of Management, who will take over the position in July.

The new dean, Paul Portney, will replace former Dean Mark Zupan and take over for Kenneth R. Smith, who has served as interim dean for the last year.

Portney is president of Resources for the Future, an independent and non-partisan research and educational organization in Washington, D.C., that specializes in natural resources and the environment.

This summer, Portney will leave the RFF to begin his career at the UA, a move he is excited to make.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," Portney said.

Portney has been promised a \$400,000 annual salary. Of that, \$260,000 will be paid by the university and the rest is to be paid for through private donations from the Eller College National Board of Advisors, a board of 82 executives and business leaders from across the country, some of whom are Eller graduates, said Julie Krell, marketing and communications director for Eller College.

On top of his salary, Portney will also receive a \$30,000 housing allowance and a \$6,500 automobile allowance, Krell said.

Portney said he wanted to go to a first-rate university with a business school that aspires

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Fired mover reports theft, drugs on campus

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Mark Wardlow, former driver and loader with Interspace Moving and Storage, a company contracted with UA Facilities Management, claims that theft and drug use is common on the job. Police are currently investigating the allegations.

Police are investigating accusations of theft and illegal drug use occurring at the UA after a former employee of a moving company contracted with the university made complaints in early January.

Mark Wardlow, former driver and loader of Interspace Moving and Storage, contracted with Facilities Management, filed a police report Jan. 11 citing incidences of theft and drug use that occurred on campus while he worked there.

Occurrences of drug use and theft by Interspace employees were as "common as breathing," Wardlow said.

Fred Dalton, owner of Interspace, 750 E. Ohio St., fired Wardlow Dec. 31, after he worked there for 13 months, Wardlow said.

Wardlow, who is married with five children, said he was not dismissed for an official reason, but was told by Dalton he "made too many waves."

After being fired, Wardlow said he threatened to report incidents of drug use and theft because he was refused his final paycheck.

Wardlow said before he was fired, he reported unsafe and illegal behavior to Dalton and Rudy Haro, Interspace dispatcher, who ignored his claims.

"I just learned not to say anything," Wardlow said.

Even though he was not involved in theft or drug use, Wardlow said he ignored the illegal activity because of monetary reasons.

"(You) turn a blind eye because of greed. It was a paycheck," Wardlow said.

Many of his former co-workers used marijuana and cocaine while moving equipment on the UA campus, often times with students nearby, Wardlow said.

"They would be driving large moving trucks, flatbed trucks, all after getting high," Wardlow said.

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Pre-business freshman and resident of Manzanita-Mohave Residence Hall Deborah Blum sorts through items she keeps on the empty bed once occupied by her former roommate. Due to the high number of vacancies, some students like Blum are left without a roommate.



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Dorm vacancies don't necessarily allow for students to switch halls

By Zach Colick
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Despite the high number of vacant residence hall rooms, students wanting to transfer halls may be in for a longer wait than expected.

Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life and university housing, said all residence hall buildings are affected by vacancies and student transfers to some extent, but said students have an easier time of getting into some buildings than others.

Van Arsdel said Residence Life

began 2005 with fewer students living on campus than in years past, which is the reason for vacant or only partially filled rooms. However, Van Arsdel said he was unsure of the exact number of vacant rooms because it is consistently fluctuating.

"It's a reflection on the number of freshman coming in and when they were admitted to the university," he said.

Van Arsdel said students leave the halls for various reasons throughout the semester including medical withdrawal, parents being laid off or a student's academic performance.

There are also behavioral, drug-and-alcohol related incidents, which account for some of the residence hall vacancies.

Van Arsdel said last semester, about 20 students were kicked out of the halls for alcohol or drug related incidents.

"It's a very unfortunate reality that illegal drug and alcohol activity occurs in dorm rooms," Van Arsdel said. "This policy is very well understood between the RA and the student that this kind of activity is not permitted whatsoever."

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