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Eller targets U. Georgia dean for UA

By April Lacey
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The Eller College of Management has targeted the University of Georgia business dean as a likely successor in its search for a new dean.

George Benson has been the dean of the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia in Athens since 1998.

The Eller College held a question-and-answer forum with Benson yesterday in which faculty, students, and any other interested parties could participate. Approximately 30 individuals, mostly faculty members, attended the event.

Benson explained that he is looking for a business program that can move into the top 10 business programs in the country, and that Georgia is an unlikely candidate for such advancement.

"I'm trying to identify what it would take for Eller College to make that move," Benson said.

Benson said that above all else, the most important motivation for him to come to UA's Eller College was the faculty's research abilities.

The Eller College faculty has a reputation of constantly keeping themselves on the "cutting edge" of information, Benson said.

"If you are a good researcher, you have a higher probability of being a great teacher," Benson said.

Because they stay on the "cutting edge" of information, the faculty is able to bring in a large amount of funding from the federal government for research.

Another driving force in Benson's consideration of the UA is the opportunity to expand the Eller College into areas of Phoenix.

This is an important advancement opportunity because Phoenix is a larger city with more businesses, which, in turn, creates more opportunities to expand the Eller College and draw more revenue, Benson said.

To start, the Eller College would hold a speaker series in Phoenix to tout the idea of creating a base there, and then follow up with advertising in places such as newspapers, television and billboards, Benson suggested.

Benson's ideas of expansion in Phoenix parallel a similar expansion he took part in at the

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SafeRide expands services

By Natasha Bhuyan
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As ASUA SafeRide embarks on another year, program officials say they plan to expand the service through community outreach.

Joshua Wright, director of Associated Students at the University of Arizona's SafeRide, said a main objective for the upcoming year is to establish SafeRide as not only a "nighttime car service," but also as an advocacy program for campus safety.

SafeRide, a free ride safety service for UA students, operates Sunday through

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Students who do not feel comfortable walking alone can call for a "safe ride." SafeRide picks up students as far north as East Grant Road and as far south as East Broadway Boulevard. The east-west boundaries for SafeRide are North Tucson Boulevard and North Fourth Avenue.

SafeRide has already given approximately 800 rides this year.

"We can do a lot more with the resources we have," said Wright, a psychology senior. "We could make this amazing."

Although plans are in the preliminary stages, Wright hopes SafeRide will co-sponsor a Campus Safety Fair with other organi-

zations, including the Womens' Resource Center, the Campus Acquaintance Rape Educators, the Oasis Center, UAPD and the Southern Arizona Center for Sexual Assault.

The purpose of the fair would be to educate students on how to keep themselves safe, Wright said. The large-scale programming is intended to target all university students, not just those who utilize SafeRide.

"We want to make the community safer — that's the whole point," said Mirav Dvir, an undeclared sophomore and SafeRide supervisor.

Eric Bareiss, a mechanical engineering

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SEPTEMBER SUN



Sports psychology senior Wesley Amett, left, and Chris Galea, a physiology junior, soak up some sun yesterday afternoon at the Rec Center pool. Students can expect to get little relief from the late-summer sun as temperatures today are expected to reach 100 degrees.

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Student wants classmates to vote

By Joe Ferguson
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A UA student is reaching out to clubs on campus in hopes of getting as many as possible to help him increase voter participation among students.

Cole Adamson, an economics senior, said he is dismayed by the low national average of students taking part in the electoral process.

This dismal turnout was the primary reason Adamson founded University of Arizona Voter Coalition, he said.

The coalition aims to increase the student vote, by encouraging all of the clubs on campus to work together in this effort.

"Our main focus is to educate (students) and to get them to vote," Adamson said.

To start the coalition, Adamson said he e-mailed all of the clubs on last year's Associated Students of the University of Arizona club list, which he estimated to be about 500.

"A lot of clubs already want to get the vote out," Adamson said. "We want to target more students, get more of a response" by reaching out to all clubs.

Adamson said he has received e-mails from some clubs, confirming they would attend the meeting.

The first meeting of the coalition will be tonight at 7 in the Presidio Room of the Student Union Memorial Center. The meeting will focus on planning future events to

get students excited about the upcoming election.

While Adamson said the coalition will encourage students to have debates about issues on the ballot, he said the coalition will not back particular candidates.

"It's important to know we are not partisan, that everyone is welcome," Adamson said.

He added that while the coalition is interested in clubs because they draw a lot of people, individuals can volunteer too.

Nationally, Adamson said, there are 28 million 18 to 25-year-olds eligible to vote.

"In the last election, only one in four students voted," Adamson

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ASUA tries to make leaders accountable with new contract

By Natasha Bhuyan
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In an effort to increase productivity within Associated Students of the University of Arizona this year, student government executives developed an "Accountability Contract," which was signed by members of all three branches of ASUA.

"It encourages everyone to do their job to the greatest potential," said Alistair Chapman, president of the student body.

The contract, which applies to senators, the president's cabinet, programs and services, as well as the three student executives, requires that students turn in bi-weekly

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