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Marana Mountain View high school senior Lacey Nymeyer signs her letter of intent to swim at the UA next year. Nymeyer's mother (left) supports her daughter's decision. For more on Nymeyer's signing, as well as those of other UA recruits, see page 19.

New post will replace eliminated VP position

By Andrea Kelly
STAFF WRITER

Provost George Davis has created a new administrative position in his office.

The new vice provost for instruction will take over some of the responsibilities of the former vice president for undergraduate education, a position eliminated this summer by President Peter Likins.

"Last summer we eliminated the vice president for undergraduate education," Davis said. "We had to find a way to manage those responsibilities."

David Cox has been the senior associate to the provost since the position of vice president of undergraduate education was officially eliminated in September. He temporarily took over the duties that will be transferred to the new vice provost.

In January, Cox will return to his previous position as associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Until then, he said his job is to focus on the immediate future for the university.

"My primary responsibility is to get us ready for the spring semester," Cox said. "My high priority right now is working with departments and colleges to deliver general courses."

The vice provost for instruction will help colleges and students get more support from administration, Davis said.

"Students will feel the availability of classes," he added.

The position was created because the duties of the vice president of undergraduate education could not be absorbed by another administrator.

"It's a set of responsibilities that could not be absorbed by myself and the other vice provost," Davis said.

The funds that were originally used to pay for the salary of the vice president of undergraduate education will be split by the two vice provosts. Money will also be taken from the provost's budget.

Davis said that the UA has generally had very few positions in the provost's office.

"Research universities around the country usually have as many as six vice provosts," Davis said. "We've always been very conservative and only had one. Now we're expanding."

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Students asked to invest in UA

By Dana Crudo
STAFF WRITER

Now that Campaign Arizona has reached its \$1 billion goal, university officials want students to jump on the fund-raising bandwagon.

On Friday UA officials announced that they will establish a Student Foundation to get students to invest in the university.

This announcement came just a few days after President Peter Likins revealed in his state of the university address that Campaign Arizona had reached its fund-raising goal of \$1 billion almost two years early.

The Student Foundation will be responsible for awarding grants and

scholarships and initiating funding projects that help enhance the educational experience here at the UA.

Coordinators are looking for a core group of 10 students to help create and execute the organization next semester. Applicants must be able to commit up to 15 hours per month and maintain a 3.7 GPA.

The foundation is a joint venture among the UA Foundation, the Dean of Students Office and ASUA.

The Student Foundation will be modeled after a similar organization at Georgia Tech.

The Georgia Tech Student Foundation was started in 1986 with a \$100,000 gift from an alumnus named J. Erskine Love Jr. Students contribute to the endowment that funds new organizations and new

student initiatives on campus, according to the Georgia Tech Web site.

"It's a really big deal there and is a prestigious organization that does a lot of good things to help students financially," said Jim Drnek, an ASUA adviser who will also serve as an adviser for the organization.

The UA wanted to start the foundation in order to show Arizona that students care and are willing to contribute, Drnek said.

"We've seen the community step up, and now this is an opportunity for students to show interest in their education and institution," he said.

The foundation will ask students to donate and solicit private donors. The money collected will go to an

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Scholarship will pay for study abroad programs

By Victor Garcia
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jon Gandomi got to spend a year abroad without paying a cent.

Gandomi, who studied in Kazakhstan last year, received funding for his experience from the National Security Education Program.

The NSEP was created by the federal government's National Security Education Act of 1991, to provide resources for scholarships, fellowships and grants. The scholarships are known as the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships after the congressman who established this act.

Thanks to the NSEP scholarship, Gandomi, an international studies major, spent last year

learning the Russian language, politics, social infrastructures and transitional economics while staying with a host family in Almati, Kazakhstan.

"It's an area of the world that a lot of people wouldn't think of traveling," he said. "It was a very interesting experience."

Gandomi said the fact that there was only one other American in his program forced him to be more dependent on Kazakhstan and its language.

The small classes at the university Gandomi studied at enabled him to enjoy an intimate setting and a focused approach to his studies on the local economy and politics.

But it wasn't all work and no play for Gandomi, who took time

to explore the local nightlife and even participate in collegiate sports.

Gandomi played for the university basketball team in Kazakhstan, something he said he wouldn't have had an opportunity to do at the UA.

"Playing basketball for a university is something I would never be able to do here (at the UA)," he said. "How can you forget something like that?"

About 175 NSEP scholarships are awarded every year across the nation. Seven were awarded to UA students for the 2003 — 2004 academic year.

All students were given up to \$10,000 per semester to attend a university in another country and

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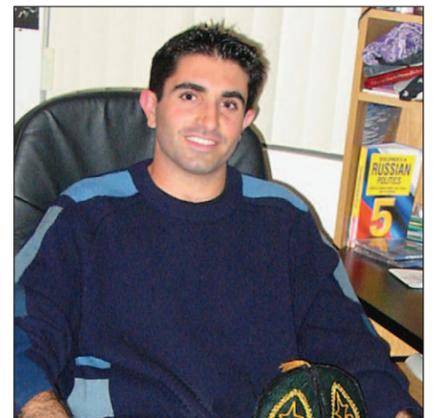
For more info:

► What: Information session for people interested in the applying for the NSEP or studying abroad in a non-western country.

► When: 4 p.m. today

► Where: Slonaker House.

► Who: Sponsored by the Honors College.



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