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TCU community debates legality of wiretapping

Bush administration may have been justified, history chairman says

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Americans and members of the TCU community everywhere have taken sides regarding the legality of the Bush administration's domestic wiretapping program.

The New York Times reported Dec. 16 that the Bush administration has been wiretapping phone conversations between the United States and

abroad without a warrant.

Austin Uebele, a sophomore psychology major and member of TCU College Republicans, does not agree with the program.

"While I believe that President Bush should be active in pursuing terrorist groups, I do not feel he should be wiretapping without a warrant," Uebele said.

Junior political science major Andrew Von Kerens said he thinks the program is necessary to prevent an attack.

"We're not fighting a nation-against-nation war," Von Kerens said.

"It's a war against a group of people, and they are not predictable."

Some professors believe the program is unlawful.

"Constitutionally, I think [the program] is a stretch," said Kenneth Stevens, professor and chairman of the history department. "It's pushing the limits because the Bush administration is spying on their own people."

Stevens said the Fourth Amendment protects U.S. citizens from unreasonable search and seizure.

"The key to making a search reasonable is a warrant, and warrants are easy to get for the president,"

Stevens said.

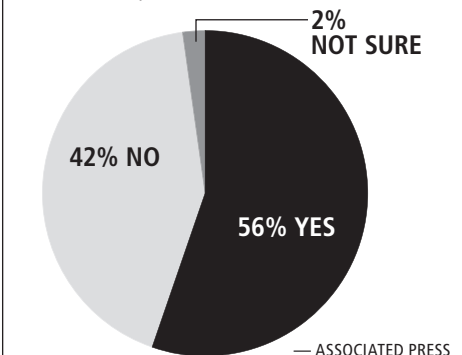
Stevens said that while there is evidence the administration has been doing surveillance on unimportant conversations, there is a possibility the wiretapping has been beneficial.

"It's possible they got evidence that could have prevented an attack," Stevens said. "But they could have done it in a more legal way."

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said the Bush administration is acting on what is

OPINION POLL

Should the Bush administration be required to get a warrant from a judge before monitoring phone and internet communications between American citizens in the U.S. and suspected terrorists?



NEIGHBORHOODS

Residents, students express concerns

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More than 100 student tenants, landlords, and homeowners met Wednesday night at the Kelly Alumni Center in an attempt to settle escalating tensions over traffic, noise and litter in TCU-area neighborhoods.

The public hearing outlined several proposals to help ease residents' woes. One proposal would allow for the rezoning of surrounding areas, which may lead to stricter regulations on the number of tenants allowed for a particular house.

An equal number spoke for and against the proposal to rezone. One resident said she believed the proposal might work now but could lead to future problems for the neighborhood.

Cole Lysaught, a senior finance major, acknowledged benefits to the proposal but said "it's not suitable" because the cost of rent would increase with lower student occupancy. Lysaught and five of his fraternity brothers, who rent a house on S. University Drive, attended the hearing to voice their opinion on the matter.

"They're great renters," said Valerie Cole, Lysaught's landlord.

Cole said she has rented to students for almost 15 years.

Several residents, including Henry and Vonna Tieding, complained about the noise from late-night parties. The Tiedings have lived in the same house on Shelby Avenue since 1976.

They said they don't appreciate



Junior finance major Robert Bayer, a resident of S. University Drive, defends the majority of TCU students as good neighbors against local resident accusations at the Town Hall meeting Wednesday night in the Kelly Alumni Center.

having to pick up trash and not getting a full night's sleep but have had trouble finding ways to address problems in the neighborhood.

"It's hard to call the cops because, you know, I love kids," Vonna Tieding said.

Henry Tieding said one major problem is the "great big trucks" that clog either side of the street, reducing Shelby Avenue to one lane. He said he believes TCU

should provide more on-campus housing to ease the problem.

Cole and several other landlords spoke highly of the students they rent homes to. They explained that when problems arise, neighbors should contact the landlords instead of the police.

Anthony Snipes, assistant to the city manager, said he thought the hearing was a good way to have both students and residents

express options in the neighborhood. He said he hopes to have representatives from the Fort Worth Police Department for the Jan. 26 meeting at the Botanic Gardens.

The event was organized by the Unrelated Persons and Rental Registration Task Force, a group comprised of city and neighborhood association representatives and TCU employees.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bush appoints TCU grad

President George W. Bush appointed Gordon R. England, a TCU business graduate, as the deputy secretary of defense earlier this month. England had been serving as the acting deputy secretary since May 13.

England earned his MBA from the Neeley School of Business in 1975.

As the deputy secretary, England is delegated the full power and authority to act for the secretary of defense and exercise the powers of the secretary on any and all matters for which the secretary is authorized to act pursuant to law.

"Since joining President Bush's administration in 2001, it has been a profound honor to serve our nation, the magnificent men and women of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, and those of the Department of Homeland Security," England said in a press release. "I am grateful to the president for asking me to continue serving our armed forces as the deputy to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld."

Prior to being appointed as the deputy secretary, England served two terms as the secretary of the navy, and was also the first deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

England was on the business school's International Board of Visitors from 1996 to 2001, and in 2002, was the keynote speaker at the school's "Positioning for Change" supply chain management conference.

"He is such an even keel guy, and is so respected as being someone who is hon-

est, and a very capable executive," Bob Greer, associate dean of Graduate Programs and Research, said of England. "It's the kind of publicity that you would like, because he is a great guy: very honest, and highly respected." — Jeff Eskeu

Iraq envoy to visit TCU

The former presidential envoy to Iraq, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, will be visiting TCU on Jan. 27 to promote his recently published book, "My Year in Iraq: The Struggle to Build a Future of Hope," said Margaret Kelly, director of special projects at TCU.

This event, which is a joint venture of World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth and TCU, will be taking place in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

BREMER'S SPEECH

- Book signing to follow.
- Book can be purchased in Ed Landreth Hall during the signing, or at www.dallasworld.org.
- The program is free for TCU students with ID and \$20 for others.

things progressed in Iraq and got to this point today," Kelly said.

Manochehr Dorraj, a political science professor, said he thinks it might be interesting to hear the perspective of Ambassador Bremer, who was the "point man" of the Bush administration in Iraq for a year.

"I am sure our student body is sophisticated enough to develop their own analysis and conclusions about the current situation in Iraq after they have heard all the perspectives, including those of Ambassador Bremer," Dorraj said.

Kim Rice, director of marketing and development for World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, said Ambassador Bremer was given the responsibility of rebuilding Iraq.

"His book is about his perspective and challenge he faced during his first year," she said.

According to the Web site of World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Bremer is the former U.S. administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. He was named presidential envoy to Iraq on May 6, 2003, by President George W. Bush, and served until June 2004.

— Sona Thapa

Intelligent design case sparks varied opinions



AP PHOTO / Niklas Larsson
Lee Ann Schevaletti, who is against the teaching of intelligent design in the classroom, stands outside Frazier Mountain High School in Lebec, Calif.

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Some TCU faculty members agree with a federal judge's ruling that teaching intelligent design in science classrooms violates the separation of church and state.

Although the ruling only applies to the Dover Area School District in Pennsylvania, the Texas State Board of Education will address the issue when they revise the science curriculum later this year, said Pat Hardy, State Board of Education member for District 11.

In October, the Dover School Board voted to require a one-minute statement about

intelligent design be read in Dover High School's ninth-grade biology classroom.

U.S. District Judge John Jones III ruled Dec. 20 against the school board saying its primary motive was to insert religion into public schools, according to a December CNN story.

David Grant, professor and chair of the religion department, said as the case went on, "it became pretty clear that the motivation for presenting the school board policies was religious."

Evolution is a theory that is based on observable data from the natural world, while intelligent design depends on the unobservable super-

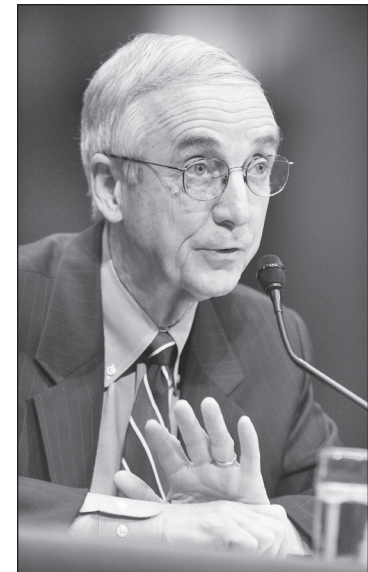
natural and therefore cannot be included in science, said Mark Bloom, instructor of biology.

"It (intelligent design) might be true; it might not be true, but scientifically speaking there is no way to test that," Bloom said.

Intelligent design opposes the idea that parts of a complex structure evolved for separate purposes and then adapted into more complex structures. Instead, it relies on the idea of irreducible complexity, which is that some things must have been created by an intelligent designer.

"The notion that one needs

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CHUCK KENNEDY / KRT
Gordon England testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on his confirmation as deputy secretary of Defense in Washington, D.C.