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Neighborhood debate continuing

By JEFF ESKEW
Staff Reporter

Students who live off campus and local residents met with the Unrelated Persons and Rental Registration Task Force to discuss parking problems and living situations in TCU-area neighborhoods Thursday at the Botanic Garden.

The Fort Worth City Council created the task force to recommend possible solutions

to ease escalating tensions between student tenants and local residents around TCU.

The task force was asked to decide if the city should lower the limit of unrelated people living in one home from five to two. With complaints about students blocking driveways and entire streets, the task force was also asked to consider a parking permit option for residents of local neighborhoods.

Martha Jones, of Wabash Avenue, said she wants the city to limit parking in her neighborhood to one side of the road.

"We have college boys living in front and to the side of our house, and we get along just fine, but they drive large trucks or SUVs," Jones said. "I came home one night from work and my driveway was blocked and the entire street was full."

Jones said she had to drive

around the block until a tow truck was able to come and clear the front of her driveway.

Kristina Poling, a junior political science major, said she is against the proposed idea of limiting the number of unrelated people living in a house or an apartment.

"If they lower the maximum number of people, then that will create more of a demand for See **COUNCIL**, page 2



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

Junior political science major Kristina Poling is against the proposed decrease in the number of persons who can occupy a dwelling unit because it could potentially raise her rent near campus and increase demand for smaller houses.

Raising the roof

TCU students begin working on FrogHouse

By RYAN WILCOX
Staff Reporter

TCU volunteers, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, began construction on FrogHouse on Thursday for a family of political refugees in an effort to help students reach outside the TCU community, said the FrogHouse adviser.

FrogHouse is the official class of 2007 project. The junior class raised money last semester for the \$51,500 FrogHouse.

Matt Owens, student fund raising director for FrogHouse, said the project gives students a chance to get off campus and lend a helping hand.

"It is something new and different," said the junior Spanish and political science major. "Part of reaching that global impact is reaching outside that TCU bubble."

Sumer Jordan, FrogHouse adviser, said the build will take 15 days of construction over six weeks. Students will work three days a week the first three weeks and twice a week the last three weeks.

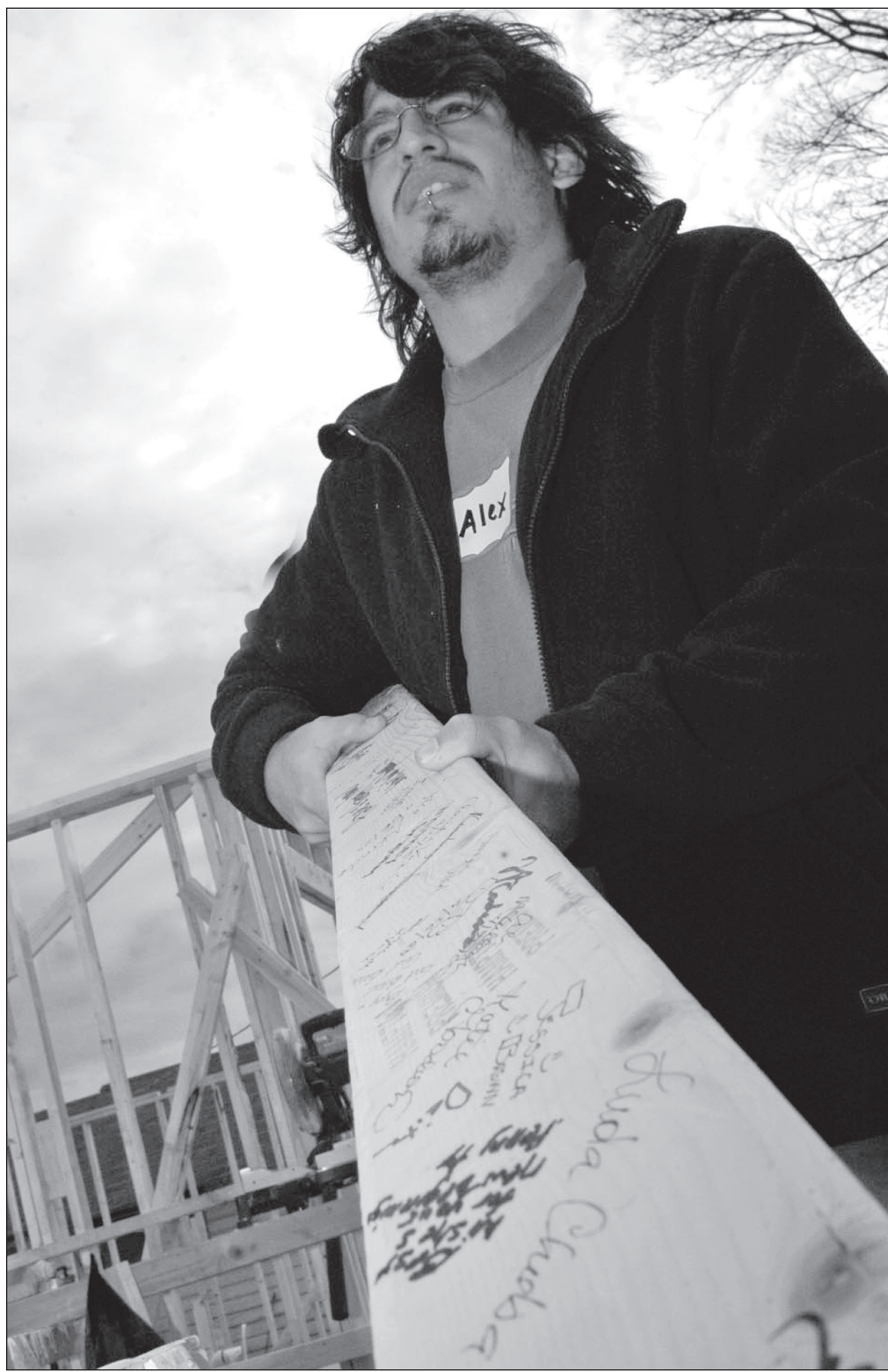
Jordan said the idea for FrogHouse came from the third part of the TCU Mission Statement.

"Part of being a responsible citizen is being an active member in your community," Jordan said. "Building a Habitat home in your community therefore answers the call of being responsible citizens."

Owens said working on FrogHouse has provided an opportunity for good citizenship.

"The most rewarding part of it for me is being able to help others," Owens said. "There are a bunch other people at this school who want to do

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MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer

Alex D'Brot, a senior biology major, holds a two-by-four piece of wood signed by donors and builders of FrogHouse. Construction on the Habitat for Humanity home began today, and the dedication ceremony is March 4.

Grading system will not affect aid, faculty say

Senate addresses students' questions

By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

The plus/minus grading system will not affect student access to financial aid because grades on average are not expected to drop below minimum standards for receiving aid, said the chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic Excellence Committee Thursday.

Chairman David Grant told Faculty Senate members that the federal minimum GPA requirement of 2.0 for aid recipients will remain consistent and grades on average are expected not to change. The research was in response to a Nov. 1 forum where students voiced concerns that the implementation of a plus/minus system would lower grades on average, which would impact student financial aid packages.

"Most universities that have adopted this system find that the average GPA of the insti-

tution doesn't change much," Grant said.

However, Grant said the committee will monitor grades and compare averages to previous years after the system is implemented, which he hopes will happen by fall 2007.

Another issue raised at the Faculty Senate meeting concerned academic credit for class-related community service projects, or service learning.

"Service learning is not about academic credit for service learning, it's about the act of doing service for teaching purposes," said Cathy Avila-Linn, director of service learning.

Avila-Linn presented the example of a river restoration class in which students learn about the topic by restoring rivers.

She said service learning would be incorporated into classes as a lab, with a lab fee to defray transportation costs. "I do think service learning

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Meeting to promote student involvement

By GRETCHEN HOLLIS
Staff Reporter

A new organization on campus is encouraging students to become more involved in the community, whether it is by grabbing a shovel, building a house or volunteering at a nonprofit organization.

The Center for Civic Literacy and Fort Worth community leaders will host a conference tomorrow in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center that will introduce ways for students to become active citizens.

In support of the Civic Literacy Center on Campus, Peter Levine, director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at the University of Maryland, said he will be discussing civic issues at TCU.

Levine said his speech titled "The Importance of

Civic Engagement" will concentrate on schools' partnerships with their communities, specifically focusing on TCU's connection with the Fort Worth community.

"In general, universities aren't doing a good job at preparing students to become good citizens," Levine said. "But there are a lot of good programs out there that will help."

Local economic issues will also be addressed.

Dan Short, dean of the School of Business, said he will spotlight the university's role in economic development and how TCU and Fort Worth can become partners in that development.

"We believe any great city needs a great university, and any great university needs a great city," Short said.

The conference will See **LITERACY**, page 2

Ambassador to share thoughts, experience as envoy to Iraq

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE
Staff Reporter

Lewis Paul Bremer III will share his insight into what he experienced during his tenure as presidential envoy to Iraq at 5:30 in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Ambassador Bremer was named presidential envoy to Iraq by President Bush May 6, 2003. He served in that position until Iraqi sovereignty was restored June 28, 2004.

Bremer is currently on tour around the United States promoting his new book "My

Year In Iraq: The Struggle to Build a Future of Hope."

"He was the person who was responsible to rebuild Iraq," said Margaret Kelly, director of special projects for Marketing and Communications.

This event is important because the Dallas/Fort Worth area, along with New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C., are the only cities where Bremer will appear in person, Kelly said.

Bremer will lecture and answer questions for about an hour before signing books.



BULLIT MARQUEZ / Associated Press

L. Paul Bremer, civilian administrator in Iraq, discusses with Iraqi tribal leaders in South Central Iraq.

The event was organized by TCU in conjunction with The World Affairs Council of D/FW.

Admission for students with ID cards is free. Tickets are \$20 for the public.

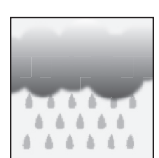
Auction to bring in scholarship money

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN
Staff Reporter

The TCU Ranch Management program will kick off its annual Roundup event with a seminar, clay-shooting contest and an auction to raise money for scholarships for the Ranch Management program.

Bryan Vasseur, interim director of the Ranch Management, said the event gives the program's alumni a chance to come back to TCU for the weekend to see former classmates and meet with current

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SATURDAY: Few showers, 69/42

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FUN FACT

A scorpion lived for 15 months without food or water inside of the plaster mold of a dinosaur fossil, breaking free only when a scientist broke open the mold. —THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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