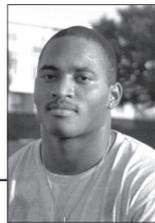


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NAACP to discuss issue of diversity during forum

Panel includes students, faculty, council member

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Issues of diversity will be the focus of the "Call to Action" forum at noon today in the lobby of the Brown-Lupton Student Center, NAACP members said.

Members of the TCU NAACP chapter say issues of diversity first addressed at a forum last semester still

remain major issues at the university.

"We're serious about this; it will not fade," said NAACP chapter President Erica Parker.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is spearheading the forum today.

Parker, a senior secondary education major, said the forum will be hosted by a panel consisting of university faculty, two students and a Fort Worth City Council member.

Each member of the panel will bring a different perspec-

tive and has a different role in the discussion, Parker said.

Darron Turner, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said he will be on hand to discuss issues of diversity and inclusiveness.

Parker said the forum will also address issues extending beyond the TCU campus.

"My main role is to talk about how the Fort Worth community perceives TCU as a diverse community," said Fernando Vasquez director of community outreach. "There is a lot we need to do to improve our image outside of TCU."



Parker

According to the TCU NAACP Web site, the forum is "a push from apathetic minds to action-oriented minds for the sole purpose of increasing TCU's strategies and programs for diversity and inclusiveness."

Parker said she believes most of the student body has an apathetic mind-set toward issues of diversity on the TCU campus. She

said the forum is intended to lead students to care about the issues and make a move toward acting on them. The issues the NAACP will present in the discussion are the result of an official list of grievances and a resolution written by the NAACP, with over 10 other student organizations, that carry over from last year, Parker said.

Parker said the NAACP will focus on three issues at the forum.

First, Parker said, the NAACP wants the university to have a socially conscious

staff that is acquainted with diversity issues. Parker said the organization is strongly recommending a diversity workshop to create more well-rounded faculty members.

Parker said the organization spoke with Chancellor Victor Boschini over the summer on mandating a diversity workshop for faculty and staff. She said Boschini did not agree with their proposal, saying there would be no benefit should the training be mandatory.

Second, she said, the organi-

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Steps of faith

Combined worship groups perform to spread faith

By KRISTA HUMPHRIES
Staff Reporter

Singing and dancing in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge attracted more

than 60 students Wednesday night.

Word of Truth Ministries, Calling In Action and the Soul Steppers all contributed to the praise and worship service, Calling Your Souls to Truth. In the midst of song and dance, TCU alumnus Brad Thompson spoke.

Feleceia Benton, manager of the

CIA Christian dance ministry and vocal director for Word of Truth Ministries, said the night was centered on one purpose.

"We all do our individual things, but there's one focus: His name is Jesus Christ," said Benton, a senior theater arts and advertising/public relations major.

Benton said this is only the beginning of many collaborated events.

Word of Truth Ministries puts on a worship service, Prime Time Praise, the last Wednesday of every month. This time, the three groups worked together.

"It wouldn't be enough without the dancing teams," said Sean Blackwell, guitarist for the Word of Truth Gospel Choir. "They really contribute to a great ministry."

Blackwell, a sophomore criminal justice major, was impressed by the turnout.

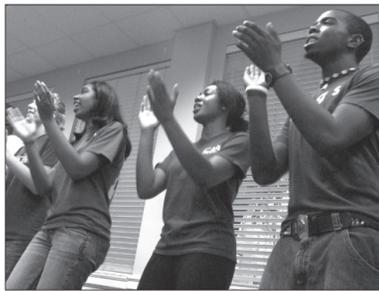
"Last year, it would have been half, on a good night," Blackwell said.

Before the service started, all the chairs and couches were full. Some people stopped to watch as they were walking by. Employees at Frog Bytes were also

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Members of the Christian dance team Calling In Action perform their routine Wednesday night in the Student Center Lounge (above left). Their dance was part of the Calling Your Souls to Truth praise and worship service, which included performances by the Word of Truth Ministries praise team (right), a speech by alumnus Brad Thompson and a routine by the Soul Steppers step team.



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A house at Green and Cantey is set to be a duplex in the University Place neighborhood. A majority of residents want to rezone the neighborhood to prevent duplex construction.

Rezoning may cause problems with renting

Neighborhood residents seek change

By JENNY EURE
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Residents in the University Place neighborhood talk and visit on the sidewalks in front of their homes. During the warmer months, they organize block parties and barbecues. Parents sit on their front porches in the evenings and watch their children play outside. And since the 1920s and 30s, when most of the homes were built, it's been this way.

"No one has done anything yet," Susan Smith, a University Place resident, said.

The "yet" is key for University Place residents who are trying to get their six-block, 157-house neighborhood rezoned from two-family housing, to one-family housing. The neighborhood, which is located adjacent to the Moody Building, is separated from campus by Cantey Street.

The current two-family zoning allows for multiple non-related people to share a home. One-family zoning allows only one family to share a home. If the zoning change is approved, the two-family homes already

in the neighborhood can continue to be rented to students - unless they are vacant for two years. However, no new homes for student rental purposes may be built.

A number of University Place residents began working in 2000 to get University Place rezoned to protect their neighborhood from increased duplex development. Getting approval for the one-family housing from the Fort Worth Zoning Commission is the first step toward preserving University Place, Susan Smith said.

"Through the city, we're offered an avenue to change it from duplex to single family," Susan Smith said. "The neighborhood is so small we feel in a sense it's fragile and wouldn't take much."

University Place, which was originally zoned as single-family housing, was rezoned as duplex housing during World War II, because of a housing shortage for soldiers. After the war, it was never changed back.

During the public hearing for the zoning change

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Digital TV recorder available at TCU

Busy Frogs can adjust schedules, watch shows at convenient times

By RACHEL COX
Staff Reporter

Busy college students are saying goodbye to the VCR and welcoming TiVo, a digital technology that allows viewers to record shows anytime automatically on a timer without the use of tapes.

"I love TiVo," Brian Greaves, a junior advertising/public relations major, said. "It's easy, and I am pretty busy, so I want to make sure the shows I like get recorded."

He said he shares his machine with three other roommates in their on-campus room.

Greaves said every week his and his

roommates' favorite show, "Lost," is automatically set to record on TiVo. Greaves bought his TiVo Series2 DVR, digital video recorder, box at Best Buy about five months ago for \$200 with a \$100 rebate.

"My monthly bill is about \$12," Greaves said. "You save money in the end because if you have a VCR you will be buying tons of tapes all the time."

Kate Krumrei, a senior education major, said she thinks TiVo is a good idea for those who continually miss one show every week.

"I am pretty busy and know a lot of students who are also, so it is a great thing to have while in college," Krumrei said.

Krumrei, who is also a resident assistant, believes that with schedules getting busier every semester, more students may be seeking TiVo as a time-saving option.

Travis Cook, director of business services for TCU Connect, said he thinks more students will be getting TiVo.

"Right now on campus there are students who have it in their dorms," Cook said. "It is a great device for the busy college student, so it could very well catch on with a lot more viewers."

Patti Sellers, a telecommunications coordinator for TCU Connect, said setting up the service is easy.

"All the student does is call TiVo and give them the list channels TCU offers on campus," Sellers said. "After the student calls TiVo, the channels are programmed into their box, and it is set to go," Sellers said.

The bill goes directly to the student, so the university has nothing to do with the process of payments, Sellers said.

TiVo could not be reached for comment on the value of its student customers.