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## University Forensics Team tackles terrorism in debate

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The University Forensics Team debated whether terrorism should be treated as a crime or an act of war on Tuesday night in an exposition hosted by the Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice. The debate is the first in a series the faculty group will present on issues relating to the Bush administration's policies.

Four debaters argued two sides of the issue to an audience of about 60. Topics included the definition of the term "prisoner of war," whether enemy combatants should be awarded due process, the importance of secrecy, and the legal "black hole" status of the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Forensics team members were prepped on both sides of the debate, then assigned to one of the sides. The debate followed a parliamentary model, which allows the audience to participate by shouting, hissing or knocking.

Brad Krupicka and Kara Borden argued that terrorists commit acts of war and should be considered enemy combatants.

"The president has determined that al-Qaida members are unlawful combatants because, among other reasons, they are members of a non-state terrorist group that does not

receive the protections of the third Geneva convention," Krupicka said. "It's physically impossible to try (combatants) in U.S. courts because they are not U.S. citizens."

"While we support the right to have civil liberties, these rights will be ultimately less meaningful if a loved one is killed in a terrorist attack," Borden said. "We believe in the sanctity of life above all."

Jason Lear and Jeannette Schaller argued that terrorists should be treated as criminals and should have access to the U.S. Justice System.

"(Guantanamo Bay) was intended to be a legal black hole, where detainees would be beyond the reach of U.S. law," Lear said. "Because they were designated enemy combatants instead of POWs, they'd be beyond the protection of international laws governing the treatment of soldiers."

"We cannot perpetuate the idea that due process can ever be denied or that torture is ever acceptable," Lear said. "The enemy combatant status violates and even mocks the U.S. Constitution. There is no language in the Bill of Rights that testifies due process and protection from torture exists only for citizens. The word 'people' is used to communicate the universality of these principles."

The audience was invited to

participate in an open discussion after the hour-long debate.

The Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice hopes the forensics team can be used to educate people on both sides of the argument, said Frank Stahl, biology professor emeritus and spokesman for the group.

"Those of you who have attended these forums may have noticed that the speakers tend to be opponents of President Bush's programs, especially in respect to the invasion of Iraq," Stahl said. "The Concerned Faculty are concerned about that because they consider it their responsibility to educate, not propagandize the University community."

Assistant Forensics coach Aaron Donaldson said he was pleased with the results, but he hopes more people will attend the next debate.

"We're growing pretty rapidly," Donaldson said of the team.

The team, which now has 20 participants, has struggled to find a place for itself in the campus community since the elimination of its academic host department in the 1990s, Donaldson said.

"Most campuses have it imbedded into a department," he said.

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## Bakery: Relocation allows for new facilities

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basketball arena.

"If we're going to build a new arena, that will certainly be the site of it, but there's no connection between buying the bakery and saying that we're ready to do the arena," Price said.

However, the purchase does allow the University to proceed with the process of determining whether building an arena is feasible for the University in the near future, Price said.

"It puts us in the condition where we can continue to assess the feasibility given that we now have our number one site available to build on," Price said.

Price said three additional properties near the bakery — a medical building, a 7-11 store and a video store — would have to be purchased in order to build an arena, and the University has had "a very limited amount of contact" with the owners of those sites, Price said.

"We don't have any intention to acquire those additional properties unless and until we know an arena is going to happen," Price said.

The bakery's decision to relocate to Glenwood comes just months after voters approved an urban renewal district in the area, aimed at stimulating development in the area.

Price said the relocation of the bakery to Glenwood will only add to what

the urban renewal district is designed to do and is another reason why the purchase is so beneficial to the community.

"It's very rare that three months after a community passes such an initiative you would have a capital investment of this size immediately stimulating the development of that district," Price said.

The bakery's relocation will also benefit the company as a whole, Price said, because it will have new facilities rather than the nearly 100-year-old factory located at the site now owned by the University.

"It leaves the bakery with a brand new facility, modern, with plenty of room for expansion and with a lot of hope that ultimately they will grow the jobs," Price said.

University President Dave Frohnmayer and United States Bakery CEO Bob Albers also commended the process through which the site was purchased.

"We are very pleased that we have been able to complete this arrangement, which will make an important piece of property available for the University's use while preserving a vital economic asset for our community," Frohnmayer said in a news release.

"We were always hopeful that an arrangement could be made which would be a win for the community, a

win for the University and a win for United States Bakery," Albers said in the release. "We have achieved that goal."

Price said the University has been interested in obtaining the site for many years because of its obvious value to the campus community and its close proximity to the University.

"That's essentially the University's front door now," Price said. "It really is an important piece of property to the long-term development of the University."

Price emphasized how happy everyone involved in the purchase is because of the array of benefits that can result from the University owning the site and Williams' Bakery relocating to Glenwood.

The University has arrangements with the bakery that allow the company to stay at the location until a new bakery is constructed to allow its production schedule to continue without interruption, Price said.

"This is the best kind of deal because there's benefits to everyone who's been involved in the deal right along the way, including the entire community," Price said.

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