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## Heaney wins run-off; elected new student body president

### Platform includes no Friday classes, student involvement

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Trevor Heaney was elected student body president with 56.9 percent of the votes in a run-off election Tuesday, said Sebastian Moleski, elections

and regulations committee chair.

A run-off was held between Heaney, a junior management major, and Ryan Panno, a junior accounting finance major, because no candidate received 50 percent of the total votes in last week's election. There were originally five candidates that split the vote.

About 1,516 students voted

in Tuesday's election, which is roughly 400 less than the election Nov. 8, Moleski, a senior economics major, said.

"I was really happy with the turnout," Moleski said. "I didn't expect so many people to vote this time because (the election) wasn't very well advertised."

A forum was held in the Brown-Lupton Student Center

on Monday for the candidates to share their ideas with the student body.

Heaney said it's important for the next president to get students involved in programming council and House, as well as keep TCU on the cutting edge of technology.

"Anything that gets students involved with the school is good," Heaney said. "It gives

them a sense of ownership, and that will help with TCU's low retention rate."

Heaney said he is in favor of a video classroom program, which would allow students to access classes they missed online. He said he also wants to implement a class schedule that would eliminate Friday classes.

Panno said he wanted to

start a new tradition by holding a campus tailgate. Uniting the campus through co-programming with different organizations and involving the student body with the Student Government Association should be two goals for the next president, Panno said.

"I hope Trevor does what he promised to do," Panno said. more on ELECTION, page 2

## House tables resolution to support Fair Trade

### Representatives hold off on decision after Moleski resigns

By AMY WILLEY  
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The House of Student Representatives voted Tuesday to table a resolution to support Fair Trade at TCU to two committees, and Speaker of the House Sebastian Moleski stepped down from his position because of personal reasons.

Sophomore representative Julianne Shaw presented the resolution with two students, Ericka Strickland and Seth Harris.

Most farmers barely get any money because the middleman takes some of the profits, possibly forcing farmers to other sources of income — perhaps growing drug crops, Strickland said. Fair Trade cuts the middleman out and gives more

money back to the farmers.

Alyssa Garner, dining services chairwoman, said she was against passing the resolution because the idea in theory is good, but it wouldn't work.

"A reoccurring issue (with dining services) is the high prices," she said. "Free Trade would increase the price in dollars, not cents. The last thing TCU needs is to increase prices."

Brian Andrew, university affairs chairman, disagreed with Garner because he said he wanted to see the option open to the students.

"Leave (the decision) to the campus; see if the students want to pay the extra money," Andrew said.

After the debate ended, the resolution was tabled to university affairs and dining services for further discussion.

Moleski said he stepped down from his newly elected position of speaker because he needed to spend time researching graduate school.

Trevor Smith, vice president of House of Student Representatives, said Moleski had good intentions for stepping down.

"He's moving on with his college career," Smith said. "We're sad to see him leave."

Ryan Johnson, parliamentarian of House, said: "It's only natural for him to move on," Johnson said.

Elections to fill the vacant spot will be Tuesday.

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University affairs chairman

## BUILDING BLOCKS

### Campus renovation generates excitement

#### Students, staff looking forward to improvements

By LESLIE WINCHELL  
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Chancellor Victor Boschini's announcement of a \$100 million construction plan last week has gained much attention among the TCU community.

The proposal, which includes the addition of four residence halls, a new university union, and the renovation and expansion of the School of Education, are all part of Boschini's Vision In Action plan.

VIA's main goal is to help further TCU as a university and improve the quality of the school for everyone, Boschini said.

The campus renovations have also received much attention from other administrative members.

"I am very excited about the construction that is going to take place," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. "The new student union and large space in the center will create a great crossroads and gathering area for students and faculty alike."

Senior marketing major Travis Lenander said he was impressed with the new developments in place.

"I think the new student center will be a great addition to the campus," Lenander said. "I think all of the renovations are very necessary, but I am not looking forward to all the construction problems."

Boschini said the first real signs of progress and construction will become apparent late in the summer of 2006, but students will not be able to use the buildings until the end of 2007.

"Students will see new buildings approximately 14 to 18 months after construction begins," Boschini said. "The construction is substantial, but we are excited and going to try to be as accommodating to students as possible."

Mills said he agrees that the construction, which is going to take place mostly in the center of campus, may cause some traffic problems.

"We are definitely going to have redirect both pedestrian and car traffic," Mills said. "There will be considerable disruption, but we are going to keep students as involved possible."

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Sara Woods / Staff Photojournalist

The frame of the GrandMarc at Westberry Place towers above the intersection of Waits and Berry streets Tuesday.

## Students question Mavs owner

### Cuban talks trade, mocks dress code

By ALISON RUBINSON  
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Students questioned Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on topics ranging from personnel decisions to the NBA dress code, and Cuban answered them all Tuesday in the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

Cuban, promoting the Mavs U college ticket program, which allows students to purchase \$10 tickets the day of a game, told a crowd of students no subject was off-limits during a 30-minute question-and-answer session, and the audience ran with it.

One student asked Cuban about the decision to let Steve Nash go to the Phoenix Suns before last season, saying the Suns' victory over the Mavericks in the playoffs set Dallas back 10 years.

Cuban told the student to "get off the bong" and said he

would trade Nash again if put in the same situation.

"(Phoenix) didn't win a championship," Cuban said. "He's got no more jewelry than we do."

Cuban said that two weeks before the season began, all anybody wanted to talk about was the NBA dress code instituted in October, but he said he doesn't think it is a big deal.

"I think it speaks for itself right here," Cuban said, as he spoke to the audience in jeans and a Mavericks T-shirt. "A lot of people will tell you that I haven't grown up yet, and I'm fine with that."

Cuban said he is now worth "a whole lot" — more than he ever dreamed possible. He said he co-founded www.broadcast.com, an online multimedia provider, and sold his first company a few days after turning 30.

Floyd Hernandez, a freshman business major, said he came to see Cuban speak because he heard Cuban was a business

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major and he wanted to hear how Cuban became successful.

Hernandez said he has similar career goals as Cuban and that he would like to retire at age 30 and buy a sports team.

Cuban said he went to college and majored in business, but he learned how to learn in college, and that put him ahead.

He said people don't have to live like the rich and famous to live the life they want.

Cuban signed basketballs, T-shirts, posters and posed for a number of pictures with a line of fans waiting to meet him after he spoke. He even wished one man's wife a happy anniversary over the phone.

## Putting a new spin on 'recycled music'

### Innovative band to play for students

By AMY KOPSEA  
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With props such as a 55-gallon drum, a jack hammer and a drum set, the group Recycled Percussion will be stopping by TCU to perform at 7:30 p.m. today at Frog Fountain as a part of its "Rock Your Junk" tour.

The young group, made up of three "extreme" drummers and a DJ, turns what it calls "junk" into a phenomenal transformation of power percussion.

"There's no band that does what we do," band founder Justin Spencer said. "We're the first of the pioneers."

The group members, who travel the country playing at college campuses and NBA games, said they are always



Courtesy of Scott Kassatis

ready for the unexpected.

"(Our show) is mayhem, anything imaginable can happen," Spencer said. "It's just four dudes playing their hearts out."

Spencer said the group's roots began 10 years ago at a high school talent show as a joke. He said they got the idea of beating on "trash" from a kid in New York who was beating on a 10-gallon bucket.

Band member Greg Kassa-

tis said the group was looking to begin its own unique sound.

"We wanted to start our own genre of music that no one else had," Kassatis said. "We collaborate different types of percussion, and our DJ adds a lot of the background sounds that the drummers can't create."

Recycled Percussion is one of the most in-demand more on BAND, page 2