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TAUP Leafleting for a Fair Contract

On Wednesday afternoon, March 25, TAUP representatives were on hand to distribute information to attendees and press at the dedication of the new Tyler School of Art. In recent weeks TAUP has been holding regular informational picketing and distributing leaflets on campus and at special events, to inform the Temple community of the need for a fair contract settlement with the employees who carry out the University's educational mission.

With its tuition-driven budget, Temple University is fortunate to be in better financial health than many other universities that have more dependence on their endowments. This academic year saw a record-breaking number of visitors. These figures should translate into greater enrollments and tuition revenues. In addition, Temple will receive a shot in the arm from the federal stimulus funds, through restored state appropriations and increased federal student aid. Temple is well able to afford the modest cost-of-living increases proposed by TAUP.

President Ann Weaver Hart remains in the background as contract talks between TAUP and Temple stretch into their 10th month. Given the current economic uncertainties, TAUP has indicated a willingness to share in necessary sacrifices. The university is still making unreasonable proposals.

Temple can do better.