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Students rally; new position created

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE
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Though her future at TCU had been uncertain since the fall, a popular psychology instructor will teach again in the upcoming academic year.

Pamela Stuntz, a full-time lecturer, has been the center of a petition circulated by junior Dan Schmit and sophomore Ali Castellano, both movement sci-

ence majors.

"She's a great person, a wonderful teacher and an even better friend," Schmit said.

A new position has been created so Stuntz can teach as a full-time lecturer on a yearly contract, said Timothy Barth, psychology department chairman.

Barth said Stuntz was hired in fall 2003 as a temporary full-



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time instructor while the department searched for two permanent research professors.

When one vacancy was filled, Stuntz continued to work on a year-to-year basis at Barth's request. But recently,

a permanent replacement was hired to teach next year, filling the position Stuntz had been working.

In response, some students rallied behind Stuntz.

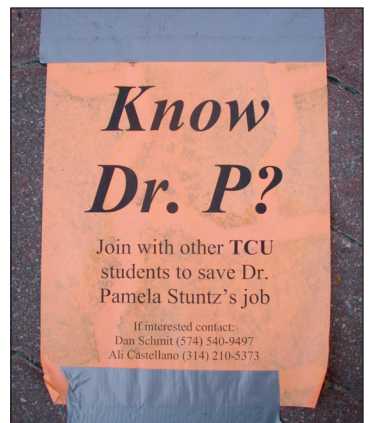
"She's very involved with her students," said Ryne Wilson, a junior biology major. "She really pays attention to the needs of students."

According to TCU academic

policy, Stuntz is not eligible for a tenure-track position because she is a TCU alumna. She received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate at TCU.

"She's a fantastic teacher," Barth said. "She is so willing to give time to students. Her teaching goes outside the classroom."

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TY HALASZ / Photo Editor
Posters such as this call for student support to save Dr. Pamela Stuntz's job.

Students hesitate to report harassment

By LYDIA AKINDE
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TCU students, like their college counterparts in a nationwide survey, are reluctant to report sexual harassment to school authorities, said Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and sexual harassment officer at Campus Life.

Almost two-thirds of U.S. college students experience sexual harassment, but less than 10 percent report it to school authorities, according to a survey by the American Association of University Women.

At TCU, students hesitate to report sexual harassment because of the fear of being labeled or magnifying the situation, Adams said.

Two sexual harassment cases were reported last fall, and they both became serious by the time the students reported them, Adams said.

The number of sexual harassment reports to Campus Life do not necessarily represent the total number of incidents on campus because students might take complaints to someone they trust and then resolve them informally, Adams said.

"Some students speak casually about being harassed, but when asked if they want to report it, they decide not to," she said. "More situations occur than are brought to our attention, but we encourage students to report it because this behavior is inappropriate, unacceptable and will not be tolerated," she said.

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LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

Not-so-frozen freeze

Freshman psychology major Michael Meyers swims across the University Recreation Center outdoor pool Thursday night for the third annual Polar Bear Freeze. Although the contest was less challenging than in previous years, because of higher temperatures, students still showed up for free refreshments and the social atmosphere.

Ministers Week's events to attract community

By SONA THAPA
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Ministers Week brings together students, thinkers and ordained ministers for the purpose of "continuing education, for worship and for renewing relationships," said Stanley Hagadone, director of continuing education at the Brite Divinity School.

A joint venture of TCU, Brite and University Christian Church, Ministers Week, from Feb. 6 to Feb. 9, will include a series of sermons, lectures

MINISTERS WEEK

For a list of events, please visit www.brite.tcu.edu.

and worship services.

Hagadone said there is great student and alumni participation in Ministers Week.

"It is a kind of homecoming where many students who are graduates of TCU and Brite reconnect with one another," he said.

David Murph, director of Church Relations with TCU,

said this week is "an excellent opportunity to hear scholars speak on some outstanding topics."

"It is great to hear some lectures and discussions on both biblical and theological issue that are important to people," Murph said.

Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, will be concluding Ministers Week with a brief talk about the faith and spirituality of today's college students at Thursday's complimentary TCU luncheon.

"I find it fascinating and wonderful that so many others beyond clergy, including students, seminarians, local church members and those from the surrounding community, take part in Ministers Week every year," Kaufman said. "Also that people travel from so far to be here tells us how meaningful this time with colleagues and others is to them."

Most Ministers Week events are scheduled to take place at University Christian Church. All events are open to the public.

Show co-hosts say coprogramming should be tradition

By LARRY WOODS II
Staff Reporter

Canes will be twirling and feet will be stomping, as the TCU campus is set to host the first Funkytown Stompdown step show competition.

The brothers of the Eta Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., with the assistance of the women of Zeta Tau Alpha, are organizing the show.

The show is a stepping competition that will consist of six competing teams and two exhibition routines. At a step show, teams perform a choreographed routine, which normally involves steps and chants.

Jerret Holmes, an Eta Psi chapter member, said he hopes the show will be enough of a success to lead to more elaborate programming between organizations on campus.

"We want the teams and audience (members) to have fun," Holmes said. "We're looking to start a tradition that is

seen at other universities, but not at TCU."

Teams from the University of Texas, SMU, Baylor University and the University of Houston will compete, Holmes said.

The Paul Laurence Dunbar High School step team and the University of Texas at Arlington Black Student Association will perform the two exhibition routines.

Sarah Thompson, Zeta Tau Alpha chapter president, said when she heard about the show, she thought it was a good opportunity to start a new partnership.

"We've been wanting to get involved with some of the other organizations on campus," Thompson said.

Alan Royal, president of the Eta Psi chapter, said he is excited to be able to bring an event of this caliber to Fort Worth and is pleased Zeta wanted to be a part of the event.

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On-campus Starbucks to offer fair-trade coffee

By JESSICA ST. JOHN
Staff Reporter

Fair-trade coffee, which is available at Jazzman's Cafe, will soon be offered in the Starbucks locations on campus.

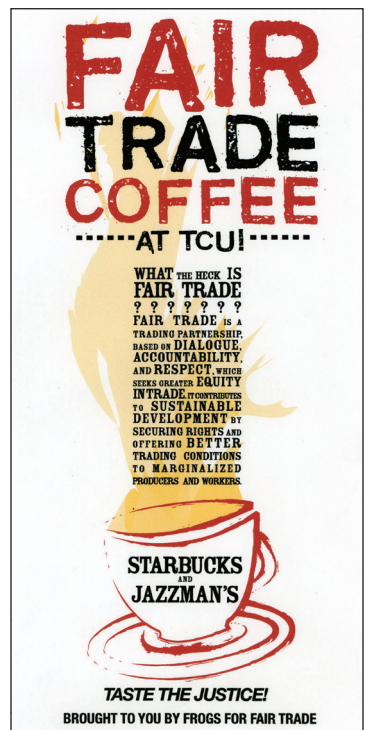
Seth Harris, a sophomore sociology major, is one of the co-coordinators of Frogs for Fair Trade, the student activist group that brought fair-trade coffee to TCU.

Harris said fair-trade products, such as coffee, tea and fruit, ensure a fair price for the farmers and workers who produce them and help to support the small-scale farms that would not be able to survive on normal market prices.

Harris said smaller farms that do not produce under the fair-trade conditions have a greater chance of turning to drug crops for financial support.

"The farmers can't support their families, and their children end up having to quit school and work on the farms," Harris said.

Ericka Strickland, a freshman religion major and a co-coordinator of Frogs for Fair Trade, said fair trade is help-

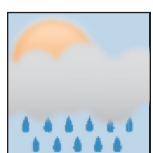


Courtesy of Frogs for Fair Trade

ing to give a voice to the farmers that would not normally have one.

"It's helping to eliminate poverty by giving them the price they deserve," Strickland said.

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WEATHER

TODAY: AM showers, 65/38

SATURDAY: Sunny, 63/40

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy, 66/44

FUN FACT

Lawmakers in South Dakota have recently passed a law exempting horses and bicycles from drunken driving laws.

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