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Program tries to curb preventable theft

By Joe D. Williams
Staff Writer

Last year, 127 thefts were reported at TCU, Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart said.

Half, he said, could have been prevented by simply locking a door.

Preventable theft is the target of a program called "If I were a thief," which was originated by Stewart several years ago in response to thefts from automobiles on campus.

Students, faculty and staff had to be made aware of their vulnerability to theft, Stewart said, so they could take steps to prevent it.

The alternative, he said, was to

have "a (police) officer every 20 feet."

Stewart said he toured campus parking lots looking for unlocked cars, and when he found one, he would leave a note for the car's owner.

At the top of the note, which resembled a parking ticket, were the words, "If I were a thief . . ." and below were a list of resellable, commonly stolen items, including stereo, money and wallet, with a check beside each of the items the owner had left in the car.

TCU Campus Police officers inventoried \$2 million worth of resellable items, including 300 cars parked on campus with the keys inside in the first two weeks of the program in 1983, Stewart said.

"They never lock their bedroom door at home, and they think of that whole building as their house."

JACK ARVIN, TCU coordinator of housing services

"When (Stewart) told me about it, I jumped at the chance" to expand the program to residence halls, TCU Coordinator of Housing Services Jack Arvin said.

Residence halls housing freshmen are especially vulnerable to theft, Arvin said, because students who have never lived away from home are so trusting.

"They never lock their bedroom door at home," he said, "and they

think of that whole building as their house."

When the program is requested by a hall director, Stewart said, he, Assistant Campus Police Chief Thomas McGaha, Arvin, the hall director and resident assistants go through the dorm and check doors. If a door is unlocked, a resident assistant or hall director opens it to see if the residents are in the room, he said.

If the room is unlocked and unattended, Stewart or McGaha inven-

tures the items in plain sight and leaves a checklist, Stewart said, and then the room is locked.

"We locked your room as we left," the note says. "We hope you will, too, from now on!"

Stewart later sends a copy of the checklist to the hall director with a grand total of the value of the items found vulnerable to theft.

The program is offered to hall directors by request, Arvin said.

"At first, some (of the residents) thought they were in trouble," Colby Hall Director Kristie Chandler said.

Chandler said she requested the program after hearing about it during a training session for resident assistants last fall.

There have been no thefts reported from rooms in Colby Hall since she has been hall director, Chandler said, but "we wanted to take a preventive, rather than a reactive, role."

Only nine of the 180 rooms in the residence hall were found unlocked and unattended, she said.

"We were kind of scared because we thought we had done something wrong," Colby Hall resident Jody Neathery said. She and her roommate were among the residents who found their rooms locked and Stewart's message inside.

"I've been locking the door more," since the visit, Neathery said, "and I know (my roommate) is, because she locked me out the other day."

Officer talks of military

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

A military intelligence officer will speak tonight in the Moudy Building on job opportunities in military intelligence and on misconceptions people have of what military intelligence is.

Capt. Ann Peterson, executive officer at the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence, begins her presentation at 7 p.m. in Moudy Building Room 1565. The event is free.

Capt. John McCleary of Army ROTC said Peterson will tell the crowd that people are no longer expected to have an expertise in languages or political science in order to get into the intelligence services.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about being in military intelligence nowadays," McCleary said.

"A lot of people think that you need to know political science and be able to speak different languages," he said.

McCleary said that is not true in today's army. He said the army is looking for people with expertise in computer science and other fields (like business management) to place in military intelligence positions.

Peterson will "try to spark some interest" in listeners to try for a job in military intelligence, he said.

Peterson is a graduate of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a special army school in Monterey, Calif., for those interested in military intelligence careers.

Peterson has served in the 525 Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., as well as the 4 Psychological Operations (Psyops).

In 1981, Peterson was at the Military Intelligence Advance Course and then was stationed at the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, Neb.

Peterson has a specialty in the German language and has served in West Germany in the G-2 7 Corps.

She also served in the 581 Imagery Interpretation Company where she interpreted satellite and photograph information, McCleary said.



Froggy love - Andy Hartman and Jamie Dixon, above, encourage Wade Jones after he was selected as a date in the Horned Frog version of "The Dating Game." Junior speech communication major Deborah

Tallent, at right, reacts to a question asked to her during the game. "Frog Connection" was one of the activities in the "Late Night with TCU" Almost All-Nighter Party Friday.

Photos by Brian R. McLean



Cultures United hopes to break racial barriers

By Deena Pippin
Staff Writer

TCU administration officials recognized Cultures United, an organization started to tear down cultural barriers on campus, as an official university organization last fall, said Melinda Hartman, club president.

Hartman, a sophomore, is one of the group's founding members. She said the club's main goal is to improve race relations on campus.

"The main reason I got involved is because I think it (segregation) is a problem here," Hartman said. "At big state schools, it's not like this. Here it's very segregated, with black sororities and fraternities and white sororities and fraternities."

She said because the ethnic groups on campus "stick together," she

doesn't get to meet students of other races.

"We (Cultures United) have people who come who are interested, and we meet each other," Hartman said.

Melissa Sargent, sophomore neuroscience major, joined Cultures United when it started. She said the TCU campus seems to be segregated.

"I came from Omaha, and I'm used to maybe a little more tolerance," Sargent said.

The organization has not made major changes yet, but the attempt it is making is "worthwhile," Sargent said.

"I guess I get the satisfaction of attempting to solve the problem," she said, "because what is needed is openness. You're changing attitudes, and that takes a long time. But

I do think it will improve the situation.

"I think perhaps one of the problems why people are not as involved with other cultures is maybe they mistrust that which they don't understand," Sargent said.

Cultures United is one of the few organizations on campus that tries to break down cultural barriers, said Morrison Wong, assistant professor of sociology.

"They're getting together and meeting other people of different races for the first time," said Wong, "and meeting them as people and realizing, hopefully, if they reflect on it, that people are people."

Wong said last semester Cultures United had a successful social gathering at Frankelburgers.

"It was really nice to see tables that had blacks and whites together," Wong said. "People in there were talking. They were having fun."

He said he hopes the organization will help eliminate stereotypes, and students will start "looking at people as people."

"Part of the segregation, I think, is self-imposed," Wong said. "They're afraid. They don't know how to react with people of different races."

Michael Cappo, residence hall director of Pete Wright Hall, is the faculty sponsor of Cultures United. He said TCU is more segregated than where he attended college in Oklahoma.

"I don't know if it's so much intended or if it just kind of happens," Cappo said. "I think everyone's will-

ing and concerned, but it just doesn't happen."

Todd Mitchell, sophomore finance major, is treasurer of Cultures United. He said segregation may result from "a lack of knowledge on both sides."

"There's a lot I need to learn about the majority, just as there's a lot the majority needs to learn about the minority," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he does not have a problem making friends with people of other races, but he doesn't think there is a good relationship for the "group as a whole."

Monica Graham, senior nursing major, is president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a public service organization that is predominantly black nationally.

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Captive begs for life in letter

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Captive American Alann Steen said Monday that Moslem kidnappers would kill him, two other U.S. hostages and an Indian at midnight unless Israel released 400 Arab prisoners.

Steen said Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, the group holding the four, was unwilling to reconsider the death verdict or extend the deadline.

"We will be executed at midnight" said Steen, 47, of Boston, in a letter addressed to his wife along with notes from two other kidnapped American college teachers to their wives.

"Until then if you do love us and your hearts beat for us, put pressure on Israel to show good will. Let Israel promise the organizations (of the kidnappers) to show good will," Steen wrote.

"Let Israel promise the organization plainly and officially that 400 Palestinian mujaheds (holy war-

riors) will be free. Otherwise, we won't be alive after midnight."

The letter implied that an Israeli promise would do and that the prisoners would not actually have to be released Monday.

Israel has said it will not yield to terrorist threats. In Jerusalem on Monday, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel has received no request from the United States to free prisoners. "Nobody has approached Israel on this issue, and Israel won't take any initiative on its own," he said.

Peres said Sunday, however, that Israel is willing to discuss trading Arab prisoners for an Israeli airman downed in Lebanon.

In Washington, the Reagan administration position, as expressed Monday by both White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater and State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman, was once again to rule out concessions to terrorists. Both men said Washington has not

approached Israel on the kidnappers' demand.

Steen's wife, students and officials of Beirut University College, where Steen and fellow educators Robert Polhill, Jesse Turner and Mithileshwar Singh were abducted two weeks ago, authenticated Steen's handwriting.

Steen is a communications instructor; Polhill, 53, of New York City, lectures on accounting; Turner, 39, of Boise, Idaho, is a visiting professor of mathematics and computer science; and Indian-born Singh, 60, a legal resident alien of the United States, is a visiting professor of finance.

Steen ended the letter with words of affection to his wife Virginia Rose, 35, of Jackson, Miss. "Listen, love, I don't want to see you cry any more. Tell them to release the 400. I love you, Virginia."

Polhill and Turner added footnotes to their Lebanese wives.

Drug trial witness murdered

EDINBURG, Texas (AP)—Ballistics tests were pending Monday on a gun that may have been used to kill a former government witness who testified in a drug trial, investigators said Monday.

"There is a war going on down here," said Hidalgo County sheriff's investigator Capt. Albert Garcia.

Antonio Espinosa, 39, of Edinburg, died Sunday afternoon after he was shot once in the head with a .38-caliber handgun while driving with his wife and 6-month-old daughter, Garcia said.

John Bott, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Houston, said Espinosa was a defendant who turned government witness in the so-called "Cash Crop" trials in San Antonio last summer.

The case involved a drug ring that authorities believe smuggled methamphetamine and 250,000 pounds of marijuana from Mexico into the United States between 1980 and 1984.

Espinosa was killed by a shot that was fired from a late-model pickup

truck that pulled up alongside the victim's car, Garcia said.

"The passenger in the pickup truck rolled down the window, aimed a handgun at the victim, shot him one time, hitting him in the head," said Garcia.

Espinosa was able to drive the car into a field where he stepped out of the vehicle and collapsed, Garcia said.

Investigators have only Espinosa's wife, Rosa, as a witness, Garcia said. She and the infant were not injured.

A weapon was recovered from a pickup truck fitting the description of the assailant's vehicle later Sunday, Garcia said. The driver was released after questioning.

"We've got one weapon. I can't say that's the weapon," Garcia said.

A slug recovered from the victim's head also was being tested to see if it was fired from the gun, Garcia said.

Bott said Espinosa, who testified against his co-defendants, was convicted of conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute marijuana,

but the verdict was overturned by a federal appeals court.

A federal grand jury in December 1985 indicted 44 people, a bank and two companies in connection with the investigation, conducted by several federal agencies.

Among those indicted were Juan Jose Quintero-Payan and Emilio Quintero-Payan, both of Guadalajara, Mexico; and Juan Frank Garcia, the alleged leader of the drug ring. All three are fugitives.

The Quintero-Payan brothers are related to Rafael "Caro" Quintero, charged with participating in the abduction and murder of Enrique Camarena Salazar, a DEA agent killed in February 1985 in Mexico.

According to the indictment, the trafficking organization devised a scheme to make extensive use of banks in Texas, California, New York, Arizona and the Cayman Islands to launder drug profits.

OPINION

TCU should keep jumper cables, forget petunias



Michael Hayworth

Sometimes you wonder where the money goes. TCU police are no longer going to perform the services of unlocking car doors for students who have locked their keys inside or jump-starting cars with dead batteries. The police lose time that could be spent on patrol by performing such services, and there isn't enough money in the budget to provide more officers, said Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police.

Because of increased security problems, TCU recently employed officers from private security firms to supplement the patrols of TCU's own police. However, that too is being discontinued due to lack of funds.

Stewart says a list of private firms that will unlock doors and jump-start cars will be available in the police office. The cost will range from \$8 to \$40. For most students, that's a lot of cash.

Police everywhere in the country provide these "goodwill" services, and they should certainly not be cut out at TCU. Have the Campus Police considered all their options?

It seems a logical assumption that patrols are needed most at night, when most crimes occur. However, students most often lock their keys in the car or discover a dead battery during the day or evening hours.

What are Campus Police doing during the day? Well, there is the officer parked in a space between the Student Center and Tom Brown Hall who makes sure students don't drive up into the TCU Post Office area and block a delivery truck or, even worse, take an administrator's parking space.

Also during the day, there's the officer patrolling the parking lots and writing tickets like he was the only source of funds for the new athletic dorm.

If these officers are providing any service against crime, it is only that they are on call to respond to an emergency situation. Is there any reason they couldn't be on call just as well while they're helping a student?

And if that is not a possibility, maybe students should ask why there isn't enough money in the budget for more officers. After all, they keep raising tuition, and what do we get for it?

Well, we get a basic skills learning center for those of us who can't read or write. This comes just as each year's freshman class is setting a record for the highest SAT average of all time at TCU.

And let's not forget all those thousands of dollars that go to pay the water bill so sprinklers can water the sidewalks and the students—even when it's raining—and the money that goes to change the petunias in the flowerbeds once a week whether they need it or not.

Yeah, the budget's too tight to afford an extra police officer this year. But maybe, if the Board of Trustees can be convinced to raise tuition again, we'll be able to afford one.

Visitation rules need update



Craig Winneker

Q: Are we not adults?
A: We are TCU students.

And therefore, we are not treated as adults. You may not realize it, but you are a student at one of the few universities in the civilized world (I realize this may not include Texas) that still enforces a visitation policy.

Really now, don't you think that 18 year olds should be able to determine how long members of the opposite sex and/or gender can stay in their rooms? When you're 18, you can vote, drive and get drafted (the last one is only for members of the male sex and/or gender). I realize this is an antiquated argument that has recently been handily defeated by those who raised the drinking age.

It seems to me that we, as students who live on campus, are being indicted by this university as socially immature. I am 20 years old and have already lived on my own but choose to live on campus for convenience.

I already have to contend with temperamental showers, unpredictable fire alarms and seldom-useable laundry machines. On top of that, I have to make sure that no women are around after midnight.

Sorry, Mom, but you've gotta go.

The visitation policy assumes that women are in men's dorms and men are in women's dorms for reasons of ill repute. This is nothing

short of sexist; after all, what is the difference between having a woman in my room or a man in my room after dark?

Before you answer that, let me say that I do know there often is a difference. But the university does not acknowledge that I could have a woman in my room and that we could be playing dominoes.

Instead, I am allowed to have any male in my room that I want, even Charles Manson. But I would have to escort Mother Theresa to the door at 11:55 p.m.

Now, I'm not afraid to admit that I've broken the rule a few times, and I've never felt any remorse or fear of punishment. After all, anybody who would hold against me the fact that I used to have females in my dorm room is not somebody I'm interested in impressing anyway.

So, if your roommate doesn't mind, why should anyone care who is in your room and when? Most of the RAs I've had have all said the same thing: "I don't care what you do in your rooms as long as you don't make any noise."

But I'm writing this column for the few people who do get caught and suffer embarrassment for the simple reason that they had a friend in the room. The university has more important things to worry about than who's in what room.

By letting students make their own choices, TCU could be populated with a more mature, moral and contented group of people who aren't reduced to breaking the rules every night.

And Mom wouldn't have to sleep in the car.



Letters to the editor

Student vandals show apathy

It's really a shame when you think about it. This is a fine university with talented teachers, able administrators, Stems and Staples, and of course, the beloved send home. Music, art, athletics, student government... we make this school shine in so many ways only to tarnish our image by our callous treatment of this campus.

What am I talking about? Go down to the Greek and you'll see what I mean. Someone spray painted comments on the front steps of Worth Hills Cafeteria. What is disturbing to me is not so much what was said, but the act itself.

There have been several things about our behavior that have bothered me for a while now. But this latest stunt takes the cake. It is the ultimate example of how badly we treat this campus. See if any of these scenes sound familiar:

There's junk mail in your post office box. Sure you don't want it, but do you take those three steps over to the garbage can? Of course not. You throw it on the floor.

Or, you've finished reading *The Skiff*. Again—do you make that gargantuan effort to trash it in the can? Nope. You trash it on the floor or on some innocent shrub in Reed-Sadler Mall... or anywhere else for that matter.

In case you haven't noticed, there is waste everywhere on this campus. Maintenance people do what they can to clean up after us, but a handful of workers is no match for an army of trashy students.

But why? Given the background of the normal student here, why are we so thoughtless and lazy? We're smart, capable, talented people whose parents tried to teach us right from wrong.

We are some of this nation's privileged elite, yet we act like scruffy vandals on a New York subway.

Lucy Clavert
Sophomore, broadcast journalism

Bi-polar view cripples foreign policy

Ronald Reagan's foreign policy in Central America reveals his inability to inform and his willingness to misinform the American people. To hear Reagan talk about it, this is the situation in Central America.

Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador are trying to overthrow the democratically-elected government. The "leftists" are funded by the Soviets through the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, and their goal is to take away the good life of freedom that America has fostered down there.

In Nicaragua, the situation is obvious, once again, according to the administration. The communists are invading, trying to take away freedom and democracy from the poor Nicaraguans. Does all of this sound familiar?

"That's right Virginia, sometimes the president doesn't tell the whole truth."

Many of us are beginning to realize that this administration is, and has been from the beginning, crippled by an inflexible ideology punctuated with a bi-polar world view.

Everything is a "commie" plot. What's sad about all of this is that this results in people dying needlessly.

This administration is caught up in creating events and scenarios to back up its own rhetoric. That scares me. Foreign policy is made in backrooms. And, as the Iran scandal demonstrated, nobody—especially the president—seems to know what's going on.

Suppose you lived in a country where 5

percent of the people owned all of the land, and the government and army existed to protect the position of the wealthy.

Then imagine that you wanted land for yourself, but that peaceful demonstration was met with violence. Furthermore, let's say that you decide to fight the system so that its grip on the land would be broken. Well congratulations, you're a commie leftist guerrilla!

This is the type of situation that is happening in El Salvador. The mass of people want to share in the wealth of the country.

The administration says that the elections in El Salvador were fair and democratic. Tell that to opposition leaders who were harassed and murdered before the election. Tell that to voters who were intimidated by the military at the ballot box.

But the leaders of our country still want to fund that government. Our policies toward El Salvador and Nicaragua are driving the masses of people away from us while lining the pockets of a select few.

But instead of the Reagan administration giving the right of self-determination to the Nicaraguan people, we sabotaged their economy and sovereignty with economic sanctions, mines in their harbors and the contras.

So why do this?

With all of our high tech monitoring devices, surely we could tell if the Nicaraguans were up to anything that would really threaten our national security. The reason that this administration continues to pursue this policy in Central America is because it is driven by its own political ideology.

Frankly, I'm tired of this mess. But it seems like President Reagan's "glory days" are over now, and that's fortunate.

David Artman
Britte Divinity student

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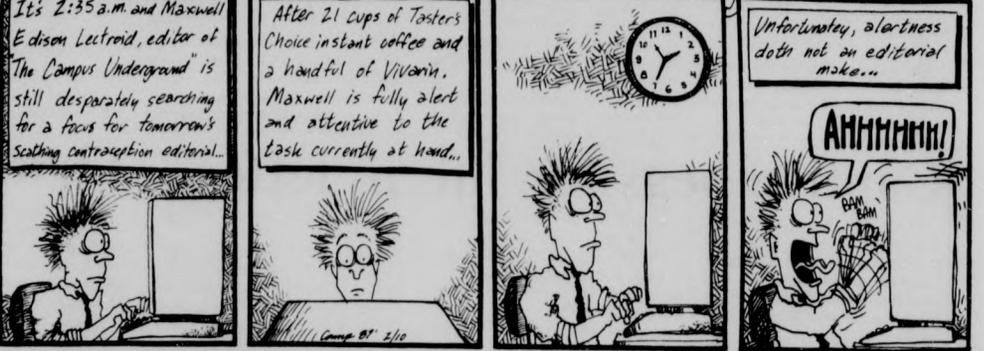
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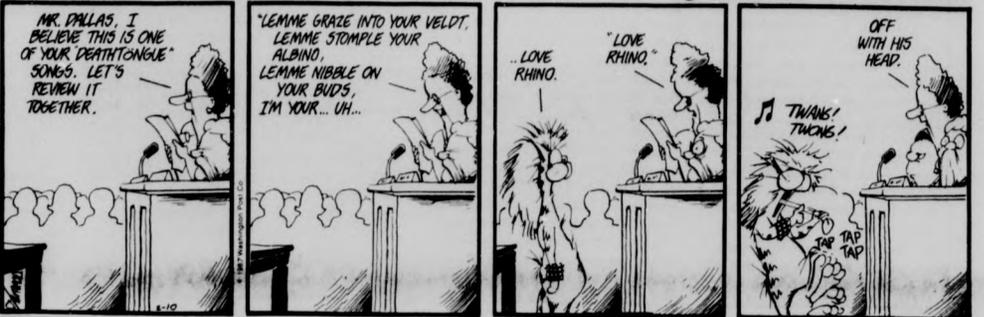
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New club seeks to abate segregation

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"I have to try harder to prove myself—especially when given the opportunity to be in a leadership position—first, because I'm a female and secondly, because I'm a black female," Graham said.

She said she is aware of Cultures United but has not attended any of the meetings.

"I think the intent is good, but the majority of TCU students are too narrow-minded to be able to accept the concept of Cultures United," Graham said.

"Some of the race relations I have experienced on this campus have been superficial," Graham said. "They're not honest friendships, but tolerated friendships."

Hartman said she believes people do not express their prejudices if they think the person they are talking to is not prejudiced. She said she only hears prejudiced comments from students occasionally.

"Once it was brought up about the sororities and fraternities and why they aren't mixed," Hartman said. "I was shocked at some of the comments just made by some of the students here."

Five students at the 1986 fall leadership retreat were determined to try to solve the problem, Hartman said.

"We decided we wanted to try to do something to improve race relations at TCU on a social basis," Hartman said. "So we decided to form this organization."

The administration has been supportive of the organization, but the students have been responsible for developing it, Mitchell said.

He said students questioned race relations at TCU at the leadership retreat, but the administration "kind of danced around the issue."

"They (the administration) said it's really an effort that's going to be individual," Mitchell said. "It was just left up to us to do something about it."

"We just decided that if we were really concerned about race relations at TCU, maybe we could just start an organization," Mitchell said.

The club is still in the planning stage, and the members are in the process of drawing up a constitution, Mitchell said.

"It's a good chance to get in on the ground level, because they're just now really getting this thing going," Cappel said.

Meetings are held Thursdays at 5 p.m. Members are planning their social calendar and have scheduled a pizza party in February.

All students are invited to attend the meetings and social events, Hartman said.

Lack of funds and getting the club's name known on campus are the biggest problems Cultures United faces, Hartman said.

"We're not looking for overnight success," Mitchell said. "It's going to take a lot of work."

"I hope when people start realizing that there is a problem and there is a way to solve it and that this group exists, more people will be interested and participate," Sargent said.

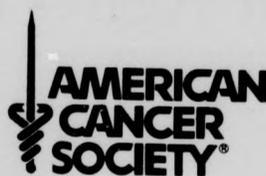
Hartman said there are about 20 active members, and they are enthusiastic.

"I think there's enough people who think this is important enough and care about it enough that it will stay," Hartman said.

"I have met different people that I probably never would have interacted with just going to classes," Sargent said.

Wong said he hopes Cultures United will help students develop friendship and awareness of the issues and, ideally, have a lasting effect on their lives.

Cappel said he thinks Cultures United will make students more aware of the cultural barriers that exist at TCU, and the experience will be good for them.



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Frogs beat Aggies 55-50; Papa, Holcombe high scorers

By Rusty McCaskey
Sports Editor

College Station—TCU's purple machine stumbled and sputtered, but when the final buzzer sounded Sunday, TCU had regained a three-game lead in the Southwest Conference race.

TCU came away from College Station with a crucial 55-50 victory over Texas A&M in G. Rollie White Coliseum Sunday evening. TCU dropped three notches to No. 18 in the Associated Press Top 20 this week. The loss to Baylor Wednesday was the cause for the drop in position.

"If we stumbled here, we might have gotten real panicky," TCU coach

Jim Killingsworth said. "As it was, we got a little nervous."

"It's a win," TCU's Jamie Dixon said. "I don't think we played real well, but you got to be happy with a win."

TCU owns a three-game lead in the conference with only five games to play, and Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf said he has never seen Killingsworth so happy.

"After Baylor and Texas Tech lost (Saturday), Killer walked in here today looking better than he has in 10 years," Metcalf said. "He looked like he had a face lift, and what they didn't fix we took care of today."

Killingsworth said the race for the SWC championship is still not clinched, but Metcalf said, "Ask him if he

(Killingsworth) would like to trade places."

When TCU lost Carl Lott to a broken finger, Killingsworth said, "We will have to have somebody each week to take up the slack and lead the way."

In Aggieland, Tony Papa was the hero. He pumped in a career high of 16 points, including the first basket

of the game. His 16 points equalled the performance of TCU's Carven Holcombe.

The Aggies scored only 4 points in the last five minutes of the game. Two of those were free throws, and the last two came from an insignificant layup by Texas A&M's Darryl McDonald as time ran out.

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