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## Shattered dreams fused together



TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE discus thrower Julian Wruck has the best throw in the NCAA this season.

Julian Wruck's broken knee at 15 forced him to focus on one sport. Turns out, he chose the right one.

STORY BY JOSHUA KOCH | PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER

Julian Wruck currently has the best discus throw in the NCAA this season, something he may not have envisioned five years ago.

At age 15, Wruck, now a sophomore Texas Tech thrower, was experiencing pain in his knees because of his avid basketball playing — but was told they were simply “growing pains.”

Wruck later found out they were not just growing pains when he shattered his knee playing basketball — the sport he once was most passionate about.

“It was really difficult at first,” Wruck said about the injury. “I mean, I just loved playing sports, loved running around doing a whole bunch of stuff. I was on crutches for a long time.”

After the injury, Wruck, a multi-sport athlete as a teenager, made the decision to focus on just one sport: track and field.

For 10 to 14 weeks, Wruck was on crutches, and instead of playing basketball with friends at lunchtime he was doing rehab exercises.

Most athletes cringe at the thought of suf-

fering an injury of this magnitude, but Wruck said he has become driven toward a higher goal because of the injury.

“It was probably a good thing it happened,” he said. “I think it was a good thing because it’s made me a lot more motivated, a lot more ambitious now.”

The thrower said he experienced the most improvement in the discus and shot put in the year following the injury, considering he really hadn’t focused on those events before.

Following the injury, Wruck said, he set up a six-year plan that could eventually land him in the 2012 Olympics Games, representing his homeland, Australia.

Now he is only a year away from the opportunity to compete in the trials to earn a spot in next summer’s games. Wruck said the period for qualifying for Australia starts Sunday and goes through July 2012.

During that time, Wruck can record a qualifying distance, but the competition to qualify for the Olympics is around next March in Australia.

Wruck said it would be a privilege to represent his country in the next Olympic Games, and according to his plan, he is on track to get there.

“It would mean such a great deal,” he said. “I mean, I really like the college season, I like the NCAA. I’d like to perform very well in the NCAA, but it’s like much, much greater than that ambition to compete at the Olympics. It would be the biggest achievement of my life, definitely.”

While Wruck works toward this goal in the United States, his parents and sister still live in Brisbane, Australia.

His father, Paul Wruck, is a deputy principal at a high school, while his mother, Mary-Lou Watkins, is an English teacher and also teaches English as a second language to foreign students.

When he goes home, Wruck said, he enjoys spending time with his family, hanging out with his dad and playing video games with his mom.

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## Raider Park offers 1,000 student spaces

Prices to be set in May by Board of Regents



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
STEVE URYASZ, SENIOR associate athletic director and president of Red Raider Club, speaks to the press Thursday on top of Raider Park about the recently announced parking options made available.

By TOMMY MAGELSEN  
NEWS EDITOR

Concerns of overcrowding in some Texas Tech parking lots will be somewhat alleviated with the opening of Raider Park, an 11-story parking garage just north of Jones AT&T Stadium.

The 1,500-space garage is connected to new apartment complex 25twenty, and will have 500 spots reserved for the apartment’s residents.

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## Parking services switches to faculty, staff e-permits

The transition from physical parking permits to electronic permits for students has led to the complete adaptation to e-permits for all students, faculty and staff.

Beginning next fall, all Texas Tech staff members and faculty who purchase permits no longer will have physical permits for their vehicles. Instead, just like students this year, they will have 100 percent electronic permits.

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## Arbor Day keeps campus ‘pretty’

Texas Tech continues tradition



By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

One of Texas Tech’s biggest points of pride is the beauty of the university. Whether at a literature convention or a sporting event, people want to talk about showing off the campus, its architecture, layout and scenery.

“Our university has a nice landscape,” said Charles Leatherwood, the senior superintendent of the Grounds Maintenance Department. “It’s the first thing potential students see.”

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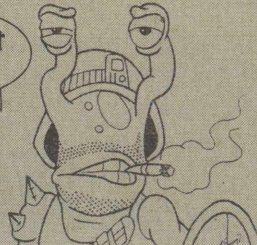
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# Permits

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Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services, said the switch will save the school \$50,000 for paper permits, continuing Tech's strive for a more "green-friendly" school.

Medley said the kiosks all vehicles must pass to get onto campus are be-

ing equipped with cameras to identify vehicles by their license plates. Medley said the recognition will let station attendants know whether or not an approaching car has a permit. Additionally, visitor-parking passes also will be electronic, with no need for paper passes.

Medley said students must remember, though, to update all of their information online to avoid parking tickets.

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# Park

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The remaining 1,000 spots will be sold to students, but — like other commuter lots — they will have to vacate the garage on game day to allow garage permit holders to park, said Heather Medley, University Parking Services marketing and training coordinator.

The prices of Raider Park, along with the rest of campus parking passes, for students during the school year will not be set until Tech's Board of Regents meeting in May, Medley said, and she anticipates an increase in the price of parking permits because of the rising oil prices.

Medley said commuter lots are less expensive than lots closer to the center of campus, which could mean Raider Park is cheaper than some of the other parking lots.

"We have a tiered structure now at

the university, so the closer into the core of campus, the more expensive it will be," she said. "The further you get, like Satellite (Parking), it will be cheaper."

Raider Park could be more attractive to students, Medley said, because of the opportunity for covered parking and its proximity to Commuter North, Tech's most popular parking lot.

The new parking garage also features a bar and restaurant on the ground floor, which will open to the public this summer, said Steve Uryasz, senior associate athletic director.

Fans wanting to park their vehicles at Raider Park can purchase season permits online for \$295, Uryasz said. Single game permits are available for \$75 for Big 12 Conference games and for \$60 for nonconference matchups.

Patrons who purchase game-day/season permits also will have access to the top-floor patio, which will have a beer garden.

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# Community Calendar

## TODAY

MFA Exhibit: Grant Billingsley

Time: All-day event

Where: School of Art, Studio Gallery

So, what is it?

This display of paintings is on display through Saturday.

"Footloose"

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: TTU Maedgen Theatre

So, what is it?

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Footloose," by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie. In this adaptation of the 1984 film, a city kid attempts to adapt to life in a conservative backwater midwestern town. Tickets cost \$12 for individuals and \$5 for students with a valid ID. Shows run through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Arbor Day

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Memorial Circle

So, what is it?

Bamboo handout begins at 11 a.m., and free food and T-shirts will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with student ID. Live music featuring Tech students Justin Robinett and Patric Johnston starts at 11:50 a.m. Ceremony and student organization awards start at 12:50 p.m., and planting begins at 1:20 p.m.

Texas Tech Pom Squad Audition

Practice

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Tech Pom Squad will host audition practice to prepare for the 2011-12 auditions. Audition applications and requirements are available online, and auditions will be hosted at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech Baseball

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Dan Law Field

So, what is it?

Come support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Kansas Jayhawks.

35th Annual Scholarship Concert

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?

The concert will commemorate the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. The Lubbock Chorale joins forces with 200 musicians from all of the Tech choirs and the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

## SATURDAY

World's Largest Water Balloon Fight

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: Urbanovsky Park

So, what is it?

Tech's American Red Cross Club will host the event in an attempt to break the "Guinness Book of World Records" world's largest water balloon fight. The current record keeper, Brigham Young University, had almost 4,000 people. The club's goal is 5,000 people.

BOWLAPALOOZA

Time: 1 p.m.

Where: South Plains Lanes

So, what is it?

Enjoy four games of bowling and shoe rental for \$10. There will be a raffle for prizes, sponsored by the graduate students of restaurant, hotel, and institutional management student organization.

## SUNDAY

Dancing at the Turning of the Year

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Wagner Park

So, what is it?

Enjoy performances by "A May Day Celebration" Celtic Ensemble, Tech Set Dancers and Caprock Morris Dancers, and enjoy a potluck picnic.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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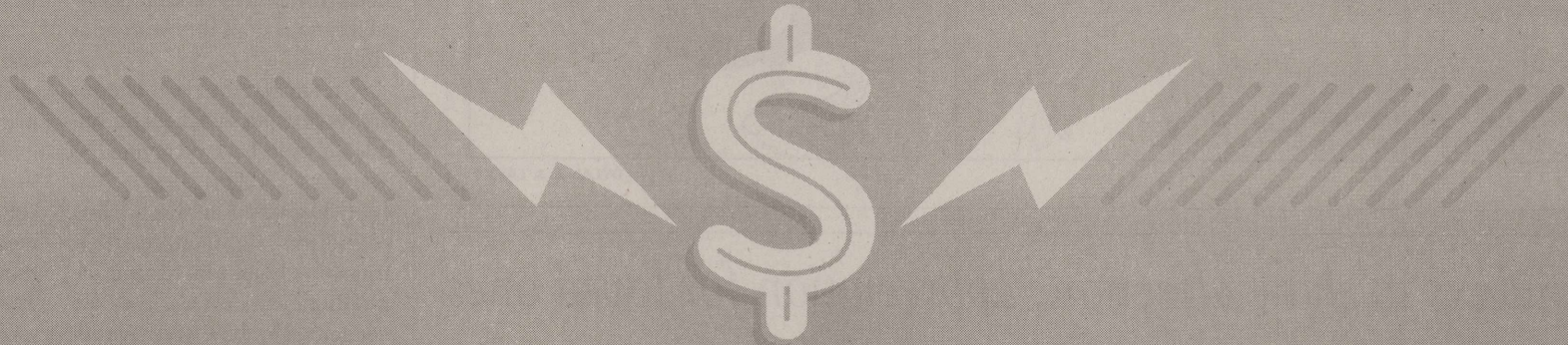
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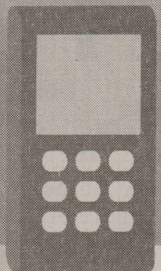


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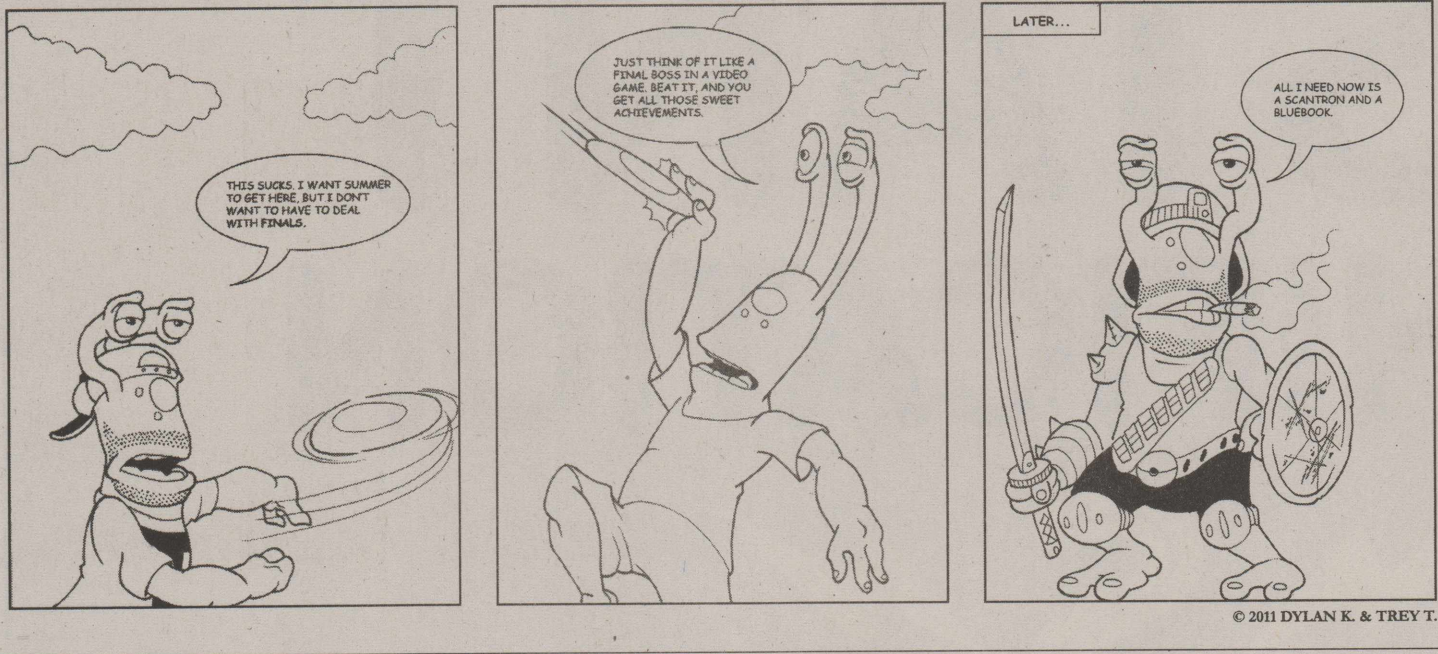


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# OPINIONS

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## WASFOIDS



## Don't wait for holidays to show affection, appreciation for loved ones

There are a few days every year when most people go to the ends of the earth to show that special person how much they care. Why wait? We should treat every day as a holiday. We should use every opportunity to show the ones we love exactly how much we value them. Maybe you will show that special someone in a bigger way that you care on certain days, but you can also show them how important he or she is to you in smaller ways other days of the year. It's not always about the grand gesture. Men often say women are high maintenance. In some cases that may actually be the truth, but in most situations that isn't the case. Women love the single rose because it's Tuesday, the text message that says, "I was just thinking about you," and the cookies you buy because she said they were her favorite. They love the simple handwritten note that shows that you actually have

### Jaira Keys



emotions and that you care about her. Women can actually be easy to please. They just want to be heard, adored and shown off. The most important simple gesture would be for guys to take their girls out to do something publicly from time to time. You don't have to take her anywhere expensive. Just whatever you can do is fine, but women like to be shown off. Just as much as women want to be appreciated, so do men. Do activities with your guy that you wouldn't usually do. For example, maybe watch a sporting event with him. Watching sports with him shows you are at least trying to show interest in the things he likes.

Maybe sometimes you can take him out instead of him taking you out. Men should not always have to pay for the date. This is 2011. Women should occasionally pick up the check. Your guy will more than likely appreciate it. When your man is feeling appreciated, he is more likely to show you something in return. No individual wants to be the only person putting in work for the relationship. Both parties need to work together to keep the relationship alive. Women, take the time to tell your man "thank you" when he does something nice for you. That idea may seem basic, but when things become routine, we as human beings tend to forget to appreciate them because we now expect these acts. We seem to often forget the simple things in life. Perhaps we should take some time out of every day and think about all the things we are grateful for. Many of us often become complacent in our relationships.

Becoming complacent is a result of being bored in your relationship. Being bored is possibly the result of both individuals not exploring all of their options. We seem to not be enjoying the basic things in life. It's not always about the lavish gifts or breaking the bank. Everyone wants and needs to be reminded that they are loved from time to time. We shouldn't wait for special occasions to tell or show someone we care. Life is not long enough to waste days waiting for the next. We should treat every day as if it could possibly be our last. Don't leave any words unsaid or actions undone. Don't wait another day to tell that special person how much you love them. They could be gone tomorrow; if not literally, then possibly figuratively. Take advantage of every opportunity.

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## Serious crimes committed during childhood should not ruin rest of life

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
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It's no secret that kids under the age of 18 are denied the right to vote, smoke cigarettes and gamble, among other rights. However, it's surprising that our justice system, which gives minors limited responsibilities solely because of their age, also holds them to a lifetime of responsibility for actions they've done as children. Currently, American citizens are serving life-sentences for homicides they have committed as young as 13. This measure has been instituted at the bidding of victims' rights groups that insist that homicides warrant life imprisonments even if they are committed by those who have not yet graduated from middle school. Victims' rights group advocates such as Kent S. Scheidegger, the legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, are currently advocating that each case should be considered individually, age being one factor to consider along with the particular circumstances in which the crime was committed. Scheidegger told The New York Times, "Sharp cutoffs by age, where a person's legal status changes suddenly on some birthday, are only a crude approximation of correct policy." This stance goes against the commonly acknowledged claim in the scientific community that young people's brains are still in the process of development. In fact, immaturity, impulsive behavior and peer pressure contribute to heinous crimes committed by minors more than they do when adults perpetrate the same crimes. A child's potential for change also offers a unique opportunity for rehabilitation because they are still maturing. While we believe that homicides should be punished regardless of who commits them, therapy and rehabilitation would serve our society better than a life sentence, the promise exists for these children to re-enter society as law-abiding citizens once their terms of punishment end. A recent New York Times article quoted Federal judge Michael A. Wolff: "Juveniles should not be sentenced to die in prison any more than they should be sent to prison to be executed." To condemn a child, who may hail from a violent upbringing, to death in prison is cruel, unusual and an inappropriate application of adult standards to those who have not yet reached adulthood.

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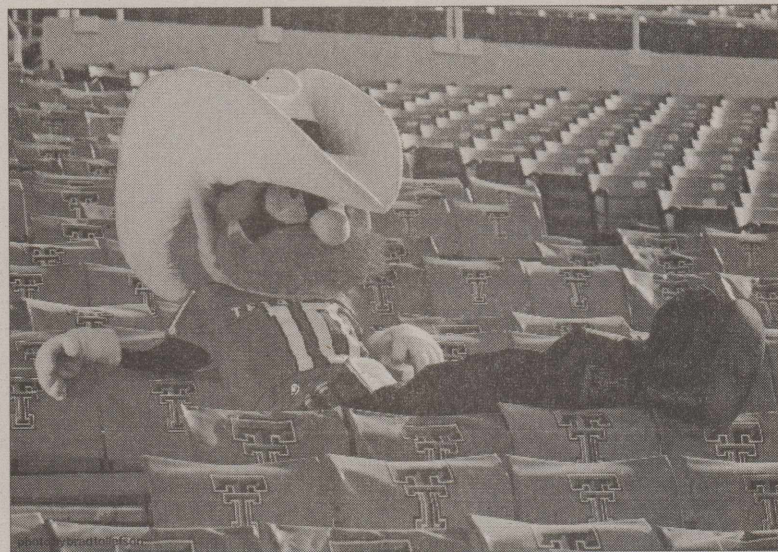
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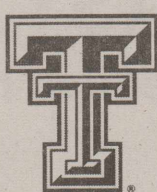
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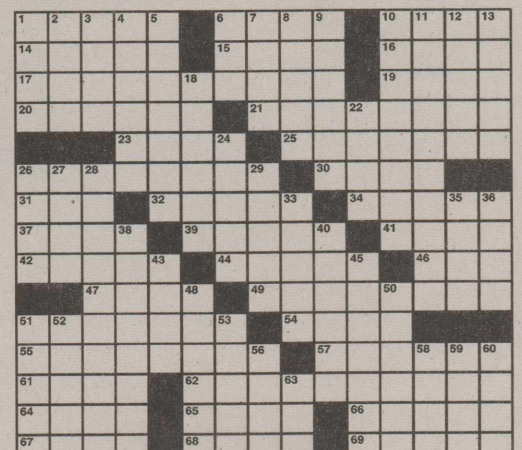
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- 10 1970 NBA expansion team
- 14 Poet Neruda
- 15 Affect, in slang
- 16 Reed in a pit
- 17 Entrance exam study guide?
- 19 Jim Davis pooch
- 20 Parlor treat
- 21 "Break a leg"
- 23 Mediterranean high spot
- 25 Dazes
- 26 They go nowhere
- 30 Lead singer Michaels of Poison
- 31 Sphere
- 32 American patriot Deane
- 34 Legally prevent
- 37 Game with a Ural territory
- 39 Only part of Egypt in Asia
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- 42 They're tucked in a carromball
- 44 Suisse capital
- 46 Selfish sort
- 47 Russian refusal
- 49 Squash relative
- 51 Flanders city
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- 55 Cross, often
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By Jeff McDermott

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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## Music student uses recital for greater good

By SYDNEY HOLMES  
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Philanthropy — everybody is doing it. From Hollywood celebrities to Texas Tech's Greek organizations, giving back is the new black.

While some participate in charity events for recognition, others, like music graduate student from Amarillo Andy Cruz, take a different approach.

Like all music students, Cruz has to perform for an audience in a senior recital. However, unlike most, he asks audience members to donate canned goods upon attending the performance.

Cruz said if any monetary donations are made, they will go toward his grandfather's cancer treatment costs.

"I wanted to do something for good. It's not just homeless people

coming (to food pantries) anymore, but people that have had careers are coming in now," he said. "It just made me really sad to think that you could have a job and a family and just lose it all."

Cruz said if he were to do his recital at the Tech School of Music, he would not be allowed to accept any kind of donation, so he moved his recital off campus. Although the equipment he will work with is not as high quality as the music school's, he said his passion for the cause transcends the sacrifice.

Cruz will attend medical school at Tech in the fall and said he has always been mindful of the needs of others from a young age.

"His passion for helping others is certainly relevant to his musical endeavors — musicians need to learn how to reach out and communicate with audiences through

their performances," Cruz's piano instructor, Lora Deahl, said. "As teachers, they need to learn how to guide and mentor young students."

Medical school is not a common course for a music student to take, said Deahl, who is also a professor of piano and keyboard literature within the music school. She said Cruz's fervor for serving others will serve him in the medical field as it has in his musical career.

"I love Andy for his infectious enthusiasm, unparalleled work ethic, intellectual curiosity and caring nature," she said. "(His future medical) profession will utilize these life skills to the fullest. I know he is destined to be a great doctor someday."

Instead of playing solely classical music, Cruz said he is integrating contemporary music into his recital from artists like Adele, John

Mayer and even some Broadway standards.

Cara Ralls, a Tech alumnus and long-time friend of Cruz, will sing with Cruz at his recital.

"Having an opportunity to use his talents, I feel like he is not only trying to play things that are important to him and things that he spent so many incredibly countless hours on," Ralls said, "but also (he is) including his friends and including their talents and doing things that are important to them to really include everybody in this recital."

Ralls said when it comes to Cruz's recital he remained determined and utilized his visionary mind-set to reach his goal.

"His music is something that is really important to him, and to be able to use that talent to help others and take donations is a



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ANDY CRUZ WILL have his senior recital Saturday, and asks audience members to bring canned good donations for Catholic Family Service.

great idea," Ralls said. "I think it's something that really allows him to give back in a different way." Cruz's recital is at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Elizabeth's Church. All canned goods will be donated to Catholic Family Service. >>sholmes@dailytoreador.com

## Arbor

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Arbor Day celebrations at Tech began in 1938 with then-President Bradford Knapp. Throughout the years, not much has changed, said Meredith Gooch, the Arbor Day Committee chairperson. She said the history is the reason it is celebrated on a large scale.

Since then, the event has moved from the Engineering Key to Memorial Circle and is one of only two days of the year, including the Carol of the Lights, when it is considered OK to walk on the grass.

Leatherwood said his staff begins by preparing the areas in which students will plant. Organizations are assigned plots, where they spend Friday planting flowers like lantana or geraniums.

Leatherwood said Arbor Day is a long day but worth the work.

Senior Shay Hlavaty did not agree. Though the environmental conservation of natural resources major from Lubbock said she was glad Tech is making efforts to become more environmentally friendly, she said Arbor Day does not help.

Hlavaty, a member of the Tech chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, said Tech needs to select plants easily embraced by the semi-arid environment.

"We'd like to team up with Arbor Day," she said, "to plant plants that don't require as much water ... they would be prettier, last longer and require less maintenance."

Just because a plant is being planted does not mean it is going to help the environment, she said. Though planting a tree may seem like a good idea, if it is not a native plant, it may require more water than Lubbock's geography can provide, Hlavaty said.

However, Leatherwood said the

plants provided to the students for planting are chosen to last.

Gooch said because of Lubbock's infamous wind and weather conditions, the landscaping often is replanted, but Grounds Maintenance tries to keep the flowerbeds as true to students' plantings for as long as possible.

"When they see a flowerbed that maybe needs some help, they will fix it; maybe they'll have to take the plant up, but they'll try to nurse it back to health," she said.

Overall, she said the day was about keeping Tech "pretty" and informing students about helping the environment.

"It gives students a chance to understand the meaning of 'going green,'" she said.

Arbor Day will also feature free food and T-shirts, as well as the local band Your Boyfriend Hates Us. Events begin at 11 a.m. in Memorial Circle. Planting starts at 1:20 p.m.

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## Red Raiders enter crucial set against KU Jayhawks

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

Three more Big 12 Conference series remain for a Texas Tech baseball team that currently is not on track to earn a spot in the Big 12 Championships.

So, Tech coach Dan Spencer said his team's sense of urgency must be at its peak beginning with Kansas this weekend.

"I would almost call it must win," Spencer said. "I mean, I think we do because if you don't win a series, then you gotta sweep somebody.

"And we haven't done that since I've been here."

The Red Raiders (25-19, 6-12 in Big 12 play) find themselves in ninth place in the Big 12 standings, one spot behind Nebraska at 5-9 in conference play.

A sweep of the Jayhawks (20-21, 9-9) would draw Tech even with Kansas, providing for a much more manageable position to make a run at a conference tournament berth.

Spencer said he'd just like to win the series, period, and not necessarily hope for the sweep.

The series begins at 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. Freshman David Paiz gets the start on the mound for the Red Raiders for the opening bout.

Tech pitcher Trey Masek, Saturday's starting pitcher, said the Red Raiders should not play like a team desperate for a victory.

"We're not really in survival mode," Masek said. "When you start thinking like that, that's



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH'S BO Altobelli gets ready to bunt the ball during the loss against New Mexico Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

when you get beat."

Following Wednesday's 8-4 loss to New Mexico at Dan Law Field, Spencer said his players were not mentally dialed in to the game, showing signs of carelessness.

The Red Raiders committed three errors in that loss to the Lobos, snapping what was an

eight-game win streak in mid-week games.

Pitching could continue to be Tech's strongest suit throughout the Kansas series, considering the Jayhawks rank at the bottom of the Big 12 in team batting average at .249.

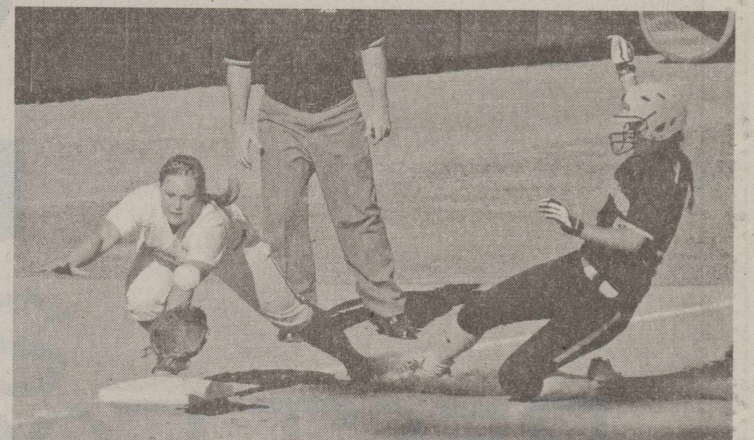
Tech reliever Aaron Corwin, a go-to reliever as of late, said

getting ahead of the opposing batter early in the strike count has helped raise his game.

Corwin keyed Tech's 8-5 win against Texas State on April 18, pitching 1 1/3 innings of shutout baseball en route to his first-career victory.

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## Tech softball team heads to Nebraska for Big 12 series



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH THIRD basemen Emily Bledsoe tries to catch the ball as Baylor runner Holly Holl slides into third base during Tech's 5-1 loss against the Bears on April 6 at Rocky Johnson Field.

By THORN COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Consistency is something the Red Raider softball team has been searching for since the start of the Big 12 season, and infielder Emily Bledsoe said the team needs to find its rhythm during the last two series of the season.

The team heads to Lincoln, Neb., this weekend to take on the Cornhuskers (34-9, 4-6 in Big 12 play) in a two-game series, a series Bledsoe said is a must-win.

"We need to win this weekend big time," Bledsoe said before practice Thursday. "We are putting everything we have in to these last four games of the season."

The Red Raiders go into Nebraska with a four-game losing streak (39-11, 4-9 in Big 12 Conference play), but Bledsoe said the team still

has a positive outlook.

She said the team knows how it stacks up against the other elite teams in the country, and it knows it can beat anyone on any given day.

"You know we are frustrated with the losses; I feel we can do better," Bledsoe said. "But we are still confident, and we know where we stand compared to the other teams out there."

Despite the recent four-game skid, the Red Raiders are still the RPI 28<sup>th</sup> team in the nation, a fact Coach Shanon Hays said is not lost on his girls.

Hays said the difficulty of the Big 12 year is apparent throughout the nation, and he said even coaches who have been in the conference for a long time know this is the best the conference has ever been.

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## BEST FOOD & RESTAURANTS

### Best Steak

Texas Roadhouse  
2nd Place- Cagel's  
3rd Place-50 Yard Line

### Best Barbecue

Rudy's  
2nd Place-Triple J Chophouse  
3rd Place-J&M Barbecue

### Best Hamburger (Tie)

Spanky's & 5 Guys  
2nd Place- Fuddrucker's  
3rd Place- Sonic

### Best Pizza

One Guy From Italy  
2nd Place-Dion's  
3rd Place-Domino's

### Best Buffet

Cici's Pizza  
2nd Place- Furr's  
3rd Place - Mr. Gatti's

### Best Mexican Food

Rosa's  
2nd Place- Abuelo's  
3rd Place- Ruby Tequila's

### Best Italian Food

Orlando's  
2nd Place-Olive Garden  
3rd Place-Carino's

### Best Asian Food

O'Hana  
2nd Place- Genghis Grill  
3rd Place- Shogun

### Best Margarita

Chimy's  
2nd Place- Ruby Tequila's  
3rd Place- Abuelo's

### Best Cold Beer

Cricket's Draffhouse  
2nd Place-Buffalo Wild Wings  
3rd Place- Bash Riprocks

### Best Happy Hour

Chimy's  
2nd Place- Cricket's Draffhouse  
3rd Place- Bash Riprocks

### Best Fast Food

Rosa's  
2nd Place- Subway  
3rd Place- Jack in the Box

### Best All Night Restaurant

Whataburger  
2nd Place-IHOP  
3rd Place- Josie's

### Best-All You-Can-Eat-Deal

CiCi's Pizza  
2nd Place- Genghis Grill  
3rd Place- Furr's

### Favorite Restaurant

Texas Roadhouse  
2nd Place- Abuelo's  
3rd Place- Rosa's

### Friendliest Service

United Supermarkets  
2nd Place- Chili's  
3rd Place- Bless Your Heart

### Best Supermarket

United Supermarkets  
2nd Place-Walmart  
3rd Place- Sun Harvest

## BEST SHOPPING

### Best Sporting Goods

Academy  
2nd Place- Mountain Hideaway  
3rd Place- Cardinal's

### Best Department Store

Dillard's  
2nd Place- Kohl's  
3rd Place- J.C. Penny

### Best Women's Shoes

DSW  
2nd Place- Dillard's  
3rd Place-Chrome

### Best Men's Shoes

Dillard's  
2nd Place- Academy  
3rd Place- Dillard's

### Best Jewelry Store

J. Keith's Jewelry  
2nd Place- Anderson Bros.  
3rd Place- Robert Lance Jewelers

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Cavender's  
2nd Place- Dollar Western Wear  
3rd Place- Boot City

### Best Discount Store

Target  
2nd Place- Walmart  
3rd Place (Tie) - Savers & TJ Maxx

### Best Consumer Electronic Store

Best Buy  
2nd Place-Target  
3rd Place-Walmart

### Best Bookstore

Barnes & Noble  
2nd Place-Varsity Bookstore  
3rd Place- Red & Black Bookstore

### Best Clothing Bargains

Target  
2nd Place- TJ Maxx  
3rd Place- Kohl's

### Best Tire Store

Discount Tire  
2nd Place- Firestone  
3rd Place - Rick's Tire Warehouse

### Best Women's Clothing

Forever 21  
2nd Place- Chrome  
3rd Place- Express

### Best Women's Casual Clothing

Target  
2nd Place- Gap  
3rd Place- American Eagle

### Best Men's Clothing Store

Dillard's  
2nd Place- American Eagle  
3rd Place- Banana Republic

### Best Shopping Center/Mall

South Plains Mall  
2nd Place-Kingsgate,  
3rd Place- The Village

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Suddenlink  
2nd Place-AT&T  
3rd Place-MSN

### Best Place to Buy Jeans

Buckle  
2nd Place- Gap  
3rd Place- Old Navy

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Inkfluence  
2nd Place-Big Buddah,  
3rd Place-Piercecution



# BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS

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3rd Place- Best Buy

## Best Local TV News Team

KCBD-TV Channel 11  
2nd Place-KMAC-TV (ABC) Channel 28  
3rd Place-KLBK-TV (CBS) Channel 13

## Best Local TV Sportscaster

Pete Christy-KCBD-TV  
2nd Place- David Collier - KAMC-TV  
3rd Place- Chase Williams KJTV-TV

## Best Local TV Weathercaster

John Robison - KCBD TV  
2nd Place- Ron Roberts - KAMC  
3rd Place-Laura Thomas - KJTV

## Best TV Show

Glee  
2nd Place- Big Bang  
3rd Place- One Tree Hill

## Best Radio Morning Show

Kid Kraddick  
2nd Place- The Bobby Bones Show  
3rd Place- Jeff, Kelli and Mudflap

## Best TV Station

KCBD-TV/NBC/Ch.11  
2nd Place- KMAC/ABC/Ch.28  
3rd Place- KJTV/Fox/Ch.34

## Best Radio Station

KZII-FM 102.5  
2nd Place (TIE) -KMMX-FM 100.3  
3rd Place- KLLL-FM 96.3

## Best Movie Theater

Tinseltown  
2nd Place- Stars & Stripes  
3rd Place- Cinemark 16

# BEST PLACES

## Best Place to Study

TTU Library  
2nd Place- J&B Coffee  
3rd Place- Daybreak Coffee

## Best Place to take a Date

Cafe J  
2nd Place- Orlando's  
3rd Place- Stars & Stripes

## Best Place to Work

TTU Rec Center  
2nd Place-South Plains Mall  
3rd Place- Body Bronze

## Best Night Club

Wild West  
2nd Place- The Blue Light  
3rd Place- Library

## Best Bar

Chimpy's  
2nd Place- Wild West  
3rd Place- Blue Light

## Best Place to Buy Alcohol

Doc's  
2nd Place- Pinkies  
3rd Place- Ollie's

## Best Cleaners

Comet  
2nd Place- Gristy's  
3rd Place- \$1.99

## Best Carwash

X-treme Wash  
2nd Place-Quick Quack  
3rd Place- Racer Classic

## Best Car Repair

Collision King  
2nd Place- Big Daddy's  
3rd Place- Prock

## Best Haircut

Aalon Salon  
2nd Place- Super Cuts  
3rd Place- Bijou

## Best Tanning Salon

Always Tan  
2nd Place- Body Bronze  
3rd Place- Super Tan

## Best Apartment/Housing Community

The Cottages  
2nd Place- Lynnwood Townhomes  
3rd Place- TTU Student Housing

## Best Place to Buy Flowers

College Flowers  
2nd Place-United Supermarkets  
3rd Place- University Flowers

## Best Church

St. Elizabeth's Catholic  
2nd Place- First Baptist  
3rd Place- First United Methodist

## Best Bank

Wells Fargo  
2nd Place-Bank of America  
3rd Place- American State Bank

## Best Pharmacy

Walgreen's  
2nd Place- CVS  
3rd Place- TTU Student Wellness Center

## Best Romantic Dinner

Las Brisas  
2nd Place- Cafe J  
3rd Place- Stella's

## Best Health Club

TTU Recreational Center  
2nd Place- Body Works  
3rd Place- Zach's Club

## Best Hangout

TTU Student Union Building  
2nd Place- Starbuck's  
3rd Place- TTU Rec Center

## Best Coffee Shop

Starbuck's  
2nd Place- J&B Coffee  
3rd Place- Daybreak

# BEST OF TECH

## Best Residence Hall

Stangel/Murdough  
2nd Place- Horn/Knapp  
3rd Place- Chitwood/Weymouth

## Best Tech Tradition

Carol of Lights  
2nd Place-Guns Up,  
3rd Place- Wrapping Will Rogers & Soapsuds

## Best Men's Sport

Football  
2nd Place- Baseball  
3rd Place-Basketball

## Best Women's Sport

Basketball  
2nd Place- Soccer  
3rd Place- Volleyball

## Best Professor/Instructor

Robert Wernsman  
2nd Place- Dr. Bill Dean  
3rd Place (TIE)- Dr. Michael Shonrock & Linda Larrabee

## Best Student Organization

Saddle Tramps  
2nd Place-Raiders Helping Others  
3rd Place- Miller Girls

## Best Sorority/Fraternity

Kappa Delta  
2nd Place- Pi Beta Phi  
3rd Place- Kappa Alpha Theta

## Best Class

Advertising  
2nd Place- Intro to Sociology  
3rd Place-Nursing

## Best Major

Business  
2nd Place- Journalism  
3rd Place- Early Childhood Education

## Most Helpful Department (TIE)

Mass Communications & Student Media  
2nd Place- Human Sciences  
3rd Place- College of Education

## Best Athletic Coach

Tommy Tuberville  
2nd Place- Kristy Curry  
3rd Place- Dan Spencer

## Best Tech Landmark

Memorial Circle  
2nd Place- Will Rogers and Soapsuds  
3rd Place- Tech Seal

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# Tech track wraps up season in California and Pennsylvania meets

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track and field teams are spread all across the country this weekend, competing in their final meets before the Big 12 Conference Outdoor Championships.

Some members of the No. 5 Red Raiders and No. 9 Lady Raiders are at the Penn Relays, which started Thursday, while others travel to Stanford for the Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational on Sunday in Palo Alto, Calif.

"We're going to meet a lot of the best people in the country, and so it's going to give us another opportunity to kind of see where we are," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "Stanford is this weekend also; we're just taking a few athletes there ... Mainly we're just trying to sharpen up, get some good marks, be able to compete with the best people."

Both teams have the opportunity to impress the coaches one more time before the Big 12 championships, which run May 13 through May 15 in Norman, Okla.

On Thursday, the Lady Raiders began some of their events, including the 4x100-meter heats and the 4x400 heats.

Tech finished fourth in heat No. 6 of the 4x100, turning in a time of 48.26 seconds.

In heat No. 2 of the 4x400 heats, the Lady Raiders crossed the finish line in fifth place with a mark of 3 minutes 43.42 seconds.

Unlike the Lady Raiders, the men's squad starts competing today, with Tech senior Bryce Brown running the 400 hurdles.

In an event that takes an entire team of hurdlers, the shuttle hurdles relay, the Red Raiders will attempt to bring home the title with Shane Brathwaite, Jamele Mason, Omo Osaghae and Brandon Tucker.

Putting all these athletes together on a relay team could possibly be a good mix, considering they all are ranked in the top 15 in the NCAA in the 110 hurdles.

Another Red Raider looking to continue his winning ways is Bryce Lamb in the long jump. The sophomore is ranked No. 3 in the NCAA and will attempt to improve on his season-best distance of 26 feet 6 1/4 inches.

Lamb said he believes the team can do some good things this weekend, and it is just taking more steps to prepare for nationals in June.

"I feel really good about it, and I'm just looking to see some spectacular things from our team," Lamb said. "As for the rest of the season, it's all up to us, we just got to be able to put it together at the same time, and hopefully we can do that at nationals and come out really high."

On the opposite side of the country, other Tech track members, including Shade Weygandt and Caroline Jepletting, will try to place well in their respective events.

Weygandt competes in the pole vault, while Jepletting attempts to improve in the 800.

The Lady Raiders hope to have another good showing after jumping six spots in the new United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association rankings, after an impressive

home meet on April 22.

The Tech women jumped from No. 15 to No. 9, while the Red Raiders slipped from three to five.

*"We're going to meet a lot of the best people in the country, and so it's going to give us another opportunity to kind of see where we are."*

WES KITTLEY  
HEAD COACH  
TEXAS TECH

Kittley said compared to years past, his men's team is much improved, and the women are still coming around but will get to the top eventually.

"Well, I definitely think our men's team, it's the best team we've ever put out there ... but I think overall we're stronger, a little bit better quality overall with our men's team," he said. "Our women's team, it's very young, we're still very young. I don't think it's the best we've had, but I think it's going to be in a year or two."

The Penn relays run through Sunday in Philadelphia.

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## Wruck

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Being away from his family for most of the year doesn't bother Wruck as much as it did when he first arrived in the U.S., but he cherishes the moments when he does get to go home.

"When I first got over here, it was a lot harder than it is now. I mean, the longer I spend here, the more I get used to being away from them," he said. "It's great to go back; I get to go back about twice a year, and it's really good to see them. Get some home-cooked meals and get to play video games with my mum all the time."

Wruck's success in the discus most likely stems from his father — a former athlete himself. His father used to throw discus and shot put, but his main event was the shot put.

Wruck said every time he goes home, his dad takes him out to training and always has been really supportive of his endeavors since childhood.

During the weekends and the holidays as a child, Wruck said, his dad would take a break from work and they would go out and throw.

"Back in primary school at Nudgee, it was good; every now and then my dad used to take me out to the Nudgee junior field, and we used to throw shot put," he said. "Back then I didn't throw discus but used to throw shot put, and then we used to bring like a Frisbee or something to throw after that. That was a lot of fun."

Wruck said his parents wanted him to come to the U.S. to get a university education because they both are high school teachers. Also, getting a scholarship in Australia is extremely tough.

The biggest difference he noticed when he first arrived in the U.S. wasn't the weather or the food, rather the work ethic of Americans compared to Australians.

"People, I don't want to say they're more ambitious here because there are some very ambitious people in both Australia and America, but people take what they do, their careers, a lot more seriously here,"

he said. "They have the potential to work a lot harder here, which I really like. In Australia, everyone's more laid back, which is good in its own way."

When he decided to pursue an education and collegiate career in the U.S., he sent some emails to colleges; some responded and wanted him to visit.

Along with Tech on the list of recruiting stops, there was also Florida State, which currently has the No. 3 men's team in the country.

But before he made it down to Tallahassee, Fla., he visited Lubbock. "Wruck said from the moment he walked onto campus he knew this was the place he wanted to be and didn't visit any other universities."

Wruck said there are few differences here in Lubbock compared to his hometown. The biggest may be the wind and dust, but Wruck said he likes that aspect.

"It's a nice and quiet town; it's big, but it's not that big," he said. "The college is great, it's got everything I need — that's fine by me. That was it; I didn't visit any other schools, just came straight here."

Since arriving at Tech, Wruck has left his mark on the track and field program.

In his first season with the Red Raiders, Wruck shined in the outdoor season, winning three meets in the discus. His season-best throw in 2010 was 200 feet, two inches.

Wruck was named to the All-Big 12 Conference Track and Field Team for his efforts in the discus and also received All-American honors.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said out of all the athletes on his squads, Wruck is arguably the most consistent, and his love for the sport often shows on the field.

"He loves to throw, he is so passionate about throwing," he said. "I think that's (why) he beats a lot of people ... his passion for the sport and especially the discus. He is just excited and fired up about the discus all the time, and I think it shows."

Wruck has continued improving on his game in 2011, winning three consecutive meets to open the outdoor season. In the team's most recent home meet, the Tech Invitational, Wruck was beat out for the discus title by someone very familiar to him, Tech's assistant strength coach Jason Young.

Young, who throws for Nike, beat Wruck with a hurl of 205-11. This is not the first time he has edged out Wruck in a competition this season.

On April 1, Young won the Elite Discus Throw on his final attempt of the day, beating out Wruck's previously leading throw of 203 feet by four inches. Wruck's throw still sits at No. 1 in the NCAA this season.

After the event, Young spoke highly of Wruck and said this is not the end, but only the beginning for the young athlete.

"Julian is a very good thrower; he's stellar," he said earlier this season. "He's a young guy; he understands the idea of how you're supposed to throw discus. He's going to keep getting better and better, but I'd like to see him do is progress and win the NCAA Championships and be at the World Championships this year representing Australia."

With all the success he has experienced here so far, Wruck said he is happy with the decision he made to become a Red Raider.

"I'm glad I did it," he said. "I love Texas Tech."

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## Kansas

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"Before every batter, that's been my goal, is just go out and get strike one," Corwin said. "That's allowed me to pitcher in pitcher's counts and be successful."

Tech's Sunday pitcher has yet to be determined, Corwin being a candidate for the opening.

Tech catcher and designated

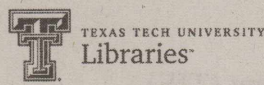
hitter Bo Altobelli said the biggest factor in beating Kansas has nothing to do with the opponent, rather the Red Raiders' plate discipline throughout the series.

"We get pressed a little bit and get off the approach," Altobelli said, "and the other team gets the best of us, so just stay on that approach and stick with it the whole nine innings and good things will happen."

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