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Bosworth's book mentions Aggies' football program

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With his punk haircut, wrap-around sunglasses, three earrings, and off-the-wall comments, Seattle Seahawks linebacker Brian Bosworth has become a media darling. So much so, in fact, that he has eschewed the typical posters football superstars usually market and gone straight to doing deodorant commercials and writing his autobiography.

In his book, "The Boz: Confessions of a Modern Anti-Hero," Bosworth expounds on the life of a typical University of Oklahoma football player, which was quite untypical of how a normal college student lives. Bosworth gives details of his OU career and recruitment which prompts a couple of comments about the Texas A&M football program.

About his recruitment out of MacArthur High School in Irving in 1983, Bosworth said, "Some places I went were unreal. At (Texas) Tech I showed up and they've got a limousine and a girl waiting for me. They don't say it, but it's pretty obvious you could have the girl right then and there and you wouldn't have to feel bad about not calling her the next day, if you know what I mean. A lot of the hostesses I met might just as well have worn a lapel button that said: HI! I'M WHORING FOR

GOOD OL' STATE U. But what the hell. That's Texas. . . ."

Bosworth then goes on to briefly describe a visit to the Louisiana State University campus before saying, "I had a great time at A&M. They set me up with anything I wanted. The guys there were terrific."

"The Boz" goes on to say, "Eventually, it all came down to A&M and

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Oklahoma, and I guess in the back of my mind, I knew that was no contest."

Bosworth writes that he chose OU because of the impressiveness of its athletic facilities and partly because of his hate for the University of Texas. ("I don't like Fred Akers. I don't like the city of Austin. And I don't like their color of orange. It reminds me of puke.")

While in Norman, Okla. Bosworth enjoyed all of the the material luxu-

ries afforded a Sooner football player. He says that he had a \$500-a-month condo, a big-screen television, a Jeep and a Corvette, and \$2,000 in his checking account at all times.

He then writes, "I mean, if you could've seen the athletic dorm parking lot at OU, you'd have thought there was a doctors' convention going on inside. And ours wasn't even as ritzy as SMU's or A&M's or a lot of other schools. Most college football coaches are like the father of a girl who's just come in from a date. He'd rather not know the details, so he doesn't ask."

In the book, Bosworth also outlines some of the problems he witnessed while at OU:

- Players freebasing cocaine on game day;
 - An incident in which footballer Buster Rhymes fired 150 rounds from an Uzi machine gun at other students from a dorm balcony;
 - Open and common use of steroids;
 - NCAA violations ranging from extra recruiting visits, to cash payments by alumnis, to bogus jobs.
- Bosworth also writes, "If you were a star on the University of Oklahoma football team, you could do just about anything you wanted. You had no rules."
- Bosworth's autobiography goes on sale the first week in September.

Sprinters vow to break world marks

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — Making rare appearances at high altitude, star sprinters Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis have vowed to smash the world records in the men's 100 and 200 meters sprints Thursday in this Alpine resort.

The Sestriere track, 6,726 feet above sea level, is the highest in Europe, and competitors feel that will be a big help in their bids for world records.

Johnson, the Canadian world champion, said he expects to run the 100 meters in 9.80 seconds, or under his world record time of 9.83. He won the Canadian championships in 9.90 at sea level on Saturday.

Lewis, who leads a strong American field in the 200, said he could do better than 19.70, which would crack the nine-year-old world record of 19.72, held by Pietro Mennea of Italy.

Johnson and Lewis will not race against each other. The two head a field of top-level athletes who, through a combination of peak condition and the alti-

tude, could smash the world records in several other events. The women's sprints, the men's and women's 400 meters, the 110 hurdles and the long jump are most prominently mentioned.

Lewis and Johnson again refused to run against each other in the same race, and might not until the Seoul Olympics.

"I have no problem," Johnson said. "It's Lewis who doesn't want to race against me."

The two had been expected to compete in two events before Seoul and one after, with a reported \$1 million put up by a sponsor, but Johnson was injured in May and the duel was off.

The field in the 100 also features Americans Dennis Mitchell, second at the Olympic trials with a wind-aided 9.86, and Joe DeLoach, fifth.

In the 200, Lewis faces the gold and silver medalists at the 1987 World Championships, American Calvin Smith and Gilles Queneherve of France.

Kicking game priority for Razorback football

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Sure, the offensive line is a priority at the University of Arkansas. And replacing two outstanding linebackers is a must. But, up there on the same level, is field goal kicking.

In fact, says Coach Ken Hatfield, field goal accuracy may be No. 1.

Hatfield is quick to recall that the misses cost the Razorbacks three possible Cotton Bowl trips in the past four years.

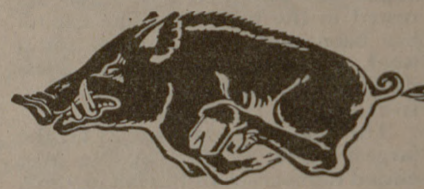
"For us to have a great year, we have to be outstanding — not just good, but outstanding — in the field goal department," Hatfield said.

"We need to make at least 90 percent of our field goals from makable range. It's that monumental."

Kendall Trainor made 10 of 13 as a sophomore and won the Holiday Bowl with a last-second kick, but managed only 13 of 20 last year while doubling as the punter.

This year, Allen Meacham will punt.

"Maybe I'm dumb enough or smart enough to have learned my lesson," Hatfield said. "I've been through that twice now with Greg Horne and Kendall. Greg was a



much better punter and that's all he did his last year and it helped him get an NFL contract."

Another plus is the return of snapper Richey Miller — a former walk-on who earned a scholarship — and holder Jimmy Simpson.

The offensive line never worked together during the spring, but there is plenty of experience.

"We've got to get them working together in a hurry," Hatfield said. "We've got some good ability. I feel good about that, but it's always a question until they do it. Until you have a proven line playing together, you never know."

"You can take one skill position guy — a running back — and hand him the ball and he looks good or a receiver and tell him to go catch and he does. But you can't stick one offensive lineman in there. They've

got to know what the other is doing and where the play is going and that takes a lot of dull repetition without much credit for it."

The offensive line starts with Freddie Childress, who has risen from 367 to about 315.

"For us to be good, Freddie got to be good and he's got to be good in the fourth quarter," Hatfield said. "He has great skill. He's an awesome blocker when he wants to."

Jim Mabry is the only other returning starter in the offensive line but Mark Henry, Todd Gifford, Bert Crawford, Todd Jones, Apolskis, Darren Worrell, Dwayne Spann have ability.

And, Hatfield says, "We have much talent and depth at the positions as we have had in the years I've been here."

At linebacker, two-year starter Rickey Williams and Erik White are gone. LaSalle Harper is the returning linebacker who has played much and he should be more comfortable after a year of spring practice. Also missing is noseguard Cheryco and his ability to run down player from behind.

Oilers owner villain in Gretzky trade

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Edmonton Oilers owner Peterocklington was cast as the villain Wednesday for dealing superstar Wayne Gretzky to the Los Angeles Kings, a trade which three former Oilers doubted Gretzky sought.

Former teammate Paul Coffey said he didn't believe Gretzky requested the trade as he insisted during Tuesday's news conference.

The 27-year-old superstar broke into tears after telling reporters he was leaving for the good of "Wayne Gretzky, my new wife and our expected child in the new year." Gretzky married actress Janet Jones on July 16.

Coffey, now with the Pittsburgh Penguins, said his best friend was "just a piece of meat" traded for hard cash by Oiler management.

"I think hockey was No. 1 with

Wayne," the All-Star defenseman said. "There's no bloody way he wanted to go there (Los Angeles)."

"He's a small-town guy. I don't care if he married the Queen of England. I kind of wished he hadn't broken up (at the news conference), and maybe he would have told us what really happened. But he doesn't do anything to rock the boat."

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