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NEWS IN BRIEF

Baylor athlete arrested, cut from baseball team

WACO (AP) — Baylor junior pitcher Derek Brehm, who was accused earlier this year of killing, skinning and decapitating a stray cat, has been dismissed from the team following a DWI arrest.

In a release from the school, Baylor coach Steve Smith said only that Brehm had been dismissed after being involved in another off-the-field incident.

Waco police said Brehm was arrested Saturday.

Brehm is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 7.

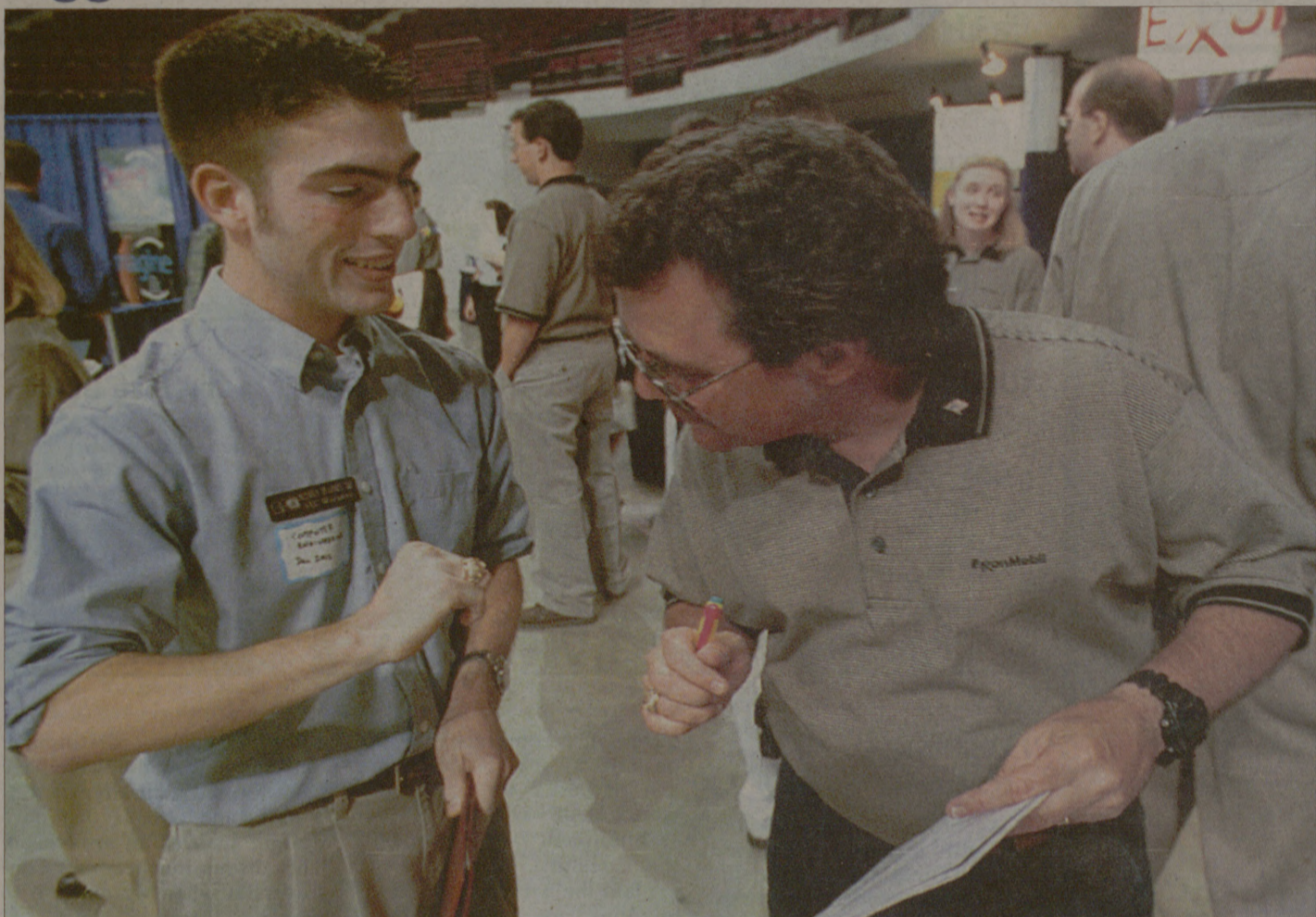
Brehm and outfielder Clint Bowers were arrested March 9 after the cat was killed. Both players were scheduled to appear in court on the plea docket Aug. 30, but the date was rescheduled for pretrial Jan. 9.

Waco police arrested the two players after receiving a report that someone shot a cat near the Baylor campus and fled in a sport utility vehicle.

Police stopped Bowers' Chevrolet Tahoe nearby and noticed blood on the door and steering wheel, according to police reports. While searching the truck, police found a severed, skinned cat's head in the back.

They also found a pellet gun, a knife and a golf club that appeared to have cat hair on it.

Aggie network



An Exxon-Mobil recruiter admires senior computer engineering major Kenny Harms' Aggie ring at the Engineering Career Fair yesterday. The career fair was held in Reed Arena and offered corporate booths for students seeking jobs in engineering.

Bureau warns of gouging Perry combats price increases

By ERIC AMBROSO THE BATTALION

The Brazos County Better Business Bureau is receiving reports of price gouging in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Larry Lightfoot, president of the Better Business Bureau, defines price gouging as sudden, unusual price increases that are significantly out of line with the competition in the geographic area. The disruption in the airline industry is forcing many Americans to find alternate means of transportation, shelter and other related services, impacting industries across the country. If retailers determine there might be a public concern about a product, they may try to take advantage of consumers by unfairly increasing the price of the product, Lightfoot said.

"Attacks on the East Coast have created fear in all consumers nationwide. People are overreacting to the attacks and retailers are taking advantage of this hysteria," said Mike Viesca, spokesman for the Texas attorney general's office. "Ninety-five percent of the complaints in Texas have been concerned with gasoline. Other products have included rental cars, groceries and hotels."

Texasns should be aware of retail gasoline stations, motels, hotels and other businesses across the state that provide transportation services, shelter and related necessities, Viesca said. However, he said, not all increases in prices constitute price gouging. Prices on products such as gasoline and produce vary throughout the year.

Viesca is urging people to use common sense to determine when prices are unreasonable and report the instance as soon as possible. According to Viesca, if a consumer buys a product at a certain location for an extended period of time, and the price suddenly increases or if the competitors' prices are significantly lower, the consumer should contact the state attorney general's office.

"The vast majority of businesses adhere to honorable, responsible business practices in

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Campaign to raise \$50 million, improve existing sports facilities

By NONI SRIDHARA THE BATTALION

As students head to the Oklahoma State game this Saturday wearing red, white and blue, many will be entering through the newest addition to Kyle Field, the Bernard C. Richardson Zone.

The addition is part of the Championship Vision, an athletic capital campaign that seeks to raise \$50 million to build several new facilities, including an academic center, and make improvements to existing sports facilities.

"The campaign is funded strictly from alumni and private donations," said Miles Marks, executive director and CEO of the 12th Man Foundation.

Marks said the first \$6 million will be going toward building training room facilities and locker rooms for women's softball, soccer and track and field teams.

"Our first priority was to give to sports that do not generate any revenue other than their own ticket sales," Marks said.

Marks said the major objective of the campaign is to build an academic complex behind the south end zone of Kyle Field. Three million dollars will be allotted for

the academic center, \$500,000 for a career counseling center and placement center and \$125,000 for computer labs that will be housed in the academic center.

"Because athletes have such a tight schedule and set practice times, they don't have the flexibility in their schedule like other students to go to the computer labs when they are not as packed," Marks said.

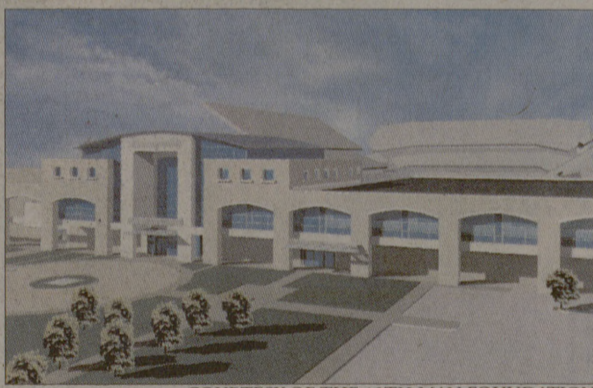
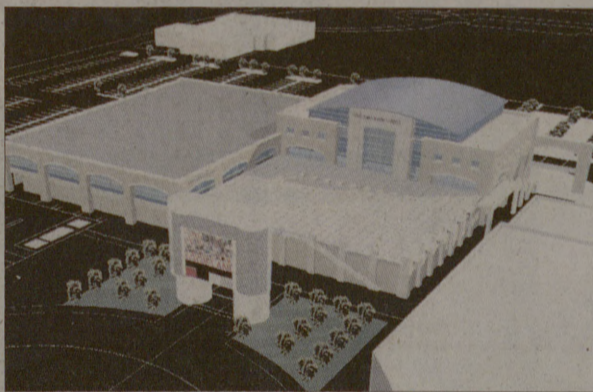
He said the career center was to get the athletes ready for life after college.

"Most of these athletes are not going to go on to be professionals, so we need to get them prepared for the real world," Marks said.

Marks said very few of the donors are former athletes. He said if someone does plan to put their whole donation into the campaign, they are encouraged to do otherwise.

"Athletics is a very valuable auxiliary effort," Marks said. "It is the front porch to the University. You can have a prominent speaker for the business school or the engineering school come on a weekend, but you're not going to get anywhere near the attendance if you hosted this on a game-day weekend."

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COURTESY OF THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION

Police link suspect to assaults in Philadelphia

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Police have linked a suspect in sexual assaults near the Colorado State University campus to five rapes and a murder in Philadelphia, police said.

DNA left at the scene of two rapes in Fort Collins matched that of a man suspected of assaulting three female college students in Philadelphia and killing a University of Pennsylvania student between 1997 and 1999.

"This is the same person," said Fort Collins spokeswoman Rita Davis.

All six attacks in Fort Collins since May targeted women in their 20s. In each case, the intruder climbed through a window or balcony doors during the early morning hours, blindfolded the women and forced them to perform a sex act.

"He's certainly a shrewd individual because he's able to do this as long as he has and get away," said Philadelphia Police Cpl. Jim Pauley. "He's not a dummy."

Fort Collins police have received 848 tips and interviewed almost 200 suspects. The main suspect's car has been described as a faded-blue, late 1980s, four-door sedan.

Baylor professor refutes much of Darwin's theory

By ERIC AMBROSO THE BATTALION

The complexity of life on Earth points to the existence of a "creator" and refutes much of Darwin's theory of evolution, said William Dembski, a Baylor University professor who spoke Tuesday at Rudder Theater.

Dembski is the nation's leading proponent of the "intelligent design" theory, which uses mathematics and philosophy to prove that biological development is not a random product of evolution, but the intended result of an intelligent designer. Titled "Darwin's Unpaid Debt," Dembski's lecture was hosted by the Christian Faculty Network at A&M.

"Natural selection and random variation are in principle incapable of accounting for certain types of biological information," Dembski said. "The issue at hand is what is responsible for evolution. The transition requires intelligence and cannot happen by random, natural forces. The

notion of specified complexity is correlated with the effects of intelligence. A designer and specified complexity need to be brought together in order to explain biology."

The Darwinian theory of evolution is the belief that organisms have evolved over time to reproduce. It claims that organisms evolve to adopt certain characteristics in order to survive. Dembski argues that Darwin's theory cannot account for more interesting, complex organisms. According to Dembski, specified complexity is needed in order to explain biological systems.

Specified complexity is the idea that organisms have a certain biological blueprint. He said that there are extremely complex organisms in life that require several closely matched parts in order to function. Therefore, removal of one of these parts would cause the organism to stop functioning. Evolution, in these cases, cannot explain the complexity of certain organisms.

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Texas population for 2000 according to the state comptroller 20,851,820

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