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Score of 805 helps Aggies in Las Vegas

Christensen leads archery squad

by Frank L. Christlieb

Battalion Staff
Elaine Christensen won't have to put a star or a check on her calendar to remember Jan. 28-30, 1982. In her mind, those three days will be written in big bold letters, magic-marker style.

You might say she's a shooting star. But Christensen, a junior biology major at Texas A&M and a member of the Aggie archery team, isn't one to be a point to total of 1,559 and fifth place ing star. But Christensen, a brag about her recent stroke of good luck.

Competing in the Las Vegas Shootout over the past weekend, Christensen and her teammates matched their skills with more than 800 archers from around the nation. And after the final arrow had been shot Sunday afternoon, Texas A&M walked away with a third-place and a fifth-place finish in the prestigious tournament.

But from the Aggies' point of view, the most eye-catching statistic of the competition was listed under the individual scores: "Elaine Christensen,

above her average, Christensen placed 12th in the overall individual standings, as she and teammate Heather Dunnam combined for a score of 1,491 and third place. Christensen finished with 805 points and

Dunnam totaled 686. among in the men's team com-

Christensen, who's been shooting for the Aggies during all three of her years at the University, says the tournament ranks as one of her best archery experiences.

"I thought it was very exciting for me," she said. "It was the first time I'd been to this particular tournament. It was unique because they had compound shooters at this tournament, which are some of the best shooters in the United States, like Luann Ryon and some other top shoo-

Shooting close to 40 points watching all those great shoo- shoot well.

"We had six women from the South who were in the cham-pionship flight (held Sunday) out of about 24 people, which is very unusual. Archery is just not a big sport down here.

Christensen said she entered the tournament knowing exactly how she wanted to perform.

"I went in wanting to shoot scores as well as I do in practice, and I did that on the first day, she said. "Then on the second day, everything fell into place and everything was in synch. On the third day of the tournament (the championship flight), I guess I got a little nervous and fell back below my average.

'I had practiced a lot over the holidays, and that probably helped a lot. I had had experience at national tournaments, so I went in confident. I wanted to shoot for the team. I wasn't worried about my individual score - I know that Heather (Dunnam) and I are both good archers, so I knew that we could

Coach Frank Thomas didn't attend the tourney, but he wishes he had.

"Elaine's performance was just incredible," Thomas said. "Nobody could have predicted that she'd do that well. She's been practicing extremely hard and it just paid off.'

For its third-place finish, the Aggie women's team was awarded \$400, which will be used to help with club finances. The Texas A&M men's squad won \$200 for its efforts.

Arizona State University, which boasts three sure-bet Olympic team members, won both the men's and women's divisions at the tournament. ASU's archery program awards scholarships to its team mem-bers and is fully supported by the school's athletic department.

Shooting as an extramural club, Texas A&M finished higher than any non-scholarship

Two Texas A&M students

de and screaming salutations, gushing tears and rousing

The throng of 500,000, as

estimated by the police, matched

the top anti-war marches of the early 1970s and equaled the

number of people who turned

affiliated shooters in the ment. Tricia Green placed and Laura Cale, ranked an the top archers in the finished sixth individual

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Under the tournam mat, each competitor arrows Friday and Saturd finished with 30 arrows § The scores from the fin days' events were combin team scores, but all three performances made up the

vidual scores. The Aggies will compo several more tournamer ing the spring semester, s with the indoor regionals stin Feb. 11-13. Here aret mainder of the team's sche

- Outdoor archery t ment, March 5 (here) - Indoor nationals, 25-27 (Muncie, Ind.) Outdoor tour

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Riggins, named the Valuable Player in Sunday per Bowl Skin win over Miami Dolphins, ma however, to make a teams tion afterwards. He arriv limousine provided by a TV station.

Policeman Ray Terczak cting traffic amid a swarm manity, said: "This is many Everyone is happy, everyone united, and as far as I can one is drunk.

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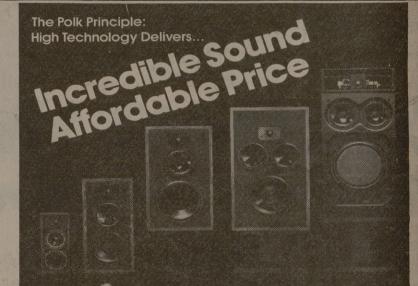
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