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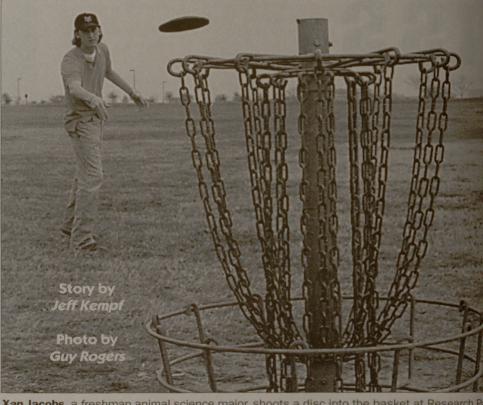
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Is it a frisbee?



Xan Jacobs, a freshman animal science major, shoots a disc into the basket at Research Park

•Disc Golf provides thrifty pastime gains popularity among students.

n the '90s, many ordinary sports have been altered in order to gain the interest of the young sportsloving population. One of the rising leisure activities in America is disc

With the traditional golf-playing concepts in mind, disc golf is a fastpaced sport. Such popularity has spawned the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), which trains officials, sanctions competitions and regulates game play.

The objective of the game is to complete a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc. The player begins each hole at a tee box and must try to reach a basket which serves as the hole in disc golf. Obstacles, such as trees and water, commonly found on the disc golf course, make

skills for a successful run. Jared McCullogh, a sophomore general studies major, said there are more than trees to overcome on the

accuracy and precision important

"Some courses require the player to advance across a street," he said. "The concrete of the road and sidewalks then become penalty ar-

The game is a constant challenge, has a very social nature and requires good physical and mental conditioning. It is also very inexpensive and is a recreational sport for everybody, regardless of age, gender or ability.

McCullogh said he enjoys the game as a stress reliever.

"It is fun to go play with your friends and forget about classes, tests and homework," McCullogh said. "It is always a stress relief when you get to talk and chat with your friends.

Disc golf courses can range anywhere from nine to 27 holes, but 18 is the average course length.

Courses are usually located in wooded areas. Water traps and naturally rough terrain add to the difficulty of the game, but courses are available for play all year long.

Wes Wyatt, a senior speech communications major, said there are not many places available to play the game.

Research Park is the only place in town to find a disc golf course. The course is an 18-hole course with good obstacles and game play," Wyatt said. "There are a couple of tees in which you must throw out over water, but all in all, the trees pose the biggest hurdle.'

Wyatt said he sees many different people at the park in College Station, and the diversity of individuals showing up to play increases

"Most people probably think only students go out there to play,' he said. "I see husbands, wives, boyfriends who bring their girlfriends and Dads with groups of

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