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## Ags tee off in Austin

By Marcus White  
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Fierce competition awaits the Texas A&M men's golf team today as the Aggies head to Austin to compete in the Morris Williams Intercollegiate. The Austin Country Club will host a parade of top college programs through Tuesday.

Leading the way for the Aggies will be team captain and senior Shuan Helme and juniors Stephen Reed and David Tasker, whose 71.92 rating through five events this season currently leads the Aggie team.

This is Tasker's first year with A&M since transferring from the New Mexico Military Institute where the Australia native won three JUCO tournaments and finished third at the NJCAA National Championships in 2001. Reed, who has competed in every tournament this season, finished second individually at the Louisiana Classic where his 5-under-par total of 211 paced the Aggies to a third place finish.

Helme has contributed consistent scores and is currently third on the A&M team, averaging just more than 74 strokes per round.

Helme said that the end goal is to compete for a national championship, but that the Aggies need to do well in divisional and

regional competing first. "Right now we are in a position, and we determine our own destiny," Helme said. "We play good golf, we should be fine."

Nearly one-third of the nation's top 20 teams will be in attendance, including the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The Morris Williams Intercollegiate is also expected to feature several of the NCAA's top individual golfers.

The No. 2 UNLV Rebels are fueled largely by the outstanding play of sophomore Ryan Moore, who is currently ranked among the top 10 collegiate golfers in the country by Golfweek/Sarasota Performance Index. Moore, averaging less than 70 strokes per round this year.

A quartet of 2002 PINGA Americans will also be competing in Austin, including Fresno State's star senior Adam Watney, Oklahoma State junior Hunter Mahan, Georgia Tech senior Troy Matteson and Texas senior Adam Rubinson. The four are ranked among the top 10 by Golfweek/Sarasota Performance Index.

The two-day Morris Williams Intercollegiate tournament begins today on the men's championship tees at the Austin Country Club.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Houx successful at equestrian tourney

Texas A&M junior English rider Meredith Houx won the open flat class at the Tournament of Champions on Saturday. Houx, who competed against some of the nation's top riders, scored seven points for the Aggies in the competition in Canyon.

The A&M English team finished in a tie for ninth place. The Aggies' western team finished in fourth place on Saturday.

#### Diving team competes over weekend

Texas A&M freshman Chistian Picard and junior Adam Morgan finished seventh and eighth respectively in the three-meter springboard at the Zone D Diving Championships this weekend. Morgan finished second in the one-meter event held on Friday, breaking an A&M school record.

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## An open letter to Texas A&M Students

Fellow Students:

Last semester I videotaped a consensual sexual encounter with a young lady without her knowledge. After I did so, I showed the videotape to other students. I knew what I did was wrong but I did not know that it was illegal. I soon found out that a law took effect September 1, 2002, that makes videotaping another person without his or her consent with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person a felony.

What I did was wrong because it was immoral and a tremendous embarrassment to the victim, my fraternity, my family, and myself. What I did caused enormous pain and suffering to the victim, her family, and my friends. Furthermore, I failed to live up to the high standards of Texas A&M University. I want everyone to know that this sort of behavior and the taping of anyone without their permission is a crime and I urge the students of Texas A&M University not to participate in this type of immoral and illegal conduct.

As a result of my conduct, I have been suspended from Texas A&M University and my fraternity, arrested and charged with a felony, placed on probation for five years, must perform 250 hours of community service, pay a fine, and serve 30 days in jail.

I apologize to the young lady that I hurt and offended and I am deeply sorry for my actions. I apologize to you and your family from the bottom of my heart and I BEG you for your forgiveness.

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