



# ATTENTION! Rec Users

The Department is implementing cost cutting initiatives, beginning in May, in an effort to preserve our financial integrity until we have the opportunity to present another referendum in the Spring of 2004. The initiative that will affect students directly is the reduction in operating hours of the Student Rec Center and other recreational facilities. For a full list of all our new facility hours or if you have any questions relating to Department of Rec Sports budget issues, please refer to the New Facility Hours FAQ available at <http://recsports.tamu.edu>.

## Student Rec Center Hours Effective May 9

### SUMMER

Monday-Friday: 6:00am-10:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am-9:00pm  
Sunday: Noon-10:00pm

### FALL/SPRING

Monday-Friday: 6:00am-11:00pm  
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# Archery hosts Shootout

By Jeff Allen  
THE BATTALION

Many of the world's best archers will arrive in College Station this weekend to compete in the Texas Shootout, which will be held at the Penberthy Intramural Fields adjacent to the Texas A&M Tennis Center. Archers competing in this weekend's event hail from 28 different states and three different nations. The event, which is one of six held during the outdoor season, is an opportunity for American archers to qualify for the national team. The U.S. archery team consists of the best eight men and women that come out of the six tournaments. Each candidate is required to participate in at least two of the events.

A&M will be represented on the women's side by the varsity archery team, and by the men's club team in their respective divisions. The Texas Shootout is the second chance for the Aggies to compile the scores necessary to qualify for the national team. On April 12-14, the Aggies competed in the Arizona Cup in Phoenix. The team has been preparing since March 1 for the outdoor season, when the scenery changes for the archer from the static environment of the indoor competitions to the much more difficult outdoor scene, where the archer must not only compete with the other competitors, but also with the elements.

"Shooting outdoors is a lot tougher," said

A&M Varsity Archery Coach Kathy Eissinger. "They have to deal with wind, farther distance as well as the elements ... they have to shoot in rain, cold, hot. It all comes into play. Plus they are shooting more arrows in a day, which creates a fatigue factor."

Sophomore Amber Dawson and junior Mary Zorn will compete in the compound competition while senior Dawn Chudy and junior Laura Cohen will be heading up the Aggies with the recurve bow in hand. Eissinger says that all have a legitimate shot at making the national team something that reflects well on the varsity program at A&M. Eissinger went on to say that Dawson, Zorn and Chudy all came off of the A&M squad last year to make their mark on the national team.

Zorn said she looks forward to the level of competition she and her teammates will meet. "This is one of the qualifiers to make the varsity archery team, so there will be top level archers from all over the place," she said. "It's always fun to shoot, because there are a lot of other archers there you don't get to see all the time."

This weekend's tournament is also looked at as a chance for the Aggie archers to get more of the needed experience shooting outdoors before heading to the collegiate outdoor nationals held in May.

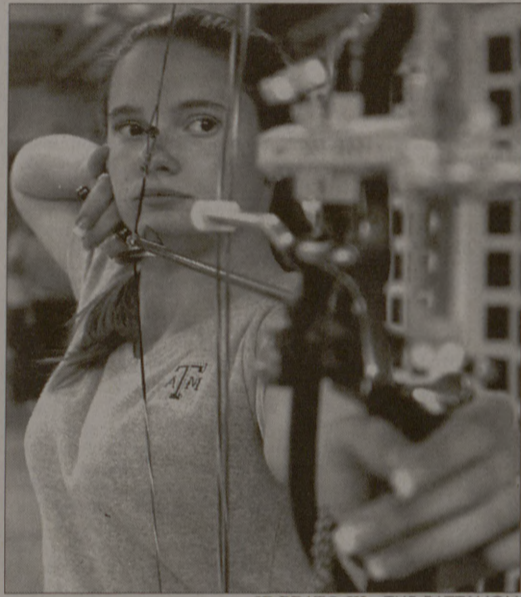
"Collegiate nationals in four weeks is in the same format," Eissinger said. "This gives us practice going in, and the level of competition here will be a lot higher than what we will see at collegiate."

The outdoor season carries much of the weight for the Aggies' varsity squad because it contains the most opportunities for wrangling in points. During the indoor portion of the season, before March 1, the Aggies dominated, winning the national championship. During the outdoor season, the Aggies were led by the same faces who will be lofting arrows across Penberthy come Saturday.

The Aggies will also be looking at this tournament as a time to further their own personal goals as well as team goals. Many of the Aggie archers are looking past the collegiate level and have aspirations to compete on an international level.

"(This weekend) is real important for their personal goals," Eissinger said. "All-American is nice, and being collegiate national champion is nice, but a lot of them have higher goals, such as making the team that are traveling to world competitions, the Olympics, world championships, to play at that caliber of competition is that goal."

The tournament is set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and continue through Sunday.



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Junior Mary Zorn will compete with the Aggie archery team when it hosts the Texas Shootout this weekend.

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