

# Archery club shoots for success



Photo by Will Livingston | Staff Writer

Members of the archery club shooting at targets during practice.

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The archery club shoots arrow after arrow at targets, animal decoys and other objects, all while perfecting their shooting skills. The Archery Club is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the sport.

Spencer Bradley, the coach and club adviser, has been coaching since 2014.

"I first got into archery when

I was around six or seven years old," Bradley said. "My father cut a plum tree limb up and made a little homemade bow with that and a weed-eater line. He gave me some arrows and taught me how to shoot it. I've been addicted to it ever since."

The archery club is also led by Ashton Brown-Haywood, a graduate student studying art from North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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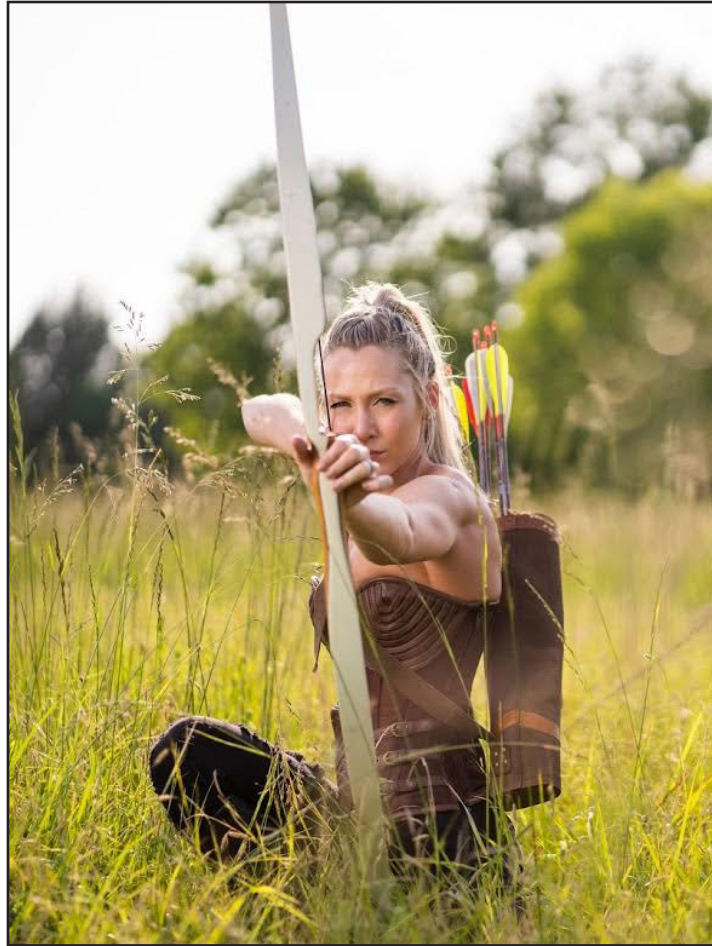


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Brown-Haywood posing with her bow and arrow.

by accident," Brown-Haywood said. "I went into the archery room looking for a pin to get into the gym at the Health, Physical Education and Sports Sciences Building. When I got in there they asked 'Are you in here for the Archery Club meeting?' and I was like 'Yeah that's totally why I'm in this room right now.'"

Brown-Haywood said she shot for the first time at A-State and fell in love with the sport. She said that the sport

also helps her focus and relax.

"I have generalized anxiety disorder, and it's something that I've struggled with for a very long time," Brown-Haywood said. "This was a sport that I got into and I just don't think,

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Daiki Saito, a sophomore accounting major from Niigata, Japan, said a friend

join last semester. Ishimura said his favorite memory of archery is just making good shots.

"Shooting from a long distance was especially difficult, but when I made that shot, I became happy," Ishimura said.

Jesus Cortes, a junior

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first invited him to the archery club, and he enjoyed it enough to stay with the team. Saito said he enjoys the games that the archery club plays.

"We bet money sometimes, or we bet Starbucks on shots," Saito said. "I never win because my shots aren't the greatest, but I am improving."

Brown-Haywood said that there are other games that archery will do. Among these games are what the club refers to as Legolas Day, in which the archers shoot with their legs, like Legolas from "Lord of the Rings." Another of the games involves the use of foam-tipped arrows, where archers shoot arrows at a ball thrown into the air.

Tomoya Ishimura, a senior business administration major from Chiba, Japan, said that his friends also invited him to

mechanical engineering major from Queretaro, Mexico, joined the team this year. Cortes said joining the team gave him a new confidence to try new things.

While equipment is provided for club members, archers looking to get serious about the sport are encouraged to invest in their own equipment.

"If you're going to get serious about the sport, you're going to want to get your own equipment so you can customize it and have it to your liking," Bradley said. "Everything is very customizable, from the bow to the arrows, so it helps to have your own setup." The club is open to everyone who comes to the meetings, and attendance is encouraged. "If you think you won't be good at it, just try it," said Cortes. "I wasn't good at first, but after trying it I got better. I promise you'll get along with everyone here, and I promise you will enjoy it."

The club meets in room 112 of the HPESS building every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

## Baseball falls to Troy 8-9

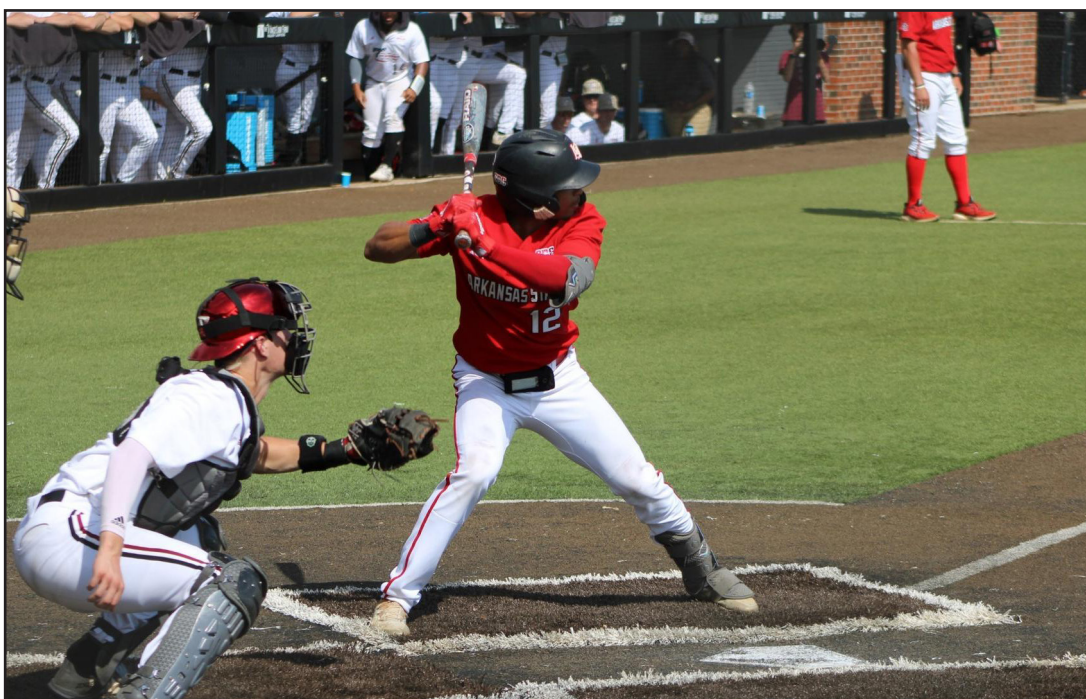


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Outfielder Allen Grier (center) up to bat against Troy.

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The Arkansas State University baseball team lost to Troy University in their series matchup.

The Red Wolves began the series last Friday, ending the game 14-0. Troy started off strong, leaving A-State behind as they scored points almost every

A run rule was put into effect during the game, ending the game in the seventh inning rather than the typical nine innings.

The second game ended in a 12-5 loss, with Troy again running away with runs. In the fifth inning, the Red Wolves were down one, however, Troy pushed in the seventh inning which secured their lead and eventual win.

The Red Wolves could not

get a win in the final game with Troy clinching the game 9-8. A-State led in the beginning, with the fourth inning having 4-0, but a quick end recovery left the Red Wolves with a loss.

The Red Wolves will travel to Mobile, Alabama to play in a Sun Belt matchup against South Alabama. The game is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Red Wolves place 15th in Tiger Invitational



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(Above) Thomas Schmidt during a game at the Tiger Invitational.

The Arkansas State University men's golf team wrapped up a two-day invitational at the University of Missouri.

In the team category, the Red Wolves tied for 15th place, with a total of 880 points. The team ended round one with 288 points, the second with 294 and the third 298.

In the individual category, Thomas Schmidt tied for 12th place with a total of 211 points. Jack Maxey tied for 67th place with a total of 222 points. Jake Lile tied for 77th place and had a total of 224 points.

Pierce Johnson tied for 95th place and had a total of 231 points. Anthony De Schutter tied for 99th place and had a total of 232 points.

The golf team will head to Madison, Mississippi, on April 22 to compete in the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

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