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Senior **Jordan Green** drives to the basket in the 83-61 win Saturday at Missouri.

## Takeaways from A&M vs. Missouri

The A&M men's basketball team cruised past Missouri on the road Saturday, 83-61. Sports reporter Cole Stenholm breaks the game down. The Aggies will play again at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Reed Arena against Georgia.

### 1 Burning down the House

Junior guard Danuel House continued his tear of SEC competition, scoring 20 points against the Tigers, marking the third time this season he has scored at least 20 in a conference game. He averages 15.9 points per game in SEC play.

### 2 Team first

The Aggies dished out 22 assists against only seven turnovers. Leading the exhibition of selfless play was junior guard Alex Caruso, whose 11 assists not only accounted for half of the team's total, but made him the sixth Aggie all time to post at least 400 assists in a career. Caruso now has 409.

### 3 Got boards?

Texas A&M's senior forward Kourtney Roberson needed only one rebound going into Saturday's game to advance into the top 10 all time in the A&M rebounding record books. His five-board performance did the trick and now has him with 744 career boards. Roberson only needs 14 more rebounds for ninth place.

### 4 Ailing Tigers

Texas A&M's victory over Missouri completed a season sweep of the Tigers after having beaten them in College Station on Jan. 21, 62-50. Further, the loss extended the Tigers' losing streak to nine games.

BASEBALL



Players **Cody Whiting** and **Jonathan Moroney** get their heads shaved Saturday morning to support cancer patients.

## A&M baseball team shaves heads for cancer research

By **Wade Feilin**

Members of the baseball team paired up with the Vs. Cancer Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research and showed their support for the cause by shaving their heads prior to first pitch at the third annual Brazos County A&M Club Lead Off Saturday morning.

"In the time it takes to play one inning of baseball, five kids will be diagnosed with cancer,"

said Michael Hardy, president-elect of the Brazos County A&M Club. "Chase Jones, who was a [University of North Carolina] baseball player, started this foundation about two to three years ago, raised over \$1.4 million, and half the money always stays within the community. We are partnered with MD Anderson and it's just a really great event."

Jones, CEO and founder of

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## Let's talk birth control

Potential options for male birth control prompt discussion on gender roles

Women's health clinic sees exponential growth over the past 50 years

By **Katie Canales**

For men, a surgical vasectomy and the use of condoms have been the only two birth control options. The development of an alternative option, Vasalgel, could change that.

Developed by a nonprofit organization called the Parsemus Foundation, Vasalgel is a gel that would be injected into the vas deferens, the part of the penis through which the sperm flows. This gel would block the sperm flow, temporarily preventing any sperm from coming into contact with the uterus until a second injection, conducted at the patient's time of choice, would reverse the process.

The non-hormonal product is still in early trial stages — it has been studied on rabbits with successful results and tests have begun on baboons. Clinical trials aren't planned to begin until sometime this year, but news of Vasalgel's existence has sparked a discussion on whether it is the responsibility of the man to take part in protecting both himself and his sexual partners from pregnancy.

Rhonda Rahn, instructional assistant professor in the health and kinesiology department, said the traditional placement of this responsibility on the woman may be because of how much easier it is to prevent a pregnancy by

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By **Victoria Rivas**

Since women enrolled at Texas A&M just more than 50 years ago, A&M women's health services has grown from a single visiting OB-GYN when women were first admitted, to a fully-staffed health clinic that can provide essentially any service a gynecologist office can.

A&M faculty and health officials now say the main obstacle in women's health is awareness and outreach. Director of Student Health Services Martha Dannenbaum said Beutel has offered services for women for as long as they were students at the university.

Dannenbaum said the services the Women's Health Clinic offers have grown significantly over the past decade.

"There really was a limitation of what we could offer. We didn't have an OB-GYN on staff, and there was a visiting one that came in and did procedural management of abnormal Pap smears one to two times a month, and maybe give an annual well-woman exam," Dannenbaum said.

Dannenbaum said Student Health Services lacked the resources to provide women with more consistent, thorough care but has come a long way.

"Now, the Women's Clinic can perform essentially anything that a routine gynecologist can," Dannenbaum said.

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POLICE

## College Station police implement body cams

Equipment to provide 'extra safety net' for bicycle and motorcycle officers

By **Kylee Reid**

College Station Police Department now has 14 new body cameras in service following the passing of the Sept. 23 city council budget proposal.

"The program began initially because our Northgate officers on bicycles who are involved in incidents every night were at an initial disadvantage because they didn't have cameras," said Lt. Chris Perkins of CSPD. "We really wanted to catch footage and different evidence so we started to evaluate systems around a year ago."

Perkins said the cameras provide an extra safety net that will protect both officers and residents. Currently the cameras are only present on motorcycle and bicycle officers because they are the ones who usually have the most interaction with residents.

"Our goal is to implement the cameras into the entire department," Perkins said. "It's an expensive venture but we are hoping to get something together relatively soon. We are hoping that as soon as we can get them out to all the officers, we will. It's expensive to say the least, but if we can afford it as a city then we would like to get all the officers equipped with it."

Perkins said there is no clear time frame for when the program will become department wide but CSPD continues to evaluate the system to better protect both CSPD officers and College Station residents.

CULTURE



B-CS Odissi dancers Aparupa Chatterjee and Yashawini Rachuram practice for "The Fourth North American Odissi Convention."

## Dance show to raise money for injured Aggie

Odissi convention arrives at A&M, brings dancers from all over state

By **Kylee Reid**

Dancers of all ages from across the state will come to Texas A&M on Feb. 15 to showcase an Indian classical dance form called Odissi.

The convention, titled "The Fourth North American Odissi Convention," will be dedicated to an Aggie engineering student critically injured in a car accident in November.

A donation box will be set up at the event to help raise money for Akshay Jain, the Texas A&M engineering student who was injured on Nov. 30 riding back to cam-

pus with four other students. Jain and the other four students are India natives.

Aparupa Chatterjee, agricultural research assistant and local Odissi instructor, said Odissi is a classical Indian dance form that generates from the state of Odisha in India.

Chatterjee said the event will feature Ratikant Mohapatra, the son of the founder of the dance form and Chatterjee's own instructor, as well as Odissi troupes from all over the state and other classical Indian dance style performers from as far as New York.

Chatterjee said the event began in 2012, keeping in mind the multicultural

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