

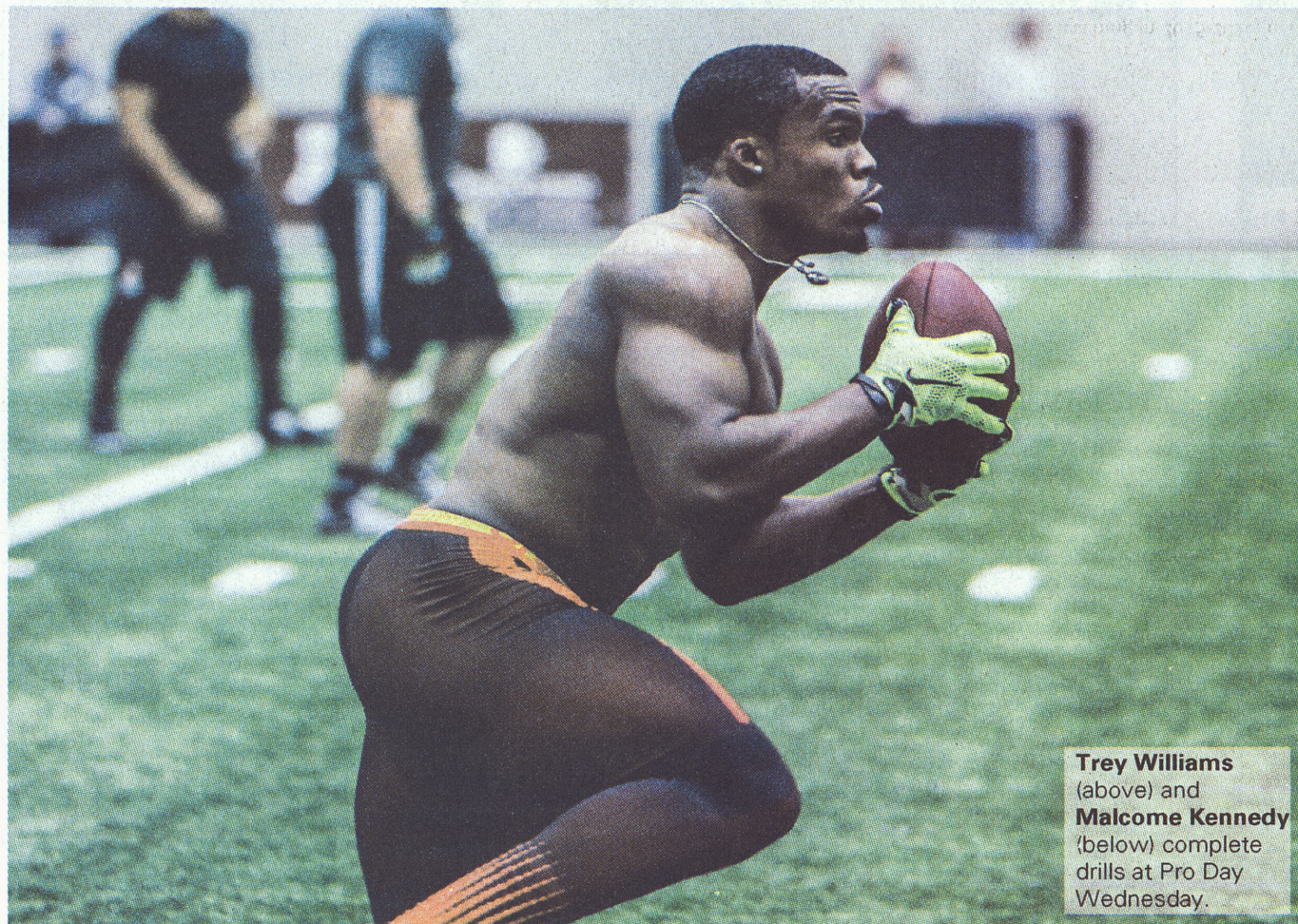
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Students march in support of DREAM Act

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Trey Williams (above) and Malcome Kennedy (below) complete drills at Pro Day Wednesday.

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## Last shot to turn heads

Williams, 12 others run, catch and lift at Texas A&M Pro Day

By Alex Scott

Pro Day lacked last year's fan fare without Johnny Manziel and Mike Evans, but departing A&M football players again attempted to catch the NFL's eye Wednesday. Thirteen athletes — including junior running back Trey Williams, who will forego his senior season — were showcased at the McFerrin Athletic

Complex as Texas A&M hosted its annual Pro Day.

Also among the 13 were senior defensive back Deshazor Everett, senior receiver Malcome Kennedy and UTEP quarterback Jameill Showers, who transferred from A&M in 2012.

Head coach Kevin Sumlin said Pro Day carries tremendous significance for the players.

"The Pro Day is a big day here at Texas A&M and it's a culmination for a lot of these guys that have had this childhood dream [of making it to the

PRO DAY ON PG. 3



### ELECTIONS

## Allegations of threats, favors in SBP race

Controversy arises as J-Court ruling pends

By Wade Feelin

As the Student Government Association Judicial Court deliberates a case to decide the student body presidency, further allegations of coercion and political favors have arisen.

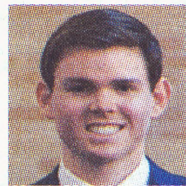
SBP-elect Joseph Benigno alleges runner-up Michael Murtha breached the Aggie Honor Code in offering cabinet positions to the third-place candidate, Isaiah Tsau. And after a meeting between the two, Murtha alleges Benigno used the information to threaten him against further pursuing the J-Court case that could result in Benigno's disqualification.

The allegations stem from conversations Murtha had with Tsau regarding the position of executive vice president.

Murtha said he and Tsau have met since November to discuss campaign similarities and platforms. They met again on the evening of Feb. 15, this time accompanied by a supporter of Murtha's and members of Tsau's campaign team.



Benigno



Murtha



Tsau

SBP ON PG. 4

### CULTURE

## Music show blends forms to showcase Indian culture

By Nikita Redkar

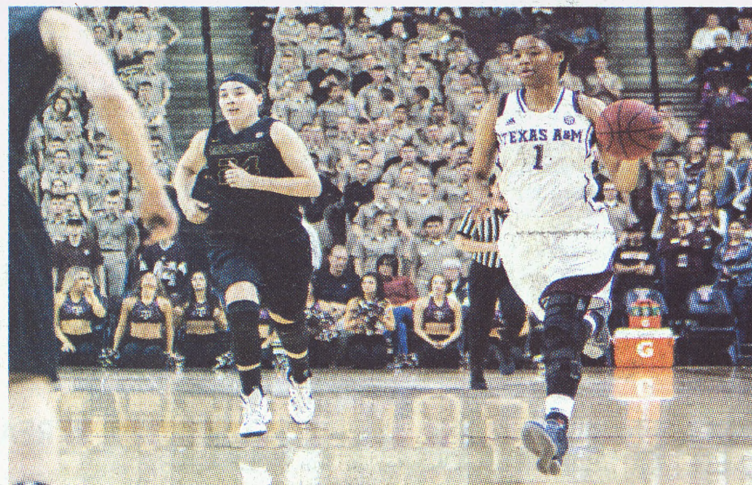
After a year of preparation, Indian Students Association, ISA, is set to showcase a melting pot of musical numbers with both Indian and western roots. The show will feature competing teams from universities around Texas that encompass a variety of entertainment forms.

Anusha Achukola, ISA president and nutritional sciences senior, said Sangam aims to promote cultural diversity within Texas A&M.

"[Sangam] is a way for people to learn and be a part of Indian culture in an entertaining way," Achukola said. "It's also a great way to understand different cultural styles within Indian dancing and singing, and getting to see the elaborate costumes that go into it."

Urvi Chikhliya, ISA vice president and bioenvironmental sciences junior, said Indian entertainment as a whole doesn't fit into a single classification — different regions within India have distinctive

SANGAM ON PG. 4



Jena Floyd — THE BATTALION

Junior forward Courtney Williams leads a fast break in a Feb. 26 loss to Missouri.

## A&M to meet Auburn Thursday in SEC Tournament opener

By Alex Scott

After a shaky season's end and with NCAA Tournament seeding in play, big challenges await A&M in Arkansas.

The Texas A&M women's basketball team will travel to Little Rock, Ark., Thursday to begin play in the SEC Tournament.

The Aggies will face the Auburn Tigers Thursday for the second time this season. The first time around, A&M handily defeated Auburn at home, putting up 78 points in a 33-point victory.

However, since that game early in February many things have changed. Most noteworthy would be how both teams finished the season — A&M finished on a two game

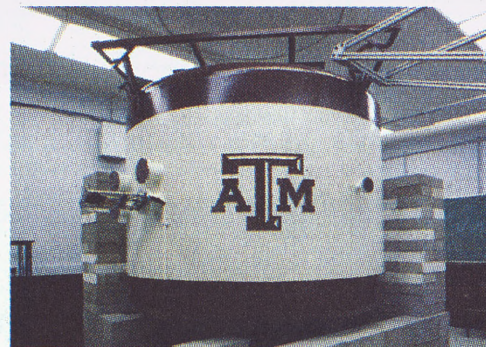
losing streak while the Tigers rattled off three straight wins to head into postseason play, then beat Florida Wednesday to set up the A&M matchup.

Brandy Montgomery is Auburn's leading scorer (11.9 PPG) and proved to be most effective the last time the two teams met, scoring a team-high 10 points against the Aggies.

Although A&M's main focus has been on its upcoming game, the season-ending knee injury for Jordan Jones has been the subject of conversation this week. Head coach Gary Blair expressed his respect for his junior point guard.

"She's not worried about herself right now as much as she is worried about our

BASKETBALL ON PG. 3



FILE

A nuclear reactor remains in Zachry as renovation projects begin around it.

## Zachry reactor stays despite renovation

By Connor Paetzold

Construction crews that plan to tackle the Zachry Engineering Center's renovation will have an unusual feature at their worksite — an operational nuclear reactor.

Construction will begin over spring break to renovate Zachry into the Engineering Education Complex. To prepare for the upcoming construction, Zachry had to be emptied of all personnel and equipment. The reactor housed in Zachry will remain intact and operational during the construction process but will not be in use. Safety precautions will be in place to ensure the reactor's stability, and police will guard the reactor every night, said engineering administration officials.

Before the building construction, the nuclear

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