

Enrollment uptick puts strain on SCS

By Nikita Redkar

In light of a 25 percent increase of students registering for counseling over the past four years, A&M's Student Counseling Services hopes to fill staff vacancies to better balance the ratio between staff and students who need assistance.

Student Counseling Services, SCS, provides students with personal and career counseling, academic skills enhancement,

testing, outreach programming, psychiatric services, consultation and crisis intervention.

Visitation has surged in the past few years, said Ted Stachowiak, associate director of counseling at the SCS.

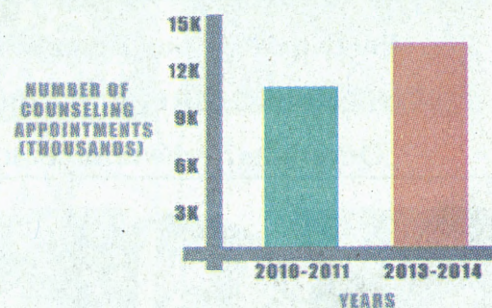
"In the course of a year, we usually see between 10 to 12 percent of the student body," Stachowiak said. "Recently, because of the continued enrollment, those numbers have begun to increase."

Maggie Gartner, executive director of

SCS, said an SCS staffer typically sees 500 students per week, although the numbers have recently spiked to 600-700 students per week. Gartner said the office has seen increases in the number of sessions for substance abuse (154 percent), personal initials (24 percent), crisis (19 percent) and direct services (15 percent).

Stachowiak said prioritizing students by need can be a juggling act. He said depression,

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Star in the making

Navarro continues tear through women's golf world



Marijose Navarro has placed in the top six in all of her seven events this season.

Sarah Lane — THE BATTALION

By Cole Stenholm

Speaking with A&M's Marijose Navarro, a sophomore whose quiet voice matches her shy and humble personality, you wouldn't know you were engaging one of the most relentless and dominant rising stars of the women's golf world.

Ranked ninth nationally, Navarro sits near the pinnacle of her sport at the collegiate level. She has finished in the top six in nine straight events, including all seven she's entered this year.

And though she has been on campus

just more than a year, top-tier results are already the norm. A&M head coach Trelle McCombs said Navarro's stature continues to grow by the tournament and could develop into a legacy that future members of the program aspire to match.

"I would say definitely leaving behind a legacy is well up there," McCombs said. "She'll be a two-time All-American. I think we've only had two other two-time All-Americans in Ashley Knoll and Katerina Ruzickova."

The Mexico City native moved to the United States at age 8 to further expand

her golf career. She landed in San Antonio, where she attended Blessed Hope Academy prior to committing to Texas A&M.

Navarro enrolled for the spring semester of 2014 and only competed in half of that season. She made an instant impact with six top-20 finishes, one victory and a program record-tying sixth place finish at the NCAA championships. In half a season she landed on the SEC All-Freshman team and took home World Golf Coaches Association Second Team All-American honors.

As it turns out, her shortened freshman

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Texas A&M's leading scorer, Danuel House, said Monday that he will return next year.

House to return for senior year

Staff Report

After coming up just shy of an NCAA tournament bid, the A&M men's hoops team found the silver lining Monday — guard Danuel House will return for his senior season.

There was speculation that House, who missed the end of the regular season due to a foot injury, would decide to declare for the NBA draft this June.

The junior University of Houston transfer lit up Reed Arena this season, earning All-SEC First Team honors and leading the Aggies with 14.8 points per game. He hit more than 40 percent of his 3-point tries.

House announced his decision at Monday's team banquet.

"I've made the decision to come back for my senior year," House said. "I'm looking forward to competing for a championship next season and getting my degree."

House will lead returners Jalen Jones, Alex Caruso and Alex Robinson, among others. Also, the Aggies will be joined by highly touted signees Elijah Thomas, Tyler Davis, DJ Hogg and Admon Gilder.

POLITICS

WHITE HOUSE ADVISORS TO VISIT A&M

Texas A&M will host David Axelrod, senior advisor to President Barack Obama, and Ari Fleischer, press secretary for President George W. Bush, to discuss life behind the scenes of the presidential decision-making process.

The program, "Guiding those who govern," will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Rudder Theatre.

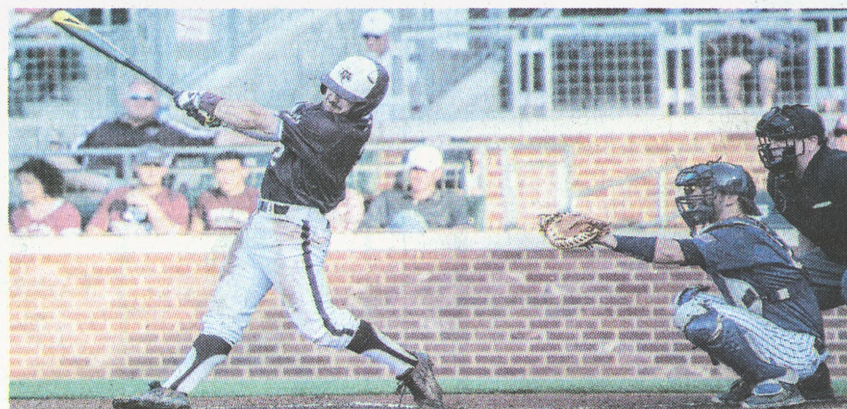
Deryle Richmond, associate director for the Memorial Student Center and Wiley advisor, said she hopes students will attend to gain a unique perspective into Capitol Hill.

"As always I hope that these particular caliber of speakers will give us insight into their world, having been part of presidential politics and presidential policy making from that branch of government being in the loop of the White House," Richmond said.

Tickets are available for sale at the MSC Box Office.



Blake Allemand (left) and the rest of the top-ranked Aggies will have a Wednesday date with Abilene Christian.



Tanner Garza — THE BATTALION

No. 1 Aggies turn to midweek tilt with Wildcats

A&M is consensus top team in the nation in polls released Tuesday

By Andre Perrard

The Aggie baseball team is now the consensus No. 1 team in the nation in all the major polls after winning an SEC weekend series against Mississippi State.

Now, the Aggies shift their attention to Wednesday night, when they will play host

to the Abilene Christian Wildcats. A&M is undefeated in mid-week contests this year, posting a 10-0 record in those games and outscoring its opponents 77-20.

Abilene Christian (8-24, 6-10 Southland) come in on a four-game losing skid, but last week it kept pace with No. 10 TCU until late, only losing by one run. It plays host to top-25 newcomer Texas Tech Tuesday night.

Tyler Eager leads the charge for the Wildcats. Eager leads the team in RBIs (21), dou-

bles (10) and batting average (.295). Eager and Russell Crippen are two to watch on the bases, as both have gone 4-for-6 when attempting to steal bases this season.

For Texas A&M (33-3, 11-3 SEC), Nick Banks has been showing why he is worthy of his All-American status. This season, Banks has reached base safely in every game in which he has played, and he is now on a 13-game hit streak. Banks hit a grand slam in the Sunday afternoon win against Mississippi

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