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By Jan Higginbotham The Battalion

e stands 6 feet 4 inches. She's 5 feet 2 inches. They might not look like the most likely couple in the world, but don't tell them that

Drs. Joe and Christine Townsend (known to their students as Dr. Joe and Dr. Chris) married Dec. 18, 1980, and have been touching the lives of Texas A&M students since they began teaching here in 1984

cide on a major.

Drs. Joe and Christine Townsend sit with her fa-

ences; Dr. Chris is a professor and adviser in the

Ryan Busse, a junior agricultural development major, said the Townsends have made a major dif-

vorite statue near the Scoates building.

Department of Agricultural Development.

"There aren't words to describe the rel I've had with Dr. Joe and Dr. Chris and i ence they've made in my life," Busse said." extremely caring people. Every student at like their child because they care for us at over us every day. They're truly amazing.'

Dr. Joe, Class of '67, works primarily w men, especially through his AGLS 101 da introduces students to the College of Agric "My heavy emphasis is on the freshm

especially the first semester," Dr. Joe said is to get 'em here, keep 'em here and get 'en Dr. Joe's class teaches freshmen how to

at A&M, explains opportunities available a A&M and offers career counseling. Christine Sanders, a senior agriculturi nalism major, said Dr. Joe's class helped

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"He always said, 'Make sure you en you're doing and that it makes you happy," said. "He really did change the course of my better tha said. "It Dr. Joe has an open-door policy for sta talk her in who need someone to talk to.

Will Looney, a senior agricultural bu major, said Dr. Joe always makes time bu to his problems.

"He's almost like the perfect best in Looney said. "He makes you feel like hem anything for you. He tries so hard to help people be the most they can be."

Dr. Chris, who earned undergraduate and ter's degrees from Ohio State University doctorate from Iowa State University, con the agricultural development degree progra rying the main load of student advising. She also teaches AGED 340, a class in

sional leadership skills. The demand for 340 is high at A&M, with only 120 slots dents each fall and spring and 25 in the sum "I believe we need to make education each student," Dr. Chris said. "I pretend like student or dock "When would I pretend

a student and ask, 'Why would I want t this?' I try to show students what is in it for Busse said Dr. Chris' class has already

him to be a better leader. I know that I'll walk away from that class ing learned a lot about leadership and about vision for myself," he said. "She doesn't just

vision for myself," he said. "She doesn't juit you to be educated — she wants you to lean' Angie Hohensee, a junior agricultural a ment major, said Dr. Chris is always willin out of her way to help. "She'll put her other appointments aside help out or answer questions," Hohense "She will figure out options for you if you'reh a problem " a problem.'

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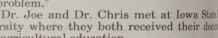
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