

**COUPLE**

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Chad said the normal moments of their relationship outnumber the weird ones. "We like to do things everyone else does," Chad said. "We watch sports, go to the gym, etc. We used to go to the (Dixie) Chicken a lot and (Hurricane) Harry's." Brett said they are just like any couple in many respects. "We like to give each other gifts and go out for dinner," Brett said. "We try to set one night a week dedicated for each other, a 'date night.' We are both pretty busy with school and work." Both are "out" to their families, which was a stressful time for them. Brett said he first revealed his homosexuality to his sister after a trip to

a grocery store.

"She said in the car, 'Mom asked me if I thought you were gay,'" Brett said. "I was shocked. She was the first person I told in my family." After he met Chad, Brett revealed his homosexuality to his parents on Thanksgiving Day. "My mom was very cool with it, so was my dad," Brett said. "However, my dad and I had a rocky relationship when I was growing up. After I came out to them, my dad sent me a letter two weeks later that said he loved me very much and was proud of me and my accomplishments. I thank God for that." Chad said his mother asked if he was gay. "Somehow moms have a way of knowing," Chad said. "I didn't tell my dad until a year later. They are all very accepting."

Despite the negative sentiment toward homosexuals on campus, both are proud of being Aggies. "Where does it say that an Aggie must be straight to uphold the spirit of Aggieland?" Brett said. "Being an Aggie is having a love for the University. That has not changed. We are tied to everyone who has been, is or will be here forever. We are Aggies." Chad said myths about homosexuality such as HIV and AIDS is a homosexual disease are being broken with the passage of time. "AIDS is not a gay disease," Brett said. "I don't see why that would even be an issue. That is only propelling the myth that HIV is gay related. More straight people contract it than homosexuals." The choice they made may have been difficult, but Brett said they are proud of it and all it represents.

**CHURCH**

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The church's present name was chosen as the name best able to describe its roots. In a March 1992 Statement of Purpose, the church described itself as a "welcoming community open to diversity." Hudson said the church has been welcoming diverse people since its beginnings. Schemmer said the church's ministry has not changed because of the Open and Affirming


Statement. She said the statement was a way to show people the church meant what it said. "We wanted to put it in writing that this church accepts all," she said. "It's really more for the community than it is ourselves." Schemmer said the church is told frequently that people feel at home there. Hudson said the church has not changed anything since its adoption of the Open and Affirming Statement. "We've grown," she said. "But this has to do with more than just being

open and affirming. We've tried to do what we've always done." Friends Congregational was the first church in its conference of 91 churches to become open and affirming, and it is now only one of two churches in its geographical area to adopt such a policy. Hudson said the United Church of Christ has a long history of social justice. "Each church in our denomination has the ability to make a decision like this," she said. "Each church has the right to decide how it wants to stand

on any issue." Before voting on the open and affirming issue, the congregation spent more than a year engaging in prayers, discussions and Bible study specifically targeted to the topic. Schemmer said the congregation wanted to be able to talk about any fears among the group. "Some of what drives exclusion from any group is fear," she said. "It is not always easy to discuss our fears." Schemmer said being able to talk about their fears created a closer relationship among members.

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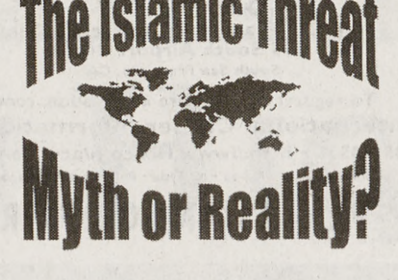
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