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**Opinions**

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Weir knows many homosexuals and said he does not feel uncomfortable in their presence.

"I have never had a personal experience where I was uneasy because of my gay friends," Weir said. "If I do feel awkward, it's because I'm being dumb. People are made uncomfortable by straight couples all the time. I don't notice a difference in the way that (homosexuals) treat me either."

As for the on-campus protests against the funding of homosexual organizations, Weir said he does not agree with the aggressive approach that has been taken at times.

"I can't stand the anti-homosexual signs and hate crimes. (These acts) are the anti-thesis of what needs to be done," he said.

Weir said people can feel uncomfortable because they are not used to seeing gay couples.

A&M sociology professor Sarah Gatson said homosexuality is often seen as a threat to social boundaries that are firmly established and give people comfort.

"People frame their arguments against homosexuality as an issue of morality," Gatson said. "Since the identity and behavior associated with it threatens the boundaries of masculine and feminine behavior."

Gatson said the unconventional nature of gayness is often why people view it as a danger to social norms.

"Religion, morality and the law are often entangled," she said. "Homosexuality can be seen as a threat to gender identity and macro-social institutions such as law and family, which are generally related to morality."

Political agendas and power struggles are also a cause for the rejection of homosexuality, Gatson said.

"People are worried about the loss of traditional gender roles and identities," she said. "When you are talking about homosexual identities being publicly articulated, then the issue becomes political. It then becomes about power, because that's what politics are about."

The most widely acknowledged reason for condemning homosexuality has been religion,

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Sociology Professor

Gatson said.

From church groups traveling miles to protest gay civil unions, to elaborate public religious sermons denouncing homosexuality, religious beliefs have been at the core of many homosexual debates.

Sana Mohiuddin, a senior history major, points to her religious beliefs as the reason for her skepticism towards homosexuality.

"I think Islam condemns the act of homosexuality, but somebody who is gay is not out of the folds of the religion," she said. "If somebody is gay, they have to suppress their urges."

Mohiuddin said, as with a lot of major issues, the opinions of how Muslims view homosexuality varies.

On a personal level, Mohiuddin said she does not condone homosexuality, but she prefers not to persecute others for their lifestyle choices. She said such severe beliefs lead to negative consequences.

"I don't think anybody has the right to condemn other people," she said. "That's too judgmental, especially for somebody who claims to be religious."

Mark McCaig, communications director for YCU, said the Traditional Family Week protest was not a personal issue, but was a financial one of whether or not student funds are being misappropriated.

"Our main problem is through gender issues and other resources," McCaig said, "the University put nearly \$100,000 to promote this lifestyle that many people on campus view as morally objectionable."

McCraig said he does not have any personal grudges against people who identify themselves as homosexual.

"I have a number of gay friends and I know (it's not personal)," he said. "They are aware of my position on this issue. I don't know what people do inside their bedrooms. I don't think that I should have to pay to promote a lifestyle that I disagree with."

Mohiuddin said her personal experiences with homosexuals have not been out of the ordinary. "Usually, you can't even tell or don't know if they are gay," she said. "Around people that I do know are gay, I'm not uncomfortable."

Ridgeway said, "We have to address this before we can seek diversity. The solution is education. People are just afraid."

University President Robert M. Gates said A&M welcomes all people regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

Ridgeway said when people get to know her as a person before they know she is a lesbian, they talk to her news easier. She said she hopes when her girlfriends are ready to come out to her parents, they will want to know her for who she is.

"I want them to know Debbie the person," Ridgeway said. "Not Debbie the lesbian."

Battalion reporter Sarah Walsh contributed to this story.

**Dating**

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Moore said gay, transgendered, bisexual and lesbian people live with the fear of how people around them will react to their sexual preferences, whether for religious, political or social reasons.

"The reality (at A&M) is that I'm not scared to walk around campus (as a homosexual person)," he said. "I would be scared to walk around campus holding a guy's hand."

Diversity on campus has been a hot issue in recent months, but as far as tolerance of homosexuals goes, Ridgeway said she believes the University has missed the boat.

"I find it amusing that the school is pushing diversity when there is so much discrimination on cam-



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