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LGRL is also seeking to extend rights for Social Security benefits and immigration laws. Sarah Gatson, professor of sociology at A&M, said the issues for same-sex couples are all about boundaries. "These are issues that are legal and cultural," she said. Gatson said the issues that were faced by interracial couples in the 1960s are analogous to what same-sex couples are facing now. The fact that interracial marriage was eventually made legal, she said, will cause same-sex marriages to likely become accepted as well. Edwards said she believes the rally won't have

an immediate impact on the community. "They just need to know that this injustice is happening," she said. "People in this community are more fair-minded than people think." Local politicians, Edwards said, must serve their constituents. "Right now, they see it as a personal issue," Edwards said. "It's not about whether you like me; I just want the same rights as others." Edwards said the Massachusetts Supreme Court made the only decision it could have. "Marriage is a legal institution because it is believed to be in the best interest of the state to offer protections that promote long-term, committed relationships," she said. "The gender of the participants in those relationships has never been defined before."

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people at the conference about her future. "I was there trying to make some new connections and trying to network," she said. This year, the conference focused on career-building. Women in the information technology workforce shared their stories with students, who were

able to interact with these professionals in discussion sessions. "It was a great way to gain networking insight into career areas I am looking into, especially in the technology area," said junior information and technology major Vickie Sorensen. "I think I made a good network connection." This experience allowed women interested in technology fields to speak to others that started out as they did. "Since they are targeting women, this gives them a chance in the industry, and maybe they can understand it more," said junior speech communications major Brandi Farmer. "Women are now more interested and trying to get involved." WIT hopes that sometime in the near future, they can broaden their scope to involve all of their students, Farmer said. "Everyone should be given a fair shot," Farmer said.

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