Siblings sticking together
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When you were younger you shared toys and perhaps even a bedroom with your brother or sister. Now imagine sharing college as well.

There are a handful of students who are sharing their college experience with their siblings.

Juniors Courtney and Brandey Weed are twins who both attend Rider. “We were actually going to go off to different schools, but we both really liked Rider,” Courtney said. “Our parents are really happy about it. They wanted us to go to school together.”

Courtney and Brandey get different responses from people when talking about their situation.

“When we tell people that we go to school together they usually say, ‘Don’t you get sick of each other?’” Courtney said. “We don’t hang out all the time because we’re in class all day and we’re not in the room 24/7. And we’re really close so that makes it 10 times easier.”

Aside from a few minor problems, both sisters are happy with their decision to go to school together.

“All sisters fight and we have some arguments but it works out really well because we share everything,” Courtney said. “It’s nice because when you come here it’s like you have an automatic friend. You don’t have to spend a lot of time together.

“If I haven’t seen her as much as I should have but sometimes I stop by her room just to say ‘hello,’” Matt said. “Matt enjoys being at the same school as his sister because he always has a friend around.

“You always know somebody and if I ever need anything, I can call her,” he said. “Even if I just want someone to go to dinner with.”

Sophomore Brian Johnston and his sister, freshman Kathleen, both came to Rider this fall. When Brian first found out that he would be going to the same school as his sister, he was not exactly thrilled.

“I thought it would be a pain at first but now that I’m here I don’t really see her that much,” Brian said. “My sister wasn’t too happy about it at first. She was like, ‘I don’t know you,’ and ‘I’m not going to talk to you.’

Brian is still adjusting to sharing his college life with his little sister.

“It’s a little weird seeing her hang out with other guys. When she was in high school I never really saw much of that,” he said. “But I know some of her guy friends here and they’re pretty cool.”

Freshman Matt Swan followed in his senior sister Terri’s footsteps.

“I didn’t come here because of Terri, but I did have a lot more exposure to the school because of her. I came on all of the tours with her and everything,” Matt said. “My parents were glad to send another one of their children off to Rider.

“My parents thought it would be useful because Terri had been here for years, so if I needed anything she’d be here,” he said. “They thought it would be more beneficial to me than her.”

Although Matt and Terri both attend Rider, their busy schedules make it difficult to spend a lot of time together.

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