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Oh brother, where art thou?

Students find comfort with siblings at Texas A&M

By HEATHER CAMPBELL
THE BATTALION

Amy Wonsmos, a junior marketing major, said that going to A&M with her older brother and sister has far exceeded her expectations.

"It was such a blessing to have Jeff and Kelley here my first semester because it was hard to adjust at first," Amy said. "They taught me the ropes and I knew who I could go to for advice and encouragement. I followed in their footsteps by doing Fish Camp and other organizations they were involved in."

Siblings can alleviate first-semester pressures and can be comforting when faced with stress.

"Family is a great place to turn to when you need reassurance or someone who you know is pulling for you," Amy said. "My sister would always send me notes or bake me cookies when I had hard weeks."

Amy said during sorority rush, her sister bought her lunch and a cake for good luck and they eventually pledged for the same sorority.

Jeff Wonsmos, a senior accounting major, pulled pranks on Kelley, Class of 1999. Kelley and her roommates fought back and the war began, Jeff said. They did everything from taping each other to chairs to leaving each other's possessions on their front porches.

For the Wonsmos siblings, being at A&M deepened their relationship.

"By going to A&M together, my brother, sister and I are fulfilling the dream that our Aggie grandfather had for us," Amy said. "This is a bond we will share forever."

Having siblings can be taken for granted and once at college many realize the importance of keeping those relationships close and deepening them.

Amy said she learned to appreciate her siblings more after the Sept. 11 tragedies.

"I never want to take my siblings for granted and I make it a priority to spend time with them at least once a week," Amy said.

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junior marketing major

"The tragedy made me realize how grateful I am to have a brother and sister who care about me and want the best for me."

Summer Wiese, a junior architecture major, broke her ankle and her sister stepped in to help. Megan Wiese, a senior education major, drove her to classes everyday and made sure she was OK.

"I tend to be like a mother to Summer

because I'm older ... I would go pick her up and cook for her when she lived in the dorm," Megan said. "I think Summer enjoyed having somewhere to go when she needed to do laundry or just take a break from the dorm."

College life can be demanding and time a commodity with not much to be spared.

Keith McSpadden, a freshman biological science major, and Mark McSpadden, a sophomore mathematics major, are with each other and shared a room growing up. They are involved in different organizations, which hinders them from hanging out together.

"It's really different being at college because even though we live together, we don't see each other much," Mark said.

Scott and Ashley McWilliams had enjoyed sharing their A&M experiences, they said. Scott, a senior mechanical engineering major, said his younger sister Ashley keeps him in check, especially when it comes to dating.

"We have a very open relationship and share our hearts with each other," Scott said. "We don't get to hang out much because of different schedules so when we do hang out together it's quality time."

Ashley, a junior education major, said Scott helps with solving problems and putting dating into perspective.

"He is very protective and shows me what I want in a guy," Ashley said. "It's better to have a friendship because even if Scott's busy he will stop and help me."

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