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News

Student-parents balance full-time school, work, play

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Students are familiar with creating a balance between school, work and socializing. But when a child is brought into the picture, these balances may become more uneven.

When it comes to being a parent while in college, stress is a big part of the package, said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate professor of psychology. Having been a student-parent herself, Valencia-Laver can look back on pinpoint which factors made the demands easier to handle.

"Having a good social support system and understanding teachers helped," she said. "There needs to be flexibility in the part of both the teacher and the student."

Flexibility does not mean always asking the teacher to extend deadlines or make exceptions, she said. A teacher who is able to understand there are other things going on, such as a child getting sick, enables the student to better handle the demands of school and family.

Valencia-Laver said student-parents are more likely to be selective as to when it is necessary to not go to class. The fact that a father is not feeling well will probably not keep him from hopping into the car to go to lecture. If the student's child becomes sick, however, class usually takes a back seat to caring for the child.

She said it is stressful to juggle a family, midterms and projects, but the stress does not need to be overwhelming.

"There are always individual difficulties," she said. Those individual differences, including the psychological and intellectual capacities of the student-parent, determine the level of stress the parent can tolerate.

She said that being a student parent is difficult, but it has its rewards.

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Success comes with being able to deal with life's ups and downs.

Architecture senior Gia Sims laughed when asked if her time gets spread thinly between school and having a child. Sims said balancing time between carrying 15 to 17 units a quarter, working 20 hours a week and having her daughter can be a job in itself.

"My time is so demanding," she said. "I have to weigh every hour."

She said there is a trade-off when it comes to deciding whether to stay longer in lab or spend quality time with her daughter.

"If I'm not in lab, I'm missing out on the interaction that goes on between peers," she said. Sims said raising her daughter will always come before school, although she tries to meet the demands of classes. Simple things that other take for granted become essential moments that she can spend with her daughter. Watching the news, attending church with her daughter and listening to her child read stories at night all help her find loose ends created by spending so much time in class.

"I've had a lot of success, but my biggest thing is my support network," she said. "There are always friends around who would enjoy being 'big sister' for a few hours."

Sims said her mother instilled in her a maternal instinct at an early age. While this is another reason for her success, she had to learn how to raise a child of her own.

"You've just got to get to the point where you can make sacrifices," she said. "Nine times out of 10, it's going to work out for the best."

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ASI Children's Center supports parents

By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

The Associated Students Inc. Children's Center offers day care for children of Cal Poly students, staff and faculty. The center is located on campus and has strong parent involvement.

Children must be at least four months old to be in the program and can stay through kindergarten. Students are parents of most of the 113 children enrolled in the day-care program.

Fees depend how long children spend in the program and can vary from course staff teachers.

"I worked at a preschool for several years before working here," said Laurie Hunt, a human development senior. "I missed working with kids. This job allows me to go to school and work with kids."

Having the center on campus allows for convenient pick-ups and drop-offs and for parent interaction.

"We have parents come in for lunch all the time," Hunt said. "A mother came in today to read stories to the children before rest time."

The Children's Center opened in 1971 and was housed in a barracks building where Robert E. Kennedy Library now stands. The center is now located across the street from the Alumni House. The new facility has six classrooms and a play area.

Hunt will attend Pacific Oaks college to get her teaching credential after she graduates in June.

The Children's Center is running a summer field trip program called Poly Trekkers. It is open for kindergartners to fourth graders.

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Three couples juggle finals, wedding plans

By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

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Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet are two lovers between the houses of Montague and Capulet. Here in San Luis Obispo, six students have found love between houses on Walnut Street. The three future brides all live together on Hitihland Drive. Each of the three future brides all live together in houses of Monroyue and Chapiet.

On May 10, 1998, Dehrer took Walker to Barnes & Noble to pick up a book his mom had ordered for him. At the front counter, they were presented with a dictionary wrapped in plastic. Walker, a liberal studies junior, won't have a lot of time until the wedding. "It's very hard to concentrate, because all I think about is the wedding," Walker said. "But I have to make myself sit down and study and pay attention in class and not dream about flowers." Jason Jones and Jenny Colomy

On May 5, Colomy, a fourth-year business student, was surrounded by flowers and gifts from Jones through the entire day. One present was an empty picture frame with an attached note requesting a photograph to fill it in. That night, Jones, a city and regional planning major and Colomy's future sister-in-law, dined at a restaurant. He described Cal Poly as "a really axil place for people," he said. "It's a really axil place for people," he said. "It's a really axil place for people," he said.

Unlike their time-pressed housemates, Jones and Colomy are managing beautifully.

Women's Center offers resource to men, women

By F. Xavier Lanier II
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The Women's Center is a resource for students to learn more about women's issues and coordinate events. It is the home of the Panhellenic council. Take Back the Night, Women's Programs and the National Organization for Women. The Center is also the future home of the REMEMBER campaign.

"We want them to be there so they know how to support us and learn about the queer Latino culture," Perez said.

"We need to start our own group to find out our identity and bridge the gap between the two communites," he said. Business senior Colleen Mitchell, who is homosexual, feels it is important for homosexual students to feel comfortable and involved in Cal Poly. "I think it needs to involve men and women," Perez said.

"Women's issues are the same issues that if we want to make a change, it needs to involve men and women," Perez said.

The Women's Center has an open-door policy and students are encouraged to get involved in many programs or just hang out. "It's really cool place for people to hang out," said Sharon Perkins, coordinator of Take Back the Night and an aeronautical engineering senior. "These events would happen as much if we didn't have a center." The center has been open for three years and is funded by Student Life and Activities with an endowment that is run through Cal Poly Foundation.

Gay, lesbian bisexuals adjust to Poly campus

By Whitney Phaneuf
MUSTANG DAILY

Being a visibly gay man at Cal Poly isn't always easy, but art and design sophomore Kevin Gobei is making the best of it. "Part of who I am is a homosexual man and I'm not going to hide any part of who I am," said Gobei, often recognized by his classmates from his nude painting in the on-campus art show. "I don't think homosexuality as a minority are those who are in the closet," Gobei said. "The majority are those who are in the closet." Gobei moved to San Luis Obispo from California two and a half years ago and felt the support of the GLBU, a group that was formed out of the GLBU, a group that was formed out of the GLBU, a group that was formed out of the GLBU.

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It's almost time for me to leave the hallows of Cal Poly behind. The tenth week of the quarter has already passed and now I have so little time to do everything I wanted. The realization of leaving San Luis Obispo and everything that has happened to me here is so overwhelmingly sad, I can hardly stand it. Where am I going to do without SLO Brew? These questions haunt me in my sleep. I have gotten so used to the SLO life that going back to San Diego, my hometown, is going to be a little strange.

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San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly have also brought me confidence. I now have the confidence in myself to do what I want no matter what people think about me. I have gained independence. I can speak my mind and don't care what others say. I have confidence in my ability to accomplish extraordinary things. I know I can and someday I will.

I must be leaving the halls of Cal Poly behind, but what I will never leave behind are the memories of what this time in my life has meant to me. What am I going to do without Cal Poly? I don't know yet, but I'm sure I'll be okay. All I have to do is close my eyes and dream about the green hills after the rains, the ocean hitting the cliffs and all the good times.

Tonye Baez is a political science senior.

Letters to the Editor:

Many students are tired of complaints about Foundation, but this is an important issue that affects the majority, if not all, of the students at Cal Poly. Foundation wants to copyright Cal Poly. This is an attack on Foundation protecting the rights of businesses. What am I going to do when I graduate? Will I have to pay royalties to use these logos?

I believe student clubs should have the right to use the logos. Club T-shirts are great publicity for the university, and great publicity for the club, and some clubs may want to use the logos. This would be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

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Patrick Pereira is an aeronautical engineering junior.

Thumbs up for funny letter

Editor:

As a future Cal Poly English student, I have only one more semester left at Castra. I feel I should add my two cents to Tonye Baez's letter, "Stop bitching and get over it." May 26.

I read it, and quite frankly, it was hilarious. I am sure Tonye Baez did not intend for my particular reaction, however, his "bitching" in response to the Poly student's "bitching" was perfect. The students at Cal Poly are supposed to be "adults" (or maybe "semi-adults") who fit the profile more accurately. There are things that happen to us, as students, that we do not know about. I need to remind everyone, we are not in junior high when the law of the land was to complain about every jot and tittle. Just living in this society is overwhelming enough. The true test of maturity is whether you can suck it up and deal with it.

So as Tonye Baez pointed out in all "Get over it!"

Genessa M. Carter is a future Cal Poly student.

Reader responds to 'bitch' letter

Editor:

This is regarding the well thought out, brilliantly written letter by Mike Huntoon, "Stop bitching and get over it." May 26. I would like to thank you for writing this masterpiece, it made my day. I agreed when you called yourself a "complete bitch." But after that, there are some confusing issues.

According to you, people are "adult enough to dress for themselves." They have the freedom to wear what they want. So, I am a little confused when you address the ladies for help to "keep it up." Back to your educated opinions.

I think all the people at this school are adult enough to think for themselves, and anyone who can't handle seeing a little pre-game information around campus should go back to their sheltered, ignorant, republican, unenlightened, unmeasured mummies and daddy who are still preaching that girls see the product of Satan. Wake up! It's 1990 and you're defending discrimination by a Cal Poly employer. I guess you feel freedom is just not hip it's sexuality. But at least you did not contradict yourself, because if you did you would have looked foolish.

But hey, you did it. You proved to the world that you're not gay, now put on that crazy Hawaiian shirt, give your frat brother's high-heat, a head butt, two moogies, and go watch WWF. It's not just one mainstream group who "pulls them down," it's a lifetime of repression they are fighting. I may not agree with someone, but what gives me the right to force my will upon others, what gives me the right to tell people how to think?

And now my last point. For anyone using the phrase "Get over it," be sure to indicate that you are a retard. This cliché lost its appeal about the tenth time I heard it, and even though this horse has been beaten worse than Rodney King, people still think they are so clever every time they say it.

Corey Kling is a business freshman.

Referendum could hurt clubs

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Patrick Pereira is an aeronautical engineering junior.
**Audience joins in wedding in ‘Tony ‘n’ Tina’**

By Cassandra Jones

Wedges are, for the most part, dull. So there’s an occasional cry at the prologue of the love professed between the two main roles, with more than a dozen rivers of tears, not to mention sentiment, for laughter.

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Panel argues Kosovo conflict at Poly

Military, academic leaders critique NATO role in war

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

California Faculty Association members have ratified a tentative contract agreement that resolves issues such as merit pay, compensation and lecturer status, and includes a 5.2 percent average salary increase. A little more than 80 percent of the voting CFA members approved the three-year contract after 15 months of negotiations and bargaining on both sides.

"It's been a long contract battle," said Jim Smith, communications director for CFA. Of the 3,972 votes cast, 3,187 of the votes were in favor of the agreement. A little more than half of all CFA members voted.

Cal Poly CFA members narrowed the overall results, with 50 percent of the votes approving the agreement. Fifty-eight percent of Cal Poly members participated in the vote.

There was no question CFA committee members will approve the agreement at the June meeting. Smith said, "They were just waiting for our vote."

The new contract contains terms more favorable to CFA union members than the ones in February's rejected contract, said Phil Fetter, president of Cal Poly's chapter of the CFA. "I think most everyone was pleased that the contract was much improved," Fetter said.

About one-third of voting CFA members voted in favor of approving February's contract to supporting the new contract, Fetter said.

Greek lead effort to make activities safer

By Carla Flores
Mustang Daily

The Interfraternity Council hopes to improve sportsmanship in greek competition by forming a committee to lay out rules and punishments after complaints of unsportsman-like conduct during Greek Week.

The committee, which will meet next fall, will consist of the IFC judicial and next year's Greek Week committee.

"We're hoping to put together a set of rules that will make the greek atmosphere more consistent," IFC vice president and next year's Greek Week chair Bryan Johnson said.

"Our goal is to prevent problems and help people have a better time.

The committee's rules will apply to all greek tournaments and sports leagues, including fall, winter and spring intramurals, Derby Days and Greek Week.

According to Walt Lambert, co-director of greek affairs, after 20 years of watching Greek Week, sportsmanship has been no more of a problem this year than in the years past. This is the first year something is being done to prevent problems.

"Sixty-nine percent of the time we receive complaints about unsportman-like conduct, it's usually about the team that is losing or winning the competition," Lambert said.

This year Pi Kappa Alpha was the fraternity winner of Greek Week and also one of the teams pit pointed for unsportman-like conduct.

"We take our wins the same way we take our losses, with pride and integrity. It is unfortunate that not all fraternities can follow the same code," Kevin MacKenzie of Pi Kappa Alpha said.

"We are hoping that next year we can provide all greeks with a friendly atmosphere to compete in," IFC vice president Johnson said.
Vaughn trying to lead Angels to prosperity

ANAHEIM (AP) — Ma. Vaughn refuses to acknowledge the possibilities that the Anaheim Angels are jacked, despite their streak of poor play and past downright bad fortune.

He just won't hear it, won't allow himself to accept it, even though he admits several players have been victimized, including himself, in the last three months.

And his team has thrice stumbled late, occupied only a couple minutes into his first game with his new team.

"There ain't no came, man," Vaughn said. "You've got to come out here and play. This is a man's war, a way to play. We've got to prepare ourselves for war.

"The Angels believe they're prepared in the best possible way when they signed Vaughn to a six-year, $90 million contract in November — the first high-profile free-agent position player they've added since Reggie Jackson 17 years earlier."

"We know what we were getting," Angels second baseman Randy Velarde said. "There was no mystery, and he's lived up to every bit of it. I think he's been a leader from the start, even though he's hurt."

Running remains a must, a chore for Vaughn but, he's in the lineup every day as the Angels designated him and hopes to be back at his normal position, first base, whenever play begins June 4.

With Vaughn playing for the first several weeks and some other key players sidelined, the Angels haven't lived up to their high expectations, lowering around the .500 mark.

"Venuh needs to lead the AL West has played surprisingly, either.

Vaughn was injured when he fell into the Cleveland dugout chasing a foul pop in the seventh-inning April 3.

"I always think it's go to the-don't wash," Vaughn explained in an interview this week. "When you make a mistake in the morning and step out of bed and fall on the floor, you know you've got problems. That's when I knew I had problems.

"It's feeling better. It was a 90-day process when it happened. I knew I was going to be in pain. I'm about 60 percent. But I feel like I can do it. I can still help this team."

A 90-day process, as Vaughn called it turned 16 — he was back in the lineup on Toronto on April 22, and homered for the first time during the Blue Jays.

"They said 30 days, I said, 'You're crazy.' Those guys were surprised to see me back in two weeks," Vaughn said of his return.

Vaughn said he was at about 46 percent when he returned. He started back on May 3, but the strain on his ankle bothered him so much that he was back to DH duties May 11, and hasn't played first base since.

Despite missing 14 games, he's not far below the AL leaders in home runs and RBIs.

**SPORTS**

Brand, Hamilton, Szczzerbiak added to U.S. national team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — All-Americans Ron Brand and Richard Hamilton, who led their teams to the NCAA championship game last season, were added to the U.S. Olympic qualifying team Thursday.

Also filling out the final three spots on the roster was Wally Szczzerbiak of Miami (Ohio), and BPI's college basketball player of the year, Keke Dole to a 17-2 record with 9.5 and 9.8 revs and a game last season.

Hamilton, the NCAA tournament's outstanding defensive player, helped Connecticut win its first national title.

**Cardinals 3, Giants 2, 12 innings**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After one big hit from Mark McGwire, the San Francisco Giants made sure he couldn't do it again. Then they ended up beating themselves.

McGwire broke up Mark Gardner's no-hit bid with a home run with one out in the 12th inning, and drew intentional walks to the St. Louis Cardinals in 12th inning.

"You'd be crazy not to," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "The guy can miss the bull and still hit it 400 or 500 feet. I don't like walking Big Mac, but I've got to do what I've got to do. I'm glad we don't see him a whole lot.

Two tough to by the Giants gave away the game in the 12th. Eric Davis tripled with one out off Jerry Hairston. Hairston was safe at third base by right run away from Armando Rios.

Rios scored two pitches later when Spalding missed a pitch sign and threw a breaking ball that was inside and in the dirt.

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Serrano named Female Athlete of the Year, Conwright and Wells share Male award

By Bryce Alderton

Track and Field stole the show at the Cal Poly Athletics Department Awards Banquet Thursday.

The 17th Annual Night of the Mustang Awards Banquet, held in Chumash Auditorium, honored all student-athletes and named the 1998-99 Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Junior track standout Kristin Serrano shared the Male Athlete of the Year Award with senior wrestler David Wells. Senior Pole vaulter Paula Serrano walked away with the Female Athlete of the Year honors. It was the first time the Male Athlete of the Year Award was shared.

Conwright is an All-American in the 100 and 200 meters, the defending Big West champion in both events and is ranked third in the nation in the 100 with a time of 10.17 seconds at the Mount Sac relays.

Wells won the Pacific-10 conference title at Stanford in the 174-pound weight class, was an All-American last year and won 16 consecutive matches to end the 1998-99 season.

Serrano holds the second-best collegiate pole vault mark ever at 13.7, which won her the 1999 Big West title. She will be making her second-straight NCAA Championship appearance.

Several other awards were handed out at the ceremony.

Senior men's swimmer Eric Wyles and senior volleyball player Kristin Moreno were named Cal Poly Scholar Athletics of the Year.

Senior baseball player Dan Menert was nominated for the 1998-99 NCAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

Three student-athletes received certificates for the 1998-99 Arthur Ashe Award for success in the classroom.

Sophomore women's soccer player Katie Kassie, junior men's tennis player Alan Regala and senior men's swimmer Mario Esola were honored.

Four student-athletes were also honored as they were selected to the NCAA Leadership Conference this year.

Sophomore volleyball player Jessica Roden, junior football player Osbaldo Owens, junior men's basketball player Mike Wiernik and junior women's soccer player Natalia Garcia will be making the trek to the conference.

Report: Lakers may keep Rambis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers are leaning strongly toward hiring Kurt Rambis as permanent coach, according to a published report.

The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday that several unidentified sources close to the situation said key Lakers executives favor the selection of Rambis, who took over as an interim basis from Del Harris in February.

No contract negotiations have begun and team executive vice president Jerry West and general manager Mitch Kupchak have yet to formally present Rambis as their choice to owner Jerry Buss, the sources said.

West is not ready to discuss that publicly yet," Buss said.

Despite the Dennis Rodman fiasco, Rambis led the Lakers past Houston in the first round of the NBA playoffs before losing four straight to San Antonio.

"The feeling is this team has to grow together, and you don't do that by firing the coach after such a traumatic season," one Times source said.

West and Kupchak surveyed key Lakers players about Rambis and several — led by a towering endorsement by Kobe Bryant — said they would fully support his return, the Times sources said.