Students juggle work, classes

Balancing act teaches time management skills

By Bob Purvis

A large number of UA students spend their nights flipping burgers instead of flipping text book pages, according to a Campus Health survey. A Campus Health study conducted during the 2000-2001 school year found that 61 percent of incoming freshmen said they planned to work while attending the UA. Sixty-one percent of UA students work 11 hours or more per week, the study stated.

Many students struggle to balance their academic life with work, sometimes working multiple jobs while attending school full-time.

Sophomore Collina Blouin, a Campus Health receptionist, works 12 hours per week answering phones and filing paperwork and also works an additional 15 hours cleaning houses. “It usually doesn’t give me a lot of time to study,” Blouin said, “sometimes after getting off work I do a little homework but then I just get too tired and fall asleep.”

The responsibility of living independently and paying bills across some students to work outside of school.

“I work about 15 hours per week to save up to pay for my apartment and maybe a car next year,” said Morgan Berroth, an undecided sophomore. Nancy Puga, a pre-education junior, works the ticket booth at Centennial Hall and said she averages about 25 hours per week in order to pay her bills. Berroth and Puga both said, however, that their jobs do not get in the way of their schoolwork.

“When it’s not busy I can go abroad and do some homework. You get used to working after a while,” Puga said.

For working students, time management and knowing how to streamline schedules are the key ingredients in balancing their daily lives.

“My day is a lot more structured, it has to be,” said Rachele Paganini, a psychology freshman.

Khameran Wilson, a media arts junior, agrees that working 30 hours per week is a challenge.

“Tuition benefits won’t be instant

By Jeff Sklar

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