Students register for halls

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Students looking to return next year to the same room in the residence halls registered last night to keep their spots. Though Residence Life officials did not tally how many students signed up, associate director Pam Obando said at the beginning of the night she expected about 500 students to apply.

Under a policy enacted last year, only 1,000 students are allowed to return to the dorms for a second year, and no students are allowed to live there for more than four semesters.

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Expecting some people will not actually keep their spots.

Student-parents juggle home life with kids, busy class schedules

By Tessa Hill
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Nearly two decades ago, Colleen Keefe sat in class in the Franklin building, staring at her typewriter and daydreaming about the upcoming weekend.

Now, 18 years later, Keefe sits in the same classroom and studies at her computer screen, wondering about her three children and the tasks she must complete for the day.

Keefe, a 37-year-old journalism junior, attended UA from 1982 through 1985, but left as an under-graduate when she became side-tracked by a promising job opportuni-
ty. She returned 15 years later with a family of her own, a new perspective on college and a whole new set of hardships.

Almost 10 percent of UA undergraduates are over the age of 26, according to the 2002-2003 UA Fact Book, and many of these students are student-parents like Keefe.

“My schedule never stays the same for any given day,” said Keefe, who, as a single parent, juggles schoolwork, daycare for her 2-year-old, and after school activities for her 9- and 6-year-olds on a daily basis.

Keefe said the key to prioritizing family time with study time is to set aside a few hours after dinner for everyone in the family to do their homework.

“I want to teach them by example that it’s important to set priorities and get their work done,” she said.

The problem most student-parents have is making there are only so many hours in a day and not every-
thing can be done everyday, said Gary Mahon, director of Executive Education.

“It’s difficult because, generally, children of single parent-students

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African-American Greeks focus on unity, community

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Latissa Smith never had any sisters — until she came to the UA. Smith, an anthropology sophomore, joined Sigma Gamma Rho sorority not only because her mother was a member but because of the strong bonds she witnessed among the members.

“Being an only child I didn’t have a sister. But being in a sorority I have learned a lot about sisterhood and what it is like having someone you can truly depend on and truly count on,” the Sigma Gamma Rho vice presi-
dent said.

Sigma Gamma Rho is one of four sororities and two fraternities on campus that are traditionally African-
American.

“With the intent behind (African-American chapters) is to try to unify,” Smith said.

“They have a strong tradition of doing service in the