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neering major, scheduled their classes around each other to care Tickets \$2.50 in advance and for their 20-month-old son, Caleb. \$3.00 the night of the showing. All films shown in Rudder 'This is a 24 hour-a-day, seven day-a-week type thing," Jennifer Stewart said. "You can go home from school or a job and be done for Theatre Complex. stions? Call the Aggie Cinema Hotline (847-8478). E Persons with special needs call the day, but I can't do that. 845-1515 within 3 days of the

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She said she once took Caleb to a political science class in an emergency.

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feeding times, diaper changes, pacifiers, child care and late-night hall paces into the equation and the

But many student parents at

Texas A&M juggle the demands of

college life with the joys of par-

tion major, said she and her hus-

band Alan, a junior industrial engi-

Jennifer Stewart, a senior educa-

mission seems impossible.

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lasses, quizzes, exams, group

projects, readings, presenta-

tions, activities and jobs create enough worry to satisfy even the most self-destructive student. Add

"He was between six and nine months old, and I sat in the front row," Jennifer Stewart said. "All of the sudden it was feeding time and he needed his bottle. The professor joked, though, and said Caleb paid more attention in class than everyone else.

Alan Stewart said he stopped all school activities when he started a family.

"I did a lot, and then I just quit," Alan Stewart said. "But I like to be in charge and do things, so now I am more involved than ever.

He is co-chair of the CEO '97 Career Fair and treasurer for Alpha Pi Mu, but said it fits his personality to be married and have a family.

Lora Hagman, a senior manage-ment major, said family members in the Bryan-College Station area help care for her son, Braden, while she attends classes and works.

'I have taken him to work a lot, and he just plays on the typewriter," Hagman said. "I also took him to many group project meet-ings, because they are usually in the evenings.

Hagman said she had no aspiration to be a career woman before she had her son.

'If I had a college degree, I could take care of him better," Hagman said. "In today's world, if you don't have a college degree, you can't go anywhere in life.' Hagman has worked on and off while pursuing her degree, and will

graduate in May

husband and father.

Four-year-old Braden said he enjoyed going with his mom to student activities "just fine. Gina Hickson, a senior finance

College with kids

Student parents must learn to juggle classes, work and child care

major, and Reed Hickson, a junior sports management major and a member of the A&M rugby team, said they were surprised to see how responsive their friends were to their daughter, Kayla.

'So many guys on the rugby team want to babysit, and that was a shocker," Reed Hickson said. "They always say to me, 'You can't come on our away trip unless you bring Kayla.'

Reed Hickson said students in ing a mom, wife and student. his classes respond with admiration when he explains he is a student,

"I think A&M is special in that way," Reed Hickson said. "It is a

conservative school, and people will take time out for you. Gina Hickson worked until two weeks before Kayla was born and maintained nearly all As, with only

one B in her college career. "I made a B in the class I had during the summer when I found out I was pregnant," Gina Hickson said. "I had morning sickness on the morning of the final, and I only missed an A by one-fourth of a

point She said it is hard to balance be-

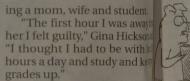


Amy Dunlap, THE BA Students Jennifer and Alan Stewart take a break from their busy schedules to spend time with their son G

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She said student parenthou mands a constant, planned flexible schedule.

"When Kayla was on a two-l feeding schedule, Reed had too by my classes so I could nurse and then go back to class," Hickson said.

She said Kayla's birth gave natural high.

"You can have the worst day one smile from her makes ye better," Gina Hickson said.

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