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Workman

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"We cut her a lot of slack. She was having problems," Breslow said. "I can't imagine that we could have been any more flexible than we were."

Even after her resignation, Workman said her job was still a worthwhile experience.

"It gave Whitney a real sense of responsibility, commitment and involvement and a firsthand view of affecting change if you don't like the way things are," Workman said.

Upon her departure from the ASUO Executive office, Workman received an overload of e-mails from student parents who said they would miss Workman's responsiveness to addressing student parent issues.

Workman administered the Child Care Subsidy, which distributes \$27,000 to 195 families. Breslow said only about 120 student parents actually take advantage of this available funding.

Breslow said Workman lobbied for a child care block grant to increase funding at the state level and national level. Last year, Workman helped the University to receive a \$50,000 campus grant of federal money for four years, and she was active on committees with the University administration so that student parents would not be forgotten.

"People right now don't think

about what life must be like for a student parent," Workman said. "Most undergrads are 18 to 22, so faculty and administration are not thinking about the 2,500 student parents on our campus."

Even though Workman isn't heading movements anymore, she isn't abandoning her position altogether.

"A lot of change can still be made, and even though I'm not running the campaigns, I get to be involved in them," Workman said.

Workman, founder of the University Student Parent Association, is still involved with the Oregon Student Association, a student lobby group that aids traditionally underrepresented students by lobbying for state need grants, child-care funding and tuition freezes.

Leaving her job has already allowed Workman more time to focus on her studies and spend personal time with Whitney.

"I took my daughter to ice skating lessons yesterday instead of [going to] a staff meeting," said Workman, a junior computer science major.

Tris O'Shaughnessy, assistant dean for family programs, said the campus hasn't seen the last of Workman.

"I don't think Kathleen is gone," O'Shaughnessy said. "She will still be a presence for student parents and the University."

O'Shaughnessy said Sarah De-



Laura Smit Emerald

Kathleen Workman has resigned from her position as the ASUO non-traditional-student advocate to spend more time with her 6-year-old daughter, Whitney.

Vore will take over for Workman as the new non-traditional student advocate in a 3-month interim position. Breslow said DeVore, who is also a student parent, met an urgent need by filling Workman's position, and he is confident that DeVore is a natural fit for the position because she is familiar with current student parent issues.

But O'Shaughnessy said while Workman may be focusing on a different part of her life, she will be missed.

"I think Kathleen, in her position, was one in a million," O'Shaughnessy said. "She has sensitivity to issues that make her an activist at heart."

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