

David Cassidy, 19-year-old son of stage-screen actor Jack Cassidy, has avoided the label of "school dropout" but it cost him a lot of sleep. It's all he can do to keep his eyes open while trying to become established as a performer.

To continue his education — demanded by his dad — David attends Los Angeles City College four nights a week from 7 to 10, majoring in psychology.

"When I get home from school I have to study for the next day and until well past midnight," he said. "Most always I have a 6 a.m. call at the studio. I have to keep prodding myself on but I've reached the point now where if it comes to a choice I'll finish my education and forget about acting.

His current sleep-breaking role is for the "Fatal Imposter," an episode of the TV series, "The FBI," playing a lad abducted by a killer. That acting blood flows around David — his father, Jack Cassidy, is married to Shirley Jones; his mother is actress Evelyn Ward.