

1). In the past five years have you had to work a second job while working at the University? If yes, why?

No

(AFSCME green....?)

2). While working here have you needed to borrow money or use a credit card to make ends meet?

We continually have to dip into either our savings or use a credit card to make ends meet by the end of the month. I support a family of four - a spouse, a 17-year old and a 20-year old.

3). If you made a livable wage, what would you be able to do that you can't do now? (In 2003 the Jobs Now Coalition estimated that the hourly wage needed to meet monthly basic needs for a family consisting of one adult with 2 children was \$19.46)

We would be able to set aside money in a savings account - and our first priority for the next four years (or more) is to help our daughter get a college education.

4). At your present salary, what do you go without?

*Since my husband has been laid off from his job, mine is the only income for the family. We no longer have our (what were always irregular anyway) Friday nite pizza and videos; we don't go out for dinner at all; we wait until our socks have holes in them to buy new (seriously!); we run our old winter coats into the ground, and hope that we get that gift card for birthday or christmas so we can replace some of our older clothes and other necessities. We don't even *think* about getting anything we don't *need.**

As well, the new health care deductions have put a big dent in the already-stressed home budget.