

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

I currently have a part time job that is 20 hours per week. With having to pay back my student loans from the University of Minnesota, I have no money to live on, much less for recreational activities. Having a second jobs allows me to go converse with friends at a coffee shop and see a movie every now and again.

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

Why yes I have. When my last car died I had to take out a loan for my new car (a very low-priced economy class vehicle (I would try to take the bus, but having to get to my second job, waiting for the bus just would not work)), since I had that debt, I had to use my credit card to make my paycheck stretch until the end of the month.

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)

If I made a livable wage, I would be able to live comfortably in a safe, and clean part of the city. I would be able to afford more professional attire to wear to work, AND, I would not have to hold a second job and I could get enough sleep to boost my productivity at work.

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

I go without privacy, from having to have a roommate. I go without pleasurable pastime activities, such as time with friends at restaurants, or cable TV. I go without relaxing vacation time, because I am always trying to keep debt at bay.