

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

***I have three jobs, although one is only 2-3 hours a week. I have to work 65-70 hours a week because that is what it takes to live a rather modest lifestyle in Minneapolis. It simply takes about \$40,000 to live. If you are single, congratulations, you get both jobs. I started working a second job when my husband and I separated because starting life as a single parent was going to cost more than I was making at University Libraries.***

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

***That is how we financed the special stuff the kids needed while they were in high school. That is where the graduation pictures, class trips, special education expenses, extra lessons, and all the rest came from--credit cards.***

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)

***I'd be able to get more than 5-6 hours of sleep a night. I'd be able to stay at family gatherings past 7:30--this has made trouble the last several Christmas Eves, believe me. The whole family gets together, except that I have to leave. I really dislike that.***

***I'd be able to take better care of my house and myself. I'd be able to spend time with family, friends, neighbors. I'd be able to spend time on hobbies and interests. I'd be able to sit down and read a magazine without the nagging feeling that I should be doing something productive, like laundry, mowing the lawn or shoveling, making the house a pleasant place to live.***

***Right now, I only need three rooms to live in. I need a kitchen, a bathroom, a bedroom. The rest of the house is useless to me.***

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

***Time. At my present salary, I have to work two jobs so I have enough income. Two jobs means NO free time. I do without all the parts of life that make it fun to stay alive, EXCEPT that my children are well cared for and doing well with their opportunities.***