

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

***Yes, I am currently working three jobs. I work 30 hours a week at the University. On my one day off (Friday) I do bookwork for a local business. On the weekends I work at another job. I need the extra income to help us get by. I also am currently on the WIC program.***

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

***I am in credit card debt up to my eyeballs. Currently I have close to \$27,000 worth of credit card debt. I put groceries on my card, birthday presents, Christmas presents, everyday household supplies, etc. I borrowed a loan to pay off one high interest card.***

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 would love to buy a bigger house. We have a small house with only one bathroom with five of us in the home and one on the way. My van has 185,000 miles on it and I will be needing a different one in the near future. I would love to be able to take my family on a vacation. I would love to take my kids to events, but can't because of money issues. I would love to be able to buy things without relying on my credit cards. My father is sick with cancer and I would like to go visit him without putting the gas and food on the credit cards.***

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

***Clothes for myself. My husband has needed new glasses for the past three years. My daughter needed them this year so he has to wait another year. I would love to be able to have a life where I do not need to stress about money.***