

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

I am a single parent of four children. Three are teenagers. I can't pay the bills on my University salary. Plus my husband quit paying child support . I cannot makes ends meet with just this job.

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

I have no credit card.

Yes on borrowing money, I needed car repairs done. This was while I was still getting child support. I have also cashed in my stocks and am now ready to cash in my IRA, because I have a senior and the expenses we are incurring with pictures and all the rest of the senior things are too much.

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)

First I would get my roof fixed. I have shingles that are blowing off. I need new windows. The ones I have now are in disrepair and are in rotting sills. The electrical system I have is still the 1930's style with the cloth wrapped wires and fuse boxes.

I am driving a vehicle that is over 10 years old and in need of repairs all the time.

I would be able to pay off the creditors.

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

We do not have internet, cable T.V. long distance, a cell phone, my furniture is from second hand stores, our clothes come from rummage sales and I can barely pay car insurance.

I have a \$130.00 loan(car repairs), \$150.00 city and electric bill, \$150.00 gas bill, \$250 car insurance(my daughter was involved in an accident), \$125.00 monthly prescriptions for myself and four kids, other various utilities, groceries, past bills that I am making payments on, car maintenance, and all on \$1184.00 a month. It doesn't add up.