

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

With three active teenagers in the house, there are always extra expenses. One is a High School Senior so there are many end of the year expenses for her. She will soon be starting college and there are no funds set aside for her expenses when she is away from home. My second job is part time and I use it to fill in the gaps to purchase groceries, put gas in the car and personal care products for my family.

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

Yes, we have needed to borrow to repair transportation that is an important part of my job. No transportation - no job. We have also had to borrow to pay off credit card debt that was accrued to make ends meet.

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 imagine that I could get caught up on bills, do some house repairs (the roof leaks) and maybe tuck a dollar or two into savings.

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

We have learned quite well to rob Peter to pay Paul. There are times when I wish I didn't have to say to my kids "I can't afford that (shoes, new jeans, etc.) today." Since the beginning of 2005 my family will be doing with less because of the increase in health insurance. My family will have about \$50.00 less per month to use for expenses.

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