

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

**MY REVENUE ALWAYS FALLS SHORT OF MY NECESSITIES. SOME DAYS, THE CHOICE IS HONESTLY BETWEEN FOOD, DRUGS OR GAS TO GET TO WORK TO EARN MORE MONEY... I LIVE VERY FRUGALLY, RARELY GO OUT TO EVEN 'NICE' RESTAURANTS (NEVER TO FINE RESTAURANTS). THIS WEEK MY PAYCHECK SHOWED MY TAKEHOME PAY AS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO MY TAKEHOME PAY BACK IN JULY 2003 (I HAVE SINCE RECLASSED AND RECEIVED A MINIMUM INCREASE SO THAT IS NOW GONE...). HEALTH CARE INCREASES (PREMIUMS, PRESCRIPTION COPAYS, PRESCRIPTION OUT OF POCKET MAXS) HAVE DECIMATED MY BUDGET. THE ONLY FIX, SINCE THIS EMPLOYER REFUSES TO GIVE RAISES TO ITS LOWEST PAID WORKERS AND REFUSES TO GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR THE JOBS THEY ARE DOING, IS TO OBTAIN MONEY ELSEWHERE. I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE DESPARATION THAT DRIVES PEOPLE TO BANK ROBBERY SO MUCH THESE DAYS.**

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

**CERTAINLY, SEEMS TO JUST BE A FACT OF LIFE. CROSSING MY FINGERS THAT NOTHING BAD HAPPENS TO MY CAR WHICH WILL REQUIRE A HOME LOAN REFINANCE TO FIX BECAUSE I COULD NOT AFFORD IT ANY OTHER WAY.**

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)

- 1. PURCHASE FOOD AT GROCERY STORE WHENEVER WHATEVER I WANT (WITHIN REASON)**
- 2. PURCHASE A RESTAURANT MEAL ONCE IN A WHILE**
- 3. PURCHASE HEALTH CARE (I REFUSE TO SCHEDULE A DOCTOR VISIT UNTIL I ABSOLUTELY HAVE NO CHOICE; I PURCHASE PRESCRIPTIONS AFTER THEY RUN OUT INSTEAD OF JUST BEFORE)**
- 4. GET A HAIR CUT**
- 5. DO TIMELY/REGULAR MAINTENANCE ON MY CAR**
- 6. SEE A MOVIE GUILT FREE**

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

**PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING IN #3. I ONLY BUY MINIMUM, ABSOLUTE REQUIRED FOOD EACH WEEK TO KEEP THE COST DOWN (SO NO EXTRAS ARE ALLOWED LIKE SNACK ITEMS...). I DRIVE THE CAR AS SELDOM AS POSSIBLE (SAVE GAS AND WEAR AND TEAR). RARELY SEE A MOVIE AT A THEATER AND ALMOST AS RARELY SEE A DVD -- WAIT FOR THEM TO COME TO LOCAL TV (NO CABLE). I DO WITHOUT A WHOLE OF STUFF BUT BECAUSE I AM SO USED TO HAVING NOTHING AND BEING ABLE TO AFFORD NOTHING, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT ELSE.**