

'Student' misses key points of wage debate

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As a speaker at the Students for Staff event, I must clarify something stated in Tom Blomberg's article in The Miami Student. I can assure you that there were many more important statements made by employees than the quotes he used. I briefly mentioned not being able to buy new clothes but I can definitely tell you that clothing is not a priority in my life. I'm a little more concerned with meeting the basic living expenses and unexpected things that arise each month than how many new clothes I have in my closet. With barely \$35 left after basic shelter, utilities, medical expenses and the luxury of DirecTV at my home, that's what I have remaining from my Miami wages to live on (that means buying gas to come to work, buying food, car repairs, etc.).

In regard to Wendy's comments, I think she shared much more important thought-provoking statements than the fact that she didn't have gas money to visit her father at Thanksgiving. This lady shared how she is trying to support two young daughters and sometimes does not have enough money to buy milk for them and how her older daughter told her that she didn't believe in Christmas and Santa Claus anymore because she knew her Mom didn't have the money to buy them any gifts.

I appreciate Blomberg's article but feel he missed the important points that impact the living wage situation much more than those that were quoted by him.

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