

# Guest Columnist

## The student paid no taxes

JUDGE: What do you mean you didn't pay any income tax this year. With all those degrees and job opportunities you didn't have to go looking for tax shelters?

STUDENT: Your Honor, I spent the fiscal year looking for a job. President Carter said he would be hiring minorities soon, but I wasn't contacted.

JUDGE: You aren't a minority. You are Caucasian, healthy and educated. What makes you feel as though you are a minority?

STUDENT: Your Honor, only 7 percent of the entire population is unemployed. If that's the case, then I'm a minority. Judge, do you realize that I could not pay taxes? On top of that, I didn't even receive minority benefits. Since I am a teacher, I spent the entire year looking for a job. Summer is here and I can't even begin to pay taxes because school is out. I would love to pay taxes if I could get a W-2 form. But who gives W-2 forms to strangers?

JUDGE: Tell the jury exactly what happened on that fatal graduation day.

STUDENT: I finished paying the remainder of my tuition. Since my loan was minimal, I was told to pay the cash difference before I would receive graduation credits. With my tuition receipt stamped "paid," I happily marched to the placement office to file for a diploma.

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classroom stardom was exciting. I was told that special education was so lucrative that schools would hire me on sight.

Expecting principals and personnel directors to be beating down my door, I had an additional lock installed.

There was supposed to be an alarming need for special education instructors to start the 1976 school year. According to my educational advisor, mental illness was on the rise and I'd better be ready—to teach that is.

JUDGE: You still haven't explained why you didn't find a teaching position.

STUDENT: Your Honor, I began looking for a job before the semester had even started. With my resume in my left hand and masters degree in my right, I thought I would make the first move toward employment.

I was greeted with "fill out an application, but we're not hiring now."

Like a soldier who goes to war and returns home without firing a shot, my efforts seemed wasted. Soon my unpaid gas credit card was revoked. I

resumed my search using the telephone. With the help of Quickie-Print, I soon had enough resumes to distribute one to every apartment unit in Southfield.

Let me explain, Your Honor, that I even took a survey on local school employee dress codes. That way I was guaranteed to arrive at any interview dressed to teacher perfection.

FROM THE TIME I telephoned for interviews to the time I arrived for the interviews in person, my outfit had gone out of season.

Sir, I would like that to be one of my first tax deductions. I also spent \$50 in near zone calls reaching those surrounding school districts and \$25 on new nylon.

My apartment ceased being a place of residences and soon became a miniature employment office. I had to hire a full-time secretary to answer any possible job caller while I was out looking for employment.

After I realized that teachers were not in demand, I had to call in a fashion consultant. He coordinated my daily wardrobe so I could fit every employer's dream. Some days I had to look like an administrator, while other days, I posed as an experienced social worker.

I would like to make these expenses the second of my tax deductions.

Sir, please give me another few weeks to find a W-2 form. I promise to look harder to find one this time. I might even find a job.

## School board meeting dates set for year

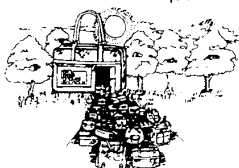
Dates of upcoming Southfield Board of Education meetings were set recently by the school board. The meetings, in most cases, are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and convene at 8 p.m. All regular board meetings are open to the public.

The next scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday, July 26, at the school administration building, 24661 Lahser, behind Southfield High School.

August 9 and August 23, the school board will again meet in the administration building.  
Sept. 13—Vandenberg Elementary School  
Sept. 27—Birney Middle School  
Oct. 11—Brace Elementary School  
Oct. 25—Eisenhower Elementary School  
Nov. 8—John Grace Elementary School  
Nov. 22—Kennedy Elementary School  
Dec. 13—Lederle Middle School  
Jan. 10, 1977—Leonard Elementary School  
Jan. 24—Levey Junior High School.

Feb. 14—MacArthur Elementary School  
Feb. 28—Magnolia Elementary School  
March 14—Moisture Elementary School  
March 28—Northbrook Elementary School  
April 11—Schoenhals Elementary School  
April 25—Simms Elementary School  
May 9—Southfield No. 10 Elementary School  
May 23—Thompson Junior High School  
June 13 and 27—Administration Building.

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