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**Breadwinners**

ASK those individuals who are so vociferous in condemning the teachers actions if they would recommend the teaching profession to their son as a vocation that would provide adequately for him and his family. All too often those who condemn the teachers will only recommend teaching as a profession to their daughters . . . as a stop gap between college and marriage.

The teachers are fighting for the survival of their profession, as a vocation for breadwinners—not for secondary and/or stop-gap incomes, as a vocation that is the first choice of the talented college graduate—male and female, and for emancipation from the paternalism so evident in the school board and administration.

Can you imagine pilots being told by passengers how to fly or doctors being told by patients how to effect cures? The board of education cannot be experts in the educational process simply because they were once students. The board must get spectacles for its myopia and see fit to negotiate with the teachers as competent professionals.

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