

Except for a very few of the top graduates from the most prestigious schools, or the very few who have good family connections, most find out they could make more money managing a McDonald's or driving a truck.

We possibly should require colleges and universities to put warning labels on some of their degree programs such as "There are currently almost no jobs available in this field" or "This degree will do you absolutely no good whatsoever in obtaining employment."

If you think I am exaggerating, listen to these two letters in the April 24 issue of U.S. News & World Report:

Thank you for including "Gypsy Profs" with your rankings of liberal arts programs. It should give pause to anyone misinformed enough to think a graduate degree will guarantee a chance to teach. Like those in your article, I have a Ph.D., which entitles me to drive 480 miles each week to teach five courses for two community colleges. Each semester is an employment uncertainty. But I love what I do—something not true of most people—and I don't see a great deal of employment security anywhere. I knew what I was getting when I entered graduate school. Still, I dearly wish that the future looked more promising. There's no dignity in being a mercenary teacher-for-hire; last week my father-in-law described me as "unemployed" at a family gathering.

MICHAEL J. BOOKER.

KNOXVILLE, TN.

I received my Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 1993, and after two years in the job market and well over 100 applications for employment, I have yet to be called for my first interview despite my teaching experience and track record of publishing in professional journals. The time I spent working toward my doctorate would have been better utilized in almost any other career, where I would have been earning money and accruing seniority. The "gypsy profs" may not realize it, but they are the lucky ones in the fraud America's graduate schools are perpetrating on their students!

JONATHAN R. DEAN.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN.

Now, I hope I will not be misunderstood. A college education is a good thing.

I am not saying people should not go to college.

I am saying that many college graduates cannot find jobs today, particularly in fields like law and in teaching school.

There is a huge surplus of lawyers—and a huge surplus of teachers—and a huge surplus of people who want jobs in law enforcement or other Government jobs.

All I am really saying is that we need to do everything possible to encourage young people to go into fields where they are needed more—where the future is brighter.

We should also do a better job promoting what used to be called vocational education, but which in most places today is called technology education.

We need more young people today with technical training.

It is sad to see so many young people today getting college degrees, and par-

ticularly graduate degrees, which really do them no good.

It is just wrong to continue perpetrating fraud on our Nation's young people so some universities can make more money or so that some colleges can continue to employ professors who are teaching in fields in which there are almost no jobs.

Fortunately, our unemployment is low; but our underemployment is great and, unfortunately, is growing. Many colleges and universities are helping to make this situation worse.

IN HONOR OF FALLEN SECRET SERVICE AGENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise as the ranking member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government. I rise today to pay a solemn tribute to the six employees of the U.S. Secret Service, one of whom is missing and five of whom we know have lost their lives as a result of the heinous attack on the Federal building in Oklahoma City. I rose yesterday in the context of the Oklahoma City resolution to talk about all the Federal employees.

I want to express my deepest sympathy to all the families, friends, and neighbors, but particularly, at this time to the family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of the brave six Secret Service employees who we lost at Oklahoma City. This is a time of deep anguish and pain for the families of those killed, those injured, and those whose loved ones are still unaccounted for as they were doing the business of the people of the country.

Today we remember Assistant Special Agent in Charge Alan G. Whicher, who served as part of the detail protecting President Clinton, and then was transferred to what I am sure he and his family thought was a more tranquil environment in Oklahoma City. He lost his life.

Special Agent Cynthia L. Brown, appointed a special agent only a little over 1 year ago. She lost her life.

Special Agent Donald R. Leonard. His career assignments included the Vice-Presidential Protective Division. He lost his life.

Special Agent Mickey R. Maroney, who served with the Secret Service since 1971. He lost his life.

An investigative assistant, Kathy L. Seidl, appointed to the Secret Service in 1985, to the Oklahoma City office; and the office manager, Linda McKinney, who was recovered from the rubble only yesterday. She was the one I said was missing, and I was in error. She has been located.

I cannot say that I know the pain the people of Oklahoma City are experiencing. I do know very well the feeling of loss that communities all across this country feel for the people of Okla-

homa City and for the loved ones of those who lost their lives.

Mr. Speaker, God blesses America, and he does so through the services of so many, and particularly through the service of those who are fallen but not forgotten. Let us, Mr. Speaker, resolve at this moment to embrace the wives and the children, the mothers and the fathers, the sisters and the brothers, the fellow colleagues, all those who love them dearly, in the fellowship of love and compassion. While they have lost an important part of their families, we must assure them they will always be a part of our larger family.

To the family and friends of those brave U.S. Secret Service agents and employees, my words today, of course, cannot express the sorrow for the loss of this Nation's best, and the gratitude for their sacrifice. I recall the words of President Lincoln, and I quote:

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and the lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

President Lincoln, of course, spoke of those who lost their lives in the preservation of the Union; those who lost their lives in Oklahoma City did so as well.

As a father, a husband, and as a child of God, my heartfelt sympathies go out to each of the families. May they, too, find comfort in their sorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I know that every colleague joins me in expressing our sympathy and our sorrow, and our wishes that God will bless Alan, Cynthia, Donald, Mickey, Kathy, and Linda.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE HOUSE AS IT DEALS WITH THE BUDGET ISSUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to talk a bit about some of the things that are in some of the newspapers today about the difficulties this House is facing as it forces itself to deal with the budget issue. For the last 4 years, we had the budget done on time. That was before April 15. This year, for all the magic done and all the things that got going, guess what, we do not have a budget, and everybody is saying "Just do it. Where's the budget?"

I think the budget happens to be the most important thing, and we should have done that first, before we did all the giveaways and all the tax cuts and all the other goodies, but the goodies have been given out, and now it is time