

1 was so low that in that first year of my teaching experience
2 I had to stay with my parents because I could not afford
3 otherwise.

4 Collective bargaining would perhaps have improved
5 the teaching situation in Baltimore City much sooner than
6 it has been. So I have mixed emotions about this situation
7 we now face in the Convention, but I hope you understand
8 the strong feelings that the proponents of the collective
9 bargaining measure have and the great step they are taking
10 today to help save this Constitution.

11 I am not sure at this time that what we have
12 gained is not a Pyrrhic victory, but that will only be
13 brought to bear come May 14.

14 As a history teacher I find some self satisfaction
15 and some answers by searching in history and I am sure that
16 Benjamin Franklin on the last day of the Federal Convention
17 of 1787 must have had to do a lot of soul searching on that
18 occasion.

19 I find some assistance in his words and so I
20 would like to close with a portion of the address Benjamin
21 Franklin had written but was too old and feeble to deliver