

## Taxes easier, file by phone

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If you're single, have no dependents, an annual income of less than \$50,000 and the same address for a year, filing your taxes may be an easier feat this year.

An estimated 23 million taxpayers nationwide will be able to file paperless tax returns over the telephone this season. The new system, called TeleFile, is free and takes between six and 10 minutes to complete. Available in Spanish and English, the system is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Filing taxes doesn't get any easier than this," said IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson. "TeleFile will not only save taxpayers time and trouble, but it will also make the IRS more efficient."

The entire process con-

sists of filling out a simple worksheet, calling a toll-free number and following a series of voice-prompted instructions. The system does all the math and announces the amount of refund or additional taxes due. Those using TeleFile will usually receive a refund check within three weeks.

The IRS has enlisted MTV to help encourage young people to file using TeleFile. The music video network will air an IRS public service announcement featuring animated pencils who complain they aren't needed anymore.

Qualified taxpayers who normally file a 1040-EZ form, the simplest tax forms, will get TeleFile instructions with their regular tax booklet. According to the IRS, college students and those between 18-24 years old are the main targets for the new system.

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UNLV students. "Put the fee on (education) students who singularly benefit from it (the student teaching program)," Ferraro said.

Berkley agreed. "It's been my experience that students don't want tuition raised for any reason, let alone to supplement someone else's education," Berkley said.

The fees will be implemented in the Fall semester of each school year. If approved, a proposed \$75 fee for the 1996-97 school year will affect approximately 410 students; approximately 415 students for the 1997-98 school year will pay a proposed \$150 fee; and approximately 420 students for the 1998-99 and subsequent school years will pay a proposed \$250 fee.

According to Berkley, the fees will eliminate the College of Education's deficit.

Students unable to afford the fee may qualify for grant aid, according to Ron Smith, UNLV graduate college dean and former interim provost. Smith assured the Regents

Friday he would work to increase the number of scholarships and grants for students. "We're not insensitive to the situation," Smith said.

UNLV President Carol Harter supported implementing the fee. "It is not unusual to charge for this (student teaching) experience," Harter said.

Not everyone was in favor of charging the fee.

"I certainly don't agree with charging students to work," Regent Nancy Price said. "That's a step backward."

Price compared the concept of students paying a fee to student teach to indentured servants paying to get into the workforce. "The philosophy is completely wrong," Price said.

Student reaction to the fee is mixed.

UNLV Junior Carly Kingston, a secondary education major, said she doesn't want to pay the fee but agrees it is necessary. "If they (the College of Education) have to pay the schools for us (student teachers) to teach and they're already in the red, there's really no other way," Kingston said.

Kingston said she favors paying the fee over the alternative, which is cutting the student teaching program.

Senior Shannon DeWitt, an elementary education major, was not sympathetic. "That's ridiculous," DeWitt said of the fee. "There's no way anyone can work (to earn money) while student teaching. They (the Clark County School District) should be paying us."

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