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Re: Your article  
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**Schools face radical fix. The medicine will be worse than the disease.**

- Turnbull and Gonski. A politician and a business man. The worse combination in an **educational emergency**.

Both men have the gift of the gab, but neither of them has the means to improve the present dismal performance of the schools. Their rhetoric is like giving the definition of a sentence (The new Grammar Manual). Most kids still can't write a decent one.

- Eight politicians have blatantly ignored the only person in the world who is able to instantly improve **Literacy- and Numeracy** standards..... at no cost!
- I am 89. I am like the last Anzac soldier. Do I have to die first like Van Gogh before being recognised as a genius?

- In most scholastic hierarchies, super-competence is more objectionable than incompetence. Ordinary incompetence is no cause for dismissal; it's simply a bar to promotion. Super-competence disrupts the system and thereby violates the first commandment of hierarchal life: the system must be preserved.
- My work took 40 years to finance and compete; I deserve a full spread in The Sydney Morning Herald.  
"We read it all before" shows that, over the past twenty years, alarming reports filled a whole newspaper!
- The picture shows the result of the commercial "Early Learning" philosophy. Children now hold their pen as if it were a weapon, because the cells needed to learn the skill of handwriting haven't formed yet (Endangered Minds). Besides, a biro should never be used. The worse the writing, the earlier the necessity to buy a laptop for a one-finger user!
- **The foreseeable danger.**
  1. At birth children are given a dummy. From age 2, a mini computer.

2. Technology is turning a whole nation into T.V.- and mobile phone addicts; it's unstoppable of course.

A technician's job is to continuously discover new bait to catch more fish. You can't blame them. Only in the commercial world is it possible to be creative.

- More than ever do schools have the responsibility to stop creating Centrelink customers.
- Carl Rogers: "If we did away with the expert, the certified professor, the certified professional and the licensed physiologist, we might open our profession to a breeze of fresh air, to a surge of creativity such it has not known for years".
- At present, schools have one thing in common: they are institutions of today run on the principles of yesterday.

A. Bark

# THE BARK REPORT


## *Compulsory Incompetence in Maths and English and What We Can Do About It*

### What's in a Name

*The Bullock Report (England) : Weighty and Voluminous*

*The Bark Report (Australia): K-9 Alarm*

Hopefully, the present Education Minister, John Aquilina, will do more than just casting his eagle eye over the concrete material presented, because that's exactly what is needed to arrive at the goals already determined.



**NSW'S EDUCATION GOALS:  
AGENDA '97.**  
Getting the  
foundation right.  
Excellence in teaching  
and learning.  
Partnerships in public  
education.  
Safe, challenging and  
creative schools.  
A fair go for all.

**"Our commitment to  
equity remains undiminished."**  
Education Minister  
John Aquilina.

**WE HEARD IT  
ALL BEFORE!**

Since nobody understands these definitions, they are written on the blackboard and copied into the workbooks: back to square one; worse if copying is done while thoughts are elsewhere or writing is atrocious.

## Similarity

YEAR 8

Two shapes are said to be similar if they have the same shape.

That is all corresponding angles are the same size and corresponding sides aren't necessarily equal but in the same ratio SO WHAT?

We are now able to use Pythagoras Theorem to find the unknown side if it is the longest side, or one of the short sides.

Draw an arrow from the right angle to the hypotenuse?

If it is a letter add  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  !!

OR If it is a number minus  $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$  ??

As with any prism

to find the volume.

simply find the area

of the end and multiply this by the height of the prism

Rates  
We already know that a ratio is of 2 quantities. A rate is a type of second quantity is always 1

CAN WE NOW DO IT?

a comparison  
to the

138.

© A Ratio is a comparison of 2 like quantities. In the example above we're comparing the volume of cordial needed to mix with the volume of water.

ADVANCED  
MATHS  
YEAR 8

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ONE SMALL TRIBE OF ILLITERATE,STONE-AGE ABORIGINES

KNEW MORE ABOUT EDUCATION THAN

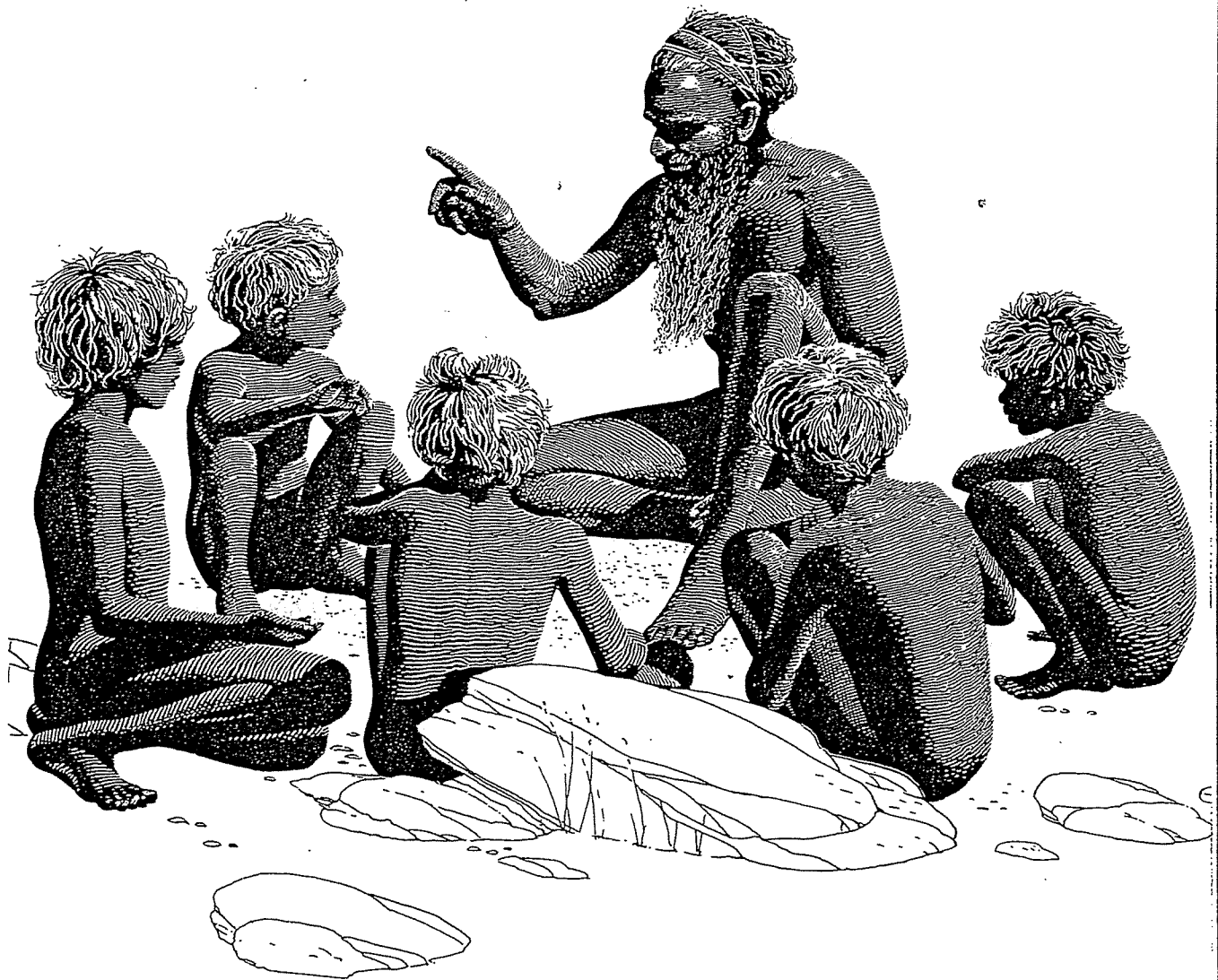
ONE WHOLE WORLD OF LITERATE PROFESSORS:

practicality versus procrastination

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## FACE TO FACE TEACHING

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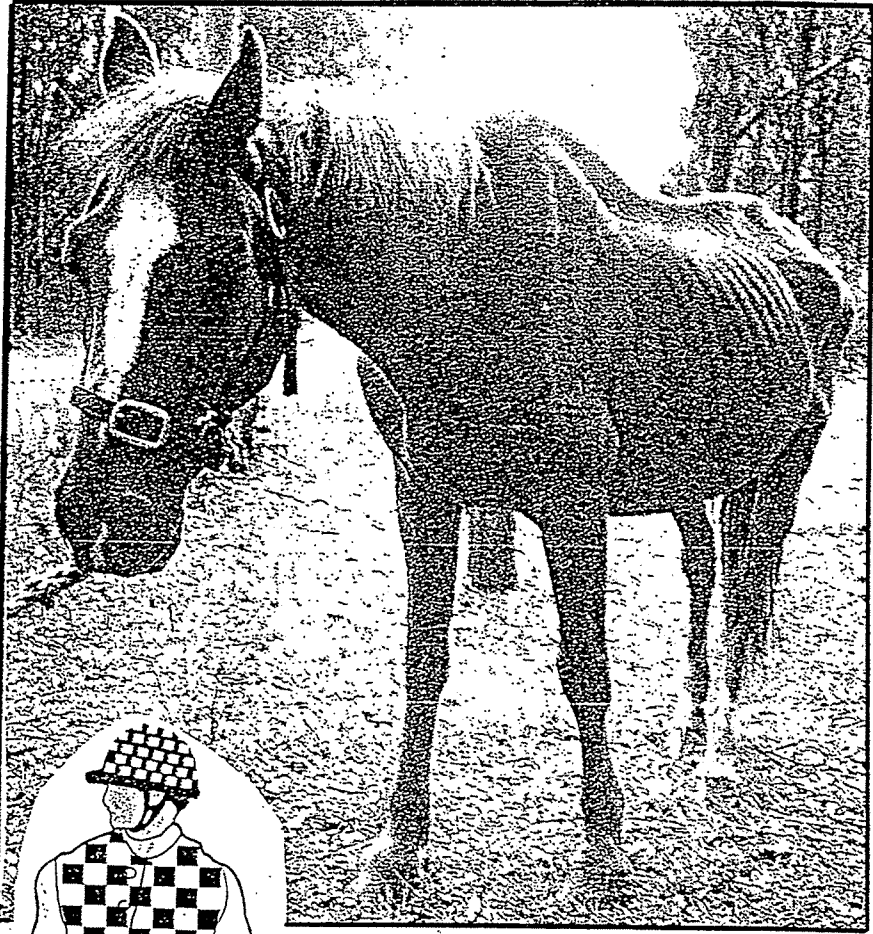
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From: The Dreamtime Book. Australian Myths  
in paintings by Ainslie Roberts and text by Charles P. Mountford.

# Gambling nation? You bet

Our \$60 billion habit beats Americans, Chinese

## Melbourne Cup SWEEP



THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,  
LIKE LADY GODIVA,

# NEW MATHS

PUT EVERYTHING ON THE ONE HORSE

Option Topic

Mathematics of Chance  
& Gambling

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Years 11 & 12

# Is there Life after School?

## Poverty, suicide — our litany of shame

**DO** you want to know the truth about Australian children?

Not the cuties who appear in TV ads grinning over cereals or tinned pineapples.

Real kids — kids who grow up in the house next door, who play in the park, who sleep in the streets, kids who die young.

The cold hard facts about Aussie kids are shocking.

Some are hard to believe — but we can no longer turn a blind eye.

This is Australia's litany of shame:

- Up to 40,000 children in Australia are homeless, sleeping in refuges if they can get in, otherwise on the street, in parks or on the beach.
- There are 27,000 State wards throughout Australia.
- The number of children living below the poverty line has doubled during the past 10 years to one in five. The Australian Council of Social Services says there are 750,000 children living in poverty. The Institute of Family Studies says the figure is higher — 825,000.

● At least 100,000 children in NSW live below the poverty line.

● Half of Australia's three million children are looked after by outsiders during working hours, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Most go to pre-school or child care centres, the rest to relatives.

● 250,000 youths are unemployed — about 19 per cent of people that age.

● Since 1983 the suicide rate for teenage boys has increased from 248 to 290 a year. The number of teenage girls killing themselves almost doubled to 71 a year. An estimated 20,000 kids attempt suicide each year.

● Teenage prostitution is rife, with some as young as 11 and 12.

● Alcohol abuse is rampant among teenagers. Surveys have found 87 per cent of 12-year-olds drink — and by the time they are 15 and 16, 30 per cent go on regular binges of more than five drinks in a row.

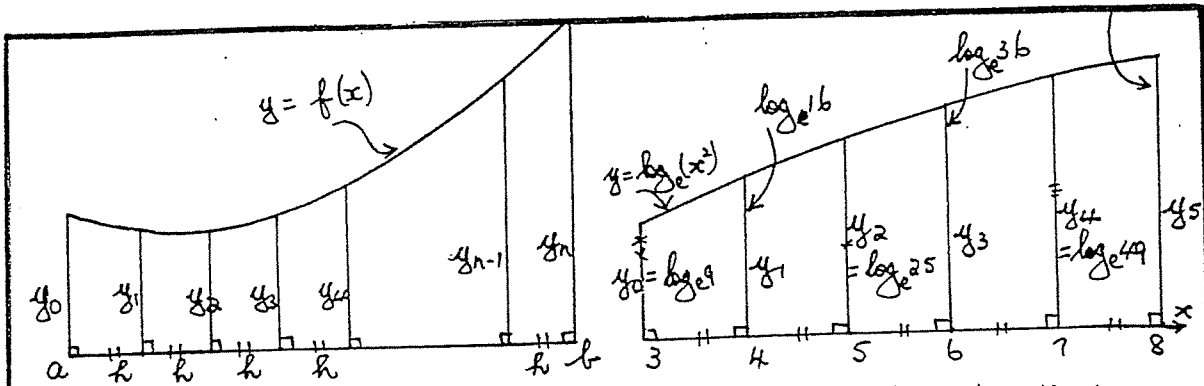
● The number of kids killed by drugs has doubled this decade. Hard drugs killed 283 young people in 1985.

— FRANK WALKER



**Hair-raising examples of compulsory incompetence**  
 (All necessary working should be shown)

**You can't see the wood for the trees**



By the Trapezoidal Rule, with  $n$  equal sub-intervals, i.e.  $(n + 1)$  ordinates, for  $y = f(x)$  over the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} \{ (y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n-1}) \}, \text{ where } h = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

For 5 equal sub-intervals, this result becomes

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} \{ (y_0 + y_5) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4) \}$$

For  $f(x) = \log_e(x^2)$  with 5 equal sub-intervals over the domain  $3 \leq x \leq 8$ , then  $h = (8 - 3)/5 = 1$ .

Now  $y_0 = f(3) = \log_e(3^2) = \log_e 9$ ;  $y_1 = f(4) = \log_e(4^2) = \log_e 16$ ;

$y_2 = f(5) = \log_e 25$ ;  $y_3 = f(6) = \log_e 36$ ;  $y_4 = f(7) = \log_e 49$ ;  $y_5 = f(8) = \log_e 64$

Thus  $\int_3^8 \log_e(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\log_e 9 + \log_e 64) + 2(\log_e 16 + \log_e 25 + \log_e 36 + \log_e 49) \}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\log_e 9 + \log_e 64) + (\log_e 16 + \log_e 25 + \log_e 36 + \log_e 49) = 16.6$  #, hand calculator, correct to 1 decimal place.

<u>The trees</u>	
<u>The wood</u>	$A = \ln(3 \times 16 \times 25 \times 36 \times 49 \times 8) = 16.6$

**苗新試才大世**

港電訊贊助泳隊打電話  
 李繼賢為求更快會剃光頭  
 早睡早起泳手與外界隔絕  
 晚間揭幕因非大型運動會

THIS IS YOUR PROBLEM

THIS IS YOUR EXPLANATION

# The Shed: life in the

Are our  
teaching  
methods  
wrong?

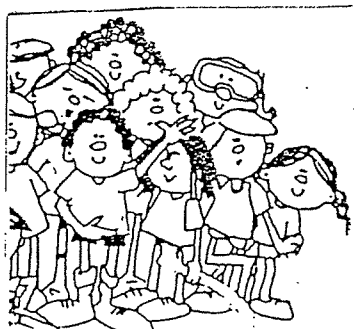
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State  
schools  
slump

Shaping Tomorrow  
Today — preparing  
future Australians

skills today for tomorrow...

Taking pride in excellence

Quality education in  
key learning areas



Example: In the numeral 46,298,375

- 4 ten millions
- 46 millions
- 462 hundred thousands
- 4 629 ten thousands
- 46 298 thousands
- 462 983 hundreds
- 4 629 837 tens

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Add.} \\ 37 \\ +45 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Add the ones.

tens	ones
3	7
+4	5
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Monday, September 11, 1995

Protecting  
our major  
investment

Don't forget  
to regroup!

POSITIVE MOTIVATION

**Changes obscured**

**by jargon**

**Job expert's  
plea for the  
three 'Rs'**

**EDUCATION '93**

**Making sure kids are  
fit for rigours of life**

**Back to basics**

**no answer,  
education**

*WHICH ONES?*

**experts say**

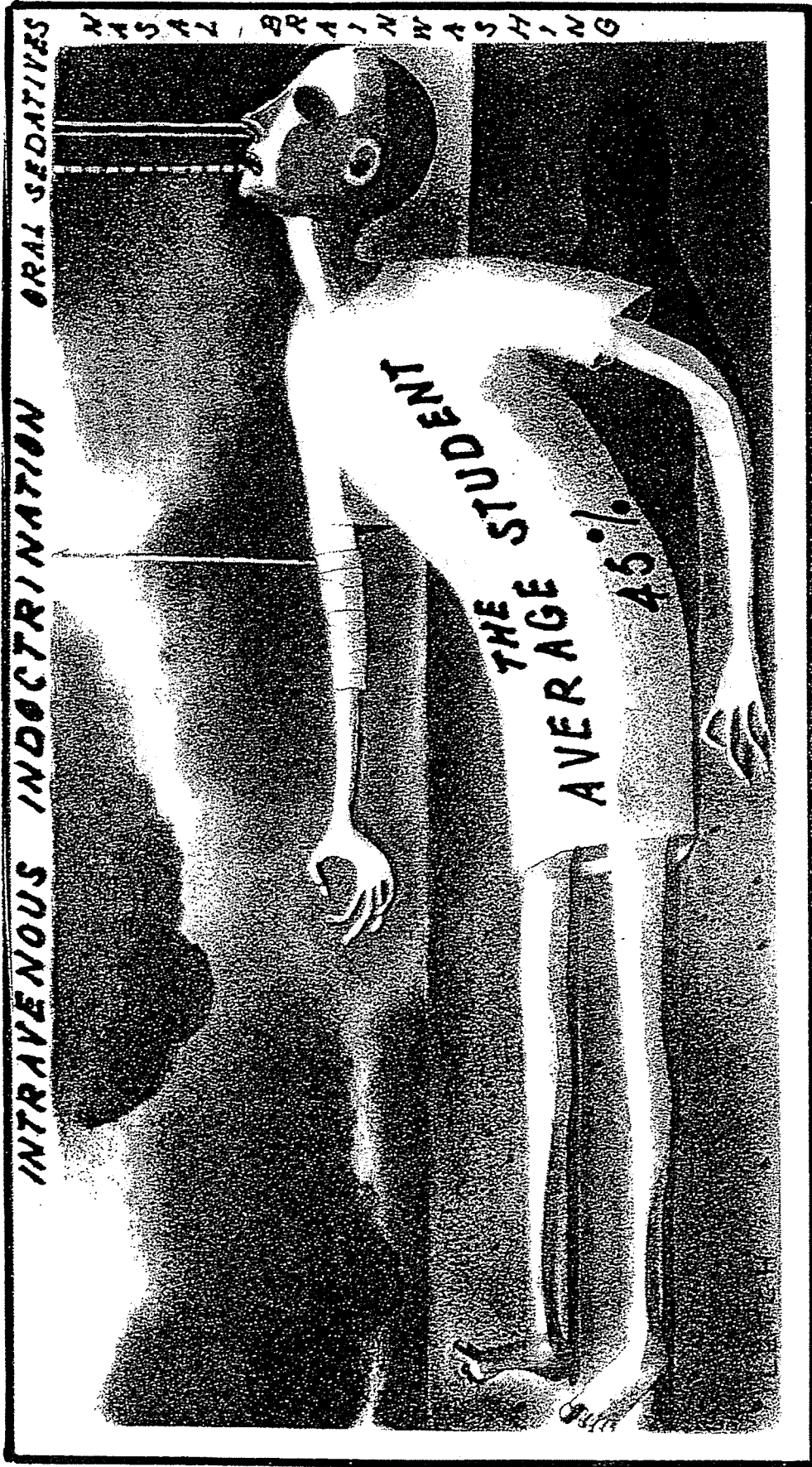
**Bosses  
'have to  
pay' for  
spelling**

By LOUISE NICHOLSON

A SENIOR Education Department official yesterday described spelling as a difficult art and said employers had to pay high wages if they wanted to attract competent spellers.

**'Get back  
to basics'  
at school**

R. I. P.



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SCHOOLS IN TURMOIL