

Indian Woman Spells Out Dropout Hazards

(From LUMMI SQUOL QUOL)

I am keenly aware of the business world's concern with the shockingly large number of students who have dropped out of high school before graduation. I know the penalty that eager but untrained young men and women will pay for their lack of education in a society which is becoming ever more demanding of its manpower. They are condemning themselves and their children to a life time of unnecessary punishment.

The economics of the predicament are clear. Dropouts will constitute the group who must work for the lowest wages. They will be the first to be fired when recession occurs, and the last to be hired when business picks up. As a group they will enjoy the least of the good things life has to offer.

I wish I could talk personally to each young man and woman in high school. I would urge him to consider his real worth and to finish his education.

Pressures don't disappear; they just change. If you quit high school, you'll quit in other areas too. Life is never simple and there are no simple answers. But you will succeed, you will finish high school despite all the problems that beset you, if you've a high enough value on yourself and realize the importance of man's humility.

Education is the keystone to move one to the top by preparing for the opportunities for a better life.

Old axiom: "There is lots of room on the top; it is only the bottom that is crowded."

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