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Reading abilities affected by parents' educations

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The income-access gap was largely a result of factors other than finances, as 84 per cent of the gap between youth from families of different income brackets was related to the differences in academic performance in high school, parents' level of education and parental expectation. But even though financial constraints were a less important factor, Frenette said it was still an important indication.

"Looking more retrospectively, a student who grows up in a low-income family, because their parents don't have a whole lot of money, they might not have things like books around, they might not go to museums, they might not take in these type of cultural and learning activities, and as a result they may not perform so well academically in school," Frenette said. "Money may matter for an earlier point in life in the sense that it may limit opportunities for learning in the early years."

Frenette said that the results of the study suggest that the income divide in university participation is the outcome of factors that are present much earlier than when most youth begin to consider university.

"To understand why lower-income youth are less likely to go on, I think we need to go back to the early years and understand why they don't develop as well in the academic arena," Frenette said.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: MIKE OTTO

THEY DON'T GROW ON TREES Statistics Canada study outlines correlation between income brackets and education.

A recent study conducted at the University of Alberta on the literacy of young children born into low-income families, whose parents have low levels of education, may have some answers.

Dr Linda Phillips, professor in the Department of Elementary Education at the U of A, and director of the Canadian Centre for Research on Literacy, collaborated on a longitudinal study of parents who don't complete high school, and found that they're more likely to have children who struggle with reading and writing.

The study tested the reading and writing ability of the preschoolers over the course of four years to examine the benefits of a parent-child literacy intervention for families of low-educational and low-income backgrounds.

"This study points to the very, very crucial point of us concentrating on having our high-school students finish high school," she said, explaining that parents without a high-school education are unable to teach their children fundamental concepts before they enter

the public school system.

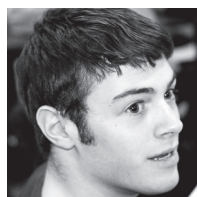
The study showed that each grade a parent complete in high school resulted in a significant improvement in their child's reading and writing abilities. She went on to say that intervening at the preschool age could help children before they fall behind.

"We can help these families and there is indeed no need for these children to wait until they go to school before somebody decides that they are children who are at risk of failure in school," Phillips said.

STREETERS

As you may be aware, tomorrow is Valentine's Day and with it comes the Gateway's annual Purity Test.

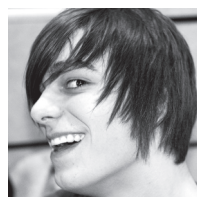
What's the most debauched thing you plan on doing over Reading Week?



Matthew Trilsbeck
Materials Engineering II



Connor MacDonald
Arts I



Brett Klein
Arts I



Bryan Cunningham
Science II

I'm going to get ridiculously loaded a lot.

I'm going to snowboard drunk in Mexican prostitutes. Whistler.

I'll be spending a whole day naked and seeing how many dead animals I can accumulate.

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