

# STUDENTS FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES ON THE RISE

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The number of university students from low-income families has risen only 4 per cent since 1968, according to a Statistics Canada report.

The survey says the number whose fathers had "lower educational attainment" rose by only 4.1 per cent between the 1968-69 school year and 1974-75.

And Statistics Canada data analyst, Edward Harvey says educational attainment and income are highly correlated. Moreover, he says, reporting education levels rather than income or job

levels is more accurate, since the education category is less subject to short term fluctuation.

The proportion of low income students rose in post-graduate programs (5.1%), undergraduate programs (3.7%), and professional programs (2.2%), according to the survey.

More low income students are entering architecture (20.7%), pharmacy (12.7%), and agriculture (9.2%) programs.

Fewer are going into medicine (4.3%), dentistry (3.1%), engineering (2.4%), and education (2.0%).

The proportion of students whose fathers had "low educational attainment" declined in nursing by 5.3 %.



## CULTURE CORNER

### TENERIFE THE VOLCANO

Tenerife was a volcano, and I was thirteen.

I remember once when a German man took my sister and me for a tour of the top El Teidé.

The man was a typical German, tall, blonde and faint blue eyes. Fritz met us at a bar, where I was enjoying a "Mas", (Spanish beer) and my sister was admiring the tailorings of Spanish trousers.

We walked to his blue Mercedes parked by the black sands of San Marco Beach.

The blue car must have stood out well against the tiers of plush banana fields, as we made our way up the mountain.

Old men and donkeys drifted down the road, from my back window, while the temperature dropped slowly.

Cedar trees appeared, a few at first, then our car disappeared into a forest.

Suddenly a great fog descended. This continued for a few minutes, then a sharp glistening ray of sunshine flashed across the windshield.

I looked down to see a vast white blanket cover the world.

Meanwhile Fritz was arguing that Germany invented McDonald's ham-

burgers, Sesame Street and the Holstein cow.

We stopped for lunch at an inn, which looked like the white houses of New Hampshire. It was surrounded by a sea of grey-brown lava, where green dots represented small bushes. Above the towering Teidé was catering to American tourists with Hawaiian T-shirts, shorts, sneakers, Niikons, plump wives, kids and ice cream.

I felt a kind of sympathy for earth's creations.

The top of the summit was marvelous. The surrounding islands had individual characters. You could trace the African coastline with your eyes. The total panoramic scene, the cold fresh air, was enough for anyone to appreciate such beauty and purity of earth before man.

Our descent took us to a large city called Puerto De La Cruz. The skyscrapers and large hotels were silhouettes on a bright orange, red evening sky.

The city lights caused multiple rectangles of light on a dark background, to sweep the back seat of our Mercedes. I became sort

of hypnotized and fell asleep to be wakened by the smile of my sister, and the sound of the beach waves in the foreground reached my ears.

### My Secret Case

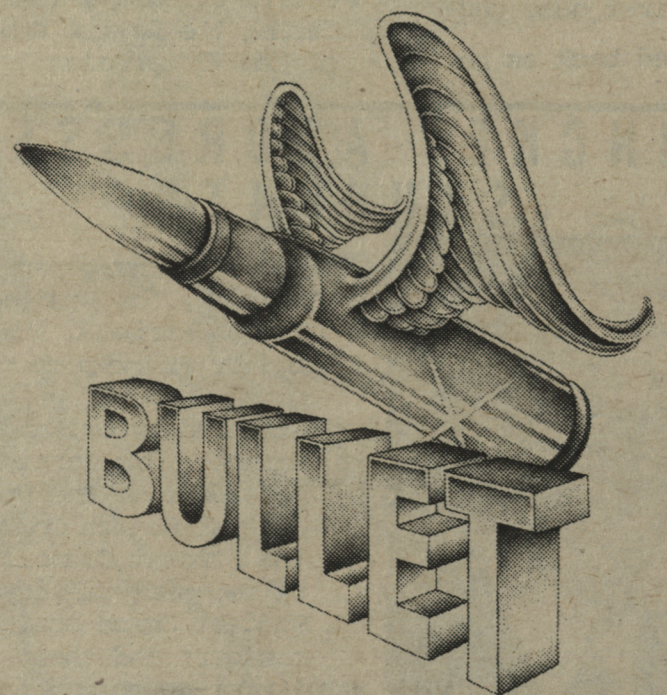
I have a case for lonely thoughts,  
And foolish words I dare not speak.  
Tears and laughter live inside,  
That might have died and gone to sleep.

But then, they might have grown in me,  
And built a wall without a door;  
A window, but no light to see;  
A room to die in--nothing more.

All those lonely words not spoken;  
All those secrets left untold,  
Would soon have made their presence known,  
While a shivering shadow died of cold.

Therefore, grateful I am indeed,  
For owning a key and a vinyl case.  
For there I have my paper friends,  
And paper thoughts I can erase.

Vicki Trainor



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