

KIDS CAN WIN BIG BUCKS FOR GOOD GRADES

VANCOUVER (CUP)

- High School students are calling it "bucks for sucks."

But the Vander Zalm government thinks its new programme rewarding good grades with a tuition discount at a post-secondary institution will promote healthy competition and academic excellence.

Under the "Passports for Excellence" programme, students in grades nine through 12 will be issued booklets to be stamped for academic excellence. Upon graduation the booklets would be redeemable for rebates on tuition at any B.C. post-secondary institution.

Advanced Education minister, Stan Hagen, said his ministry is considering redemption values between \$500 and \$750 per year of achievement.

NDP education critic Barry Jones said it fails to get to the root of B.C.'s accessibility problem.

The programme may help motivate younger students, he said, but "it's materialistic and gimmicky."

What the advanced education system needs most

now is not financial incentives for students, but enough funding to the institutions to enable them to accept more students, said Jones.

"While this move introduces funding at the student level, there won't be space available unless there is more funding at the university level," he said.

Byron Hender, financial aid director at the University of British Columbia, sat on the minister's advisory committee that hatched the plan last spring.

Hender said the programme was developed to encourage more B.C. students to seek a post-secondary education.

"This is not a financial aid plan," he said. "We want to find those students with potential and change their attitude toward higher education."

But in a province with limited funding for post-secondary education, any student-directed money should go to those with the greatest needs, said a representative from the Canadian Federa-

tion of Students-Pacific Region (CFS).

"There's a difference between student aid and scholarships, and when people's needs are met then we should look at different schemes for rewarding them," said CFS executive officer Stephen Scott.

"It's the wrong philosophy to encourage people to go to school," he said, adding that though marks seem a fair way of measuring achievement, students from more privileged backgrounds tend to do better.

Elsie McMurphy, president of the B.C. Teacher's Federation, says the organization is concerned the scheme will affect regular school programmes.

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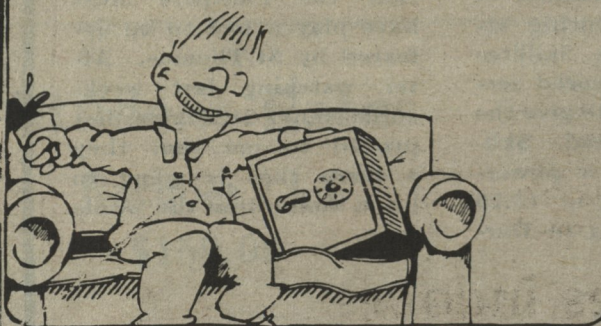
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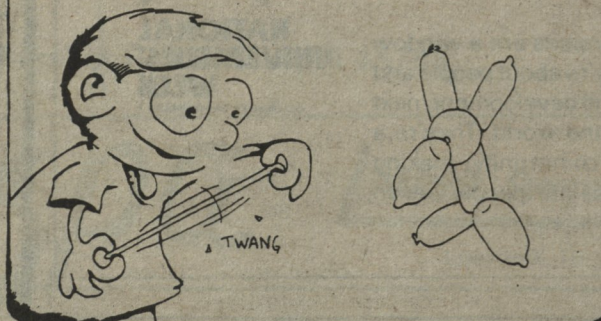
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