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Jack by R. DeLuna

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 OH, I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE TO GET THESE
 NOT YET ANYWAY...

Beernuts by Rob Appling

YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WATCHING A LOT OF CNBC LATELY AND I THINK I'M STARTING TO GET A HOLD OF ALL THIS STOCK MARKET STUFF...
 YEAH RIGHT! YOU CAN'T EVEN BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOK.
 NO REALLY I AM. JUST ONE QUESTION THOUGH. WHAT DO THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THEIR DOWNGRADING THE STOCK TO A "HOLD" AND THEY RECOMMEND IT FOR 3-5 YEAR LONG-TERM INVESTORS?
 SELL IT.
 ANNNN MA!
 WOW! CNBC JOKES RULE!

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the Recommended High School Program.

The program, which all Texas students will be required to complete beginning in the 2004 school year, calls for the completion of several courses designed to help students succeed in college. The courses include biology, physics and chemistry.

Last year, the bill was expanded and offered nearly \$120 million to state colleges and universities to provide for the TEXAS Grant.

Records show that of the \$120 million, both public and private schools in Texas returned over \$27 million because they failed to find enough qualified applicants.

Critics have claimed the bill is too specific about what requirements must be met before a student becomes eligi-

ble, causing the \$850,000 to not be distrusted

Examples include students who chose to take an Advanced Placement course in another subject in place of a regular level course in a required area and were denied eligibility to the grant even after establishing financial need.

"This bill was designed to be a bill in the works," Brown said. "We will continue to change it around until it is 100 percent effective. This could obviously include loosening the requirements because each case is unique and trying to fit every student into a specific criteria might not be the most effective way to improve education here in the state."

Problems were also cited in regards to the publicity of the grant. Educators from around the state have noted that few students and high school counselors understand the new provisions that no longer require a specific family income as long

as students can show a financial need.

The Legislature will include the money that was returned from schools this year in the Higher Education General Fund for the next fiscal year.

"This money was designed to go to furthering higher education in our state," Brown said. "It will not be sent off for other programs when it is returned to us. It will be spent improving higher education in some other way."

With the support of Texas Governor Rick Perry, the state will increase spending once again on the TEXAS Grant program for the school year beginning in the fall by offering \$162 million statewide.

"I think Governor Perry understands how important higher education is to our state," Brown said. "Despite the fact we had some money returned to us this year, we're going to continue to offer this money because the students of Texas are our greatest asset."

Developing countries demand more access to world markets

ROME (AP) — Led by Cuba, developing countries on Tuesday demanded greater access to international markets and an end to export subsidies, saying fairer free trade was the only way to end world hunger.

On the second day of the U.N. World Food Summit, leaders of the world's poorest countries called on the United States, European Union and other exporting nations to give poor farmers a competing chance to sell their wares.

"We are poor. You are rich. Level the playing field!" Teofisto Guingona, foreign minister of the Philippines, said. "Do not in the name of free trade deny us time to integrate our resources, and having integrated them deny us access to your rich markets."

Many poor countries say the current international trade framework leaves farmers in the developing world unable to compete with subsidized crops from richer countries.

The issue of freer markets has dominated the four-day summit, designed to accelerate efforts to meet U.N. targets of reducing the number of the world's hungry from 800 million to 400 million by 2015.

Leaders adopted a resolution Monday promis-

ing to work harder to meet the goal — and to develop in two years a voluntary set of guidelines recognizing the right to food for the world's 6 billion people.

The United States, which opposed recognition of that right in the past, may register a reservation to the final document or may not sign, human rights groups say.

The European Union pushed for the summit to consider food a human right. Several EU leaders also acknowledged that high export subsidies — among them in the EU — were part of the world's hunger problem.

Italy's agriculture minister, Gianni Alemanno, said the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, which is hosting the summit, should play a balancing role to the World Trade Organization.

"FAO must be strong and credible ... to avoid that the processes of globalization be dominated only by a purely commercial logic devoid of an ethic of solidarity," he said.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque went further, saying hunger would never end as long as wealthy countries controlled an economic system that he alleged deprives 800 million people of their daily bread.

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downstairs," Zawieja said. "The way, they can see it on the way to the bookstore and accommodate everyone's needs."

Other dining options available include the Ag Cafe at West Campus, Pie Are Squares and Azimuth Espresso Bar, which are open until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Bus Stop, which is open until p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hosford said not having Sbisa is frustrating, but student response was similar to when Sbisa closed for renovations.

"I think most students went into a kickback to when Sbisa was closed and don't mind finding a different place to eat," Hosford said.

As a resident hall adviser, Hosford listens to student feedback and campus issues, he said. Students seem not to mind the situation but feel they could still open Sbisa and only open the Commons on certain days.

"(Even with other options, I think Sbisa should be opened, the students having to live on Northside," Hosford said. "If they are going to have the Commons open all summer, then the new students conference there, but open Sbisa for them on some Tuesdays and Thursdays, why not keep Sbisa open and only open the Commons on certain days?"

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present and asked that the proposal be reconsidered. It was sent back to the executive committee and reappeared for consideration at the meeting Monday, where it passed almost unanimously.

Greenwald said senators were polled throughout May to identify what issues the Commons should focus its energy on. Topping the list was academic integrity, he said.

University president Dr. R. M. Bowen was out of town the week and could not comment on the future of Zey or the faculty decision.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dow, Nasdaq, S&P have worst finish

NEW YORK (AP) — A spate of disappointing news in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries triggered a broad selloff Tuesday on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones industrials, Nasdaq and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes to their lowest closes of the year.

The drop wiped out a rally early in the session, the second such pullback in as many days, and left financial indexes near the lows that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Analysts said the defeat showed again how risk-averse investors have become. Although the corporate news Tuesday wasn't particularly bad, investors decided they were better off selling.

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