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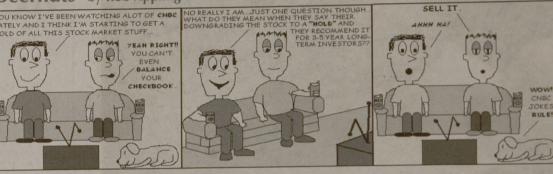
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Beernuts by Rob Appling



Grant Money

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the Recommended High School

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 eligible, 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

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

Sbisa

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downstairs," Zawieja said. "T way, they can see it on the w to the bookstore and accomm date everyone's needs."

Other dining options av able include the Ag Cafe West Campus, Pie Are Squ and Azimuth Espresso which are open until 3 Monday through Friday, and Bus Stop, which is open until p.m. Monday through Friday Hosford said not hav Sbisa is frustrating, but stud

response was similar to wh Sbisa closed for renovations. "I think most students w

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As a resident hall advis Hosford listens to student fee back and campus issues, said. Students seem not to m the situation but feel they co still open Sbisa and only the Commons on certain day

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

Response

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present and asked that the pr posal be reconsidered. It sent back to the executive con mittee and reappeared for on sideration at the mee Monday, where it passed almo unanimously. Greenwald said sens

were polled throughout May identify what issues the Sen should focus its energy Topping the list was acade integrity, he said.

University president Dr. R M. Bowen was out of town to week and could not commented the future of Zey or the facult

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.

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

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

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 bil-

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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dow, Nasdaq, S& have worst finish

NEW YORK (AP) - A spat of disappointing news in the pharmaceutical and bioted industries triggered a broad selloff Tuesday on Wal Street, sending the Dow Jones industrials, Nasda and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes to their lowest es of the year.

The drop wiped out a rall early in the session, the sec ond such pullback in as man days, and left financial index es near the lows that followe the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

Analysts said the defea showed again how ris investors have averse become. Although the corporate news Tuesday wasn't particular bad, investors decided they were better off selling.

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