

Bank offers solution to poverty

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WASHINGTON — Global poverty can be cut in half by 2015 if rich countries lower trade barriers and increase foreign aid, the World Bank said Sunday.

Poor countries can help themselves by investing more in health and education, the bank said.

But a new bank report said even if worldwide economic growth stays on track, poverty will remain severe in Africa, where the number of poor is likely to climb from 315 million in 1999 to 404 million in 2015. Poverty also is on the rise in the Middle East, the bank said.

"Growth alone will not be enough to halve poverty by 2015," said Nicholas Stern, the bank's chief economist.

"Developing countries need to ensure that all people, and especially poor people, have access to

education, health care and put in place the right investment climate to create opportunities, spur productivity and make real improvements in people's lives."

In a sign wealthy nations were offering more aid, Treasury Secretary John Snow said the United States would give the bank \$100 million in the budget year starting Oct. 1 for low-interest, long-term loans to poor countries.

Snow, who made the announcement at the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, said the United States might provide an additional \$200 million in 2005 if developing countries show progress in education, health and private sector development.

Stern said the bank hoped "rich countries will follow through on their aid commitments and will take action on trade," particularly on agricul-

ture subsidies at the World Trade Organization meeting in Mexico in September.

Developing countries maintain that the \$300 billion a year that wealthy nations pay their farmers in subsidies drives down the price of commodities produced by poor nations. That makes it hard for them to sell goods at a profit and improve their economies.

The bank report outlines the sharp differences between life in poor and rich countries.

It shows that during the 1990s there was rapid progress in reducing the number of poor people who live on less than \$1 a day, the bank's definition of poverty.

The report said the numbers dropped from 1.3 billion in 1990 to 1.16 billion in 1999 but these gains occurred largely in India and China, whose economies made strong progress during the decade.

The number of poor rose in Eastern Europe and Central Asia from 6 to 24 million, from 48 million to 57 million in Latin America, from 5 to 6 million in the Middle East and North Africa, and from 241 million to 315 million in Africa.

The bank said lower trade barriers by well-off countries could boost annual growth in developing countries by an extra 0.5 percent over the long run and lift an additional 300 million out of poverty by 2015.

"Trade can spur development by expanding markets for developing countries exports," Stern said.

"Poor countries are facing huge rich country barriers in exporting those products that play the best to their comparative advantage — namely agricultural goods and textiles."

POLICE REPORT



Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

- DAY CRIMES** (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
 - Violent
 - Nonviolent
- NIGHT CRIMES** (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)
 - Violent
 - Nonviolent
- CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS**
 - Violent
 - Nonviolent

These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Wendy Jeffcoat.

Thursday, April 10

① TRESPASS AFTER NOTICE, ASSISTING ANOTHER AGENCY, RUSSELL HOUSE, 1400 GREENE ST. Lance Middleton was found sleeping in the lobby of the School of Nursing earlier in the day and was given a field interview card and a trespass notice. Later, Middleton was found in the Russell House at a computer near the reference desk. Middleton was arrested on charges of trespassing after notice at the Russell House. A criminal check performed by reporting officer G. Kerwin revealed that Middleton was wanted by the Charleston Police Department. He was taken to Richland County Detention

Center and held until Charleston could extradite him.

② AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF CDS, BULL STREET GARAGE, 611 BULL ST. The victim said someone broke into her vehicle and took 12 CDs and \$20 cash. Estimated value: \$260. Reporting officer: D.W. Friels.

③ TRESPASS AFTER NOTICE, THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY, 1322 GREENE ST. The complainant called the USC Police Department after seeing Ronnie Hunter inside the library. The library staff, in the presence of a police officer, had already given Hunter a trespass notice after some previous incidents. Hunter was arrested and taken to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. Reporting officer: J.R. Merrill.

MCAT

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are answered through reasoning.

He said more students are taking the MCAT, which means schools have a wider pool of students to choose from, and they can take more of the top candidates, therefore making it more competitive to get into medical schools.

But the increased competition "should not be something they are thinking about before test day," Chen said.

"There are things that you can do right now, before the test, and there are things you can't do before the test," he said. "Only deal with the things you can do right now."

Right now, students who have not been preparing for the MCAT or are not taking a test-prep course need to decide whether they are prepared for the test, Chen said.

If students are not prepared, they should wait to take the test, Chen said, because students are now required to report all scores to their potential schools. "They should not take it for practice," he said.

He said any student can go to a

Kaplan Test Prep center or online to take a free practice test.

Chen said the most important thing is to be able to think clearly on the day of the test, and not worry about whether you know everything or not.

At Kaplan, MCAT preparation is called the three C's: "Content, critical thinking and crisis prevention," Chen said.

For students who have been preparing for the test and know the content, their preparation now is all about crisis prevention, he said.

"Bring things like tissues and cough drops," Chen said. "Not for you, but for the person sitting next to you."

Mark Versnick, a first-year student at the USC School of Medicine, said that although a Kaplan course is fairly expensive, it was really helpful to him in his test preparation.

"For me, it seemed easier to have someone there," he said, "holding your hand, keeping you motivated to stay on top of what you should be doing."

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Tips for students preparing to take the MCAT during the upcoming two weeks:

- ◆ Get a good night's sleep the Thursday and Friday before the test. Also, start going to bed at the time you plan to the night before the test to get your internal clock used to the change.
- ◆ Mimick the test. If you're studying throughout the day, study in the order that the test occurs — physics, chemistry and verbal reasoning. This is so that you can get used to that kind of thinking at certain times of the day.
- ◆ Dress in layers the day of the test; the room temperature can drastically change over eight hours.
- ◆ "Carbo-load" the night before the test. This is so that you will have reserved energy for the next day.
- u Eat one serving of carbohydrates, one serving of protein and a banana the morning of the test. The carbohydrates are for quick energy, the protein is so you don't get as hungry as fast, and the banana is for brain power.
- ◆ Take advantage of the breaks. Review flash cards for the physical sciences and read magazines for verbal reasoning to shift gears between the sections.
- ◆ Drink Gatorade during the break. It won't make you go to the bathroom as much as water will.
- ◆ Eat a granola bar or piece of fruit during the break. Avoid complex sugars, such as Snickers bars, that give you energy for the moment, but can cause you to crash in the middle of the exam.
- ◆ Bring lunch. With all the worries of the day, you shouldn't have to worry about finding lunch during your hour break. Use the break to switch gears and get ready for the remainder of the test. Avoid eating turkey, which can make you sleepy; mayonnaise, which can give you food poisoning; and high concentrations of fat.

Source: Kaplan

Fire

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bon monoxide poisoning. He did not release their names Sunday evening pending notification of relatives.

University President Karen Holbrook spoke with investigators outside the house after a private briefing with fire and police officials earlier in the day.

"We are clearly a community in mourning," Holbrook said.

Of the 12 Ohio State students who lived in the house, 10 had been located alive, said one of the residents, Zack Randol, 21, a sophomore from New York who said he wasn't home at the time of the fire.

He said the party was to celebrate the 21st birthday of one of his roommates. "This is the worst thing that could happen," Randol said.

Jennifer Lehren said she and her boyfriend had been asleep in his bedroom at the back of the house on the second floor, and she woke up while firefighters were carrying the two of them to safety.

"I didn't know what was going on until I was outside," said Lehren, 20. "I remember screaming that it was so hot and that my hair was on fire."

Lehren was treated for burns

on her hands and released. Her boyfriend, Josh Patterson, 20, was in critical condition with minor burns and smoke inhalation.

About a dozen students who said they knew the men who lived in the house gathered on a nearby street corner Sunday afternoon.

"They're not wild. They don't have people over who would do this. They don't have enemies. They're not those kind of guys," said Tomomi Ono, 19.

S.C. Marine dies in friendly-fire accident

BY JACOB JORDAN
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Marine Pvt. Nolen Ryan Hutchings of Boiling Springs was killed in a friendly-fire incident in the war in Iraq, his father said Sunday evening.

Marines came by the family's home earlier in the day and explained to the parents that their 20-year-old son was killed March 23 while traveling with an armored vehicle unit.

"He was proud to be a Marine. We were proud of him," his father, Larry Hutchings, said by phone as he held back tears, sniffing. "He would make an effort to help somebody out no matter what kind of problem it was for him."

Searching for words, Hutchings said he was relieved to find out what happened to his son, who went missing three weeks ago during fighting on the out-

skirts of Nasiriyah.

"The relief in knowing for sure what's going on," Hutchings said. "Of course, we're not happy with the results, but just knowing that he's with God is a comfort to us."

Nolen Hutchings was one of the missing Marines assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Larry Hutchings said his son's unit was going to secure a bridge in Nasiriyah and eventually help wounded soldiers. But someone called in for air support and the unit was hit, the father said. Several Marines survived the attack, but Hutchings said he found out by phone late Saturday that his son had been identified as one of the dead soldiers.

"There was nothing left but parts," he said.

Hutchings said he became frus-

trated and upset Saturday evening and made phone calls to various military officials.

"I was tired of this crap," he said. "And I was going to do whatever I had to do to get the information."

"I personally think if I hadn't got on the phone last night and did what I did, we'd still be waiting."

Hutchings said he finally was able to talk to a commander at Dover, Del., who told him about his son.

The 51-year-old Upstate man said his son grew up wanting to be a Marine. The teenager signed up not long after graduating from Boiling Springs High School, leaving in January for active duty.

Hutchings said it didn't matter that his son was killed in a friendly fire incident, adding that accidents always happen. "My son was there, he died for his country," he said.

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