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Rocky Horror newcomers



Tommy Huynh/The BATTALION

Lorraine Whiteaker, Aaron Johnson, Adam Richards and Troy Brenner from Cepheid Variable spray people who had never seen The Rocky Horror Picture Show at the movie's screening.

TEA requests teacher role changes Special education students to remain in regular classes

By Jacqueline Mason

THE BATTALION

Recent suggestions by the Texas Education Agency for schools to include more special education students in regular classes, an idea called inclusion, may mean a role change for teachers, a TEA spokeswoman said last week.

TEA spokeswoman Della Mae Moore said state legislators want to move towards retraining teachers to cope with an influx of students who need special attention.

As a result, the job of retraining teachers to deal with special education students in regular classes will fall to special education teachers.

"There will be more of a need for special education teachers," she said.

Patricia Lynch, an assistant professor in Texas A&M's educational psychology department, said that in the past, special education students traveled between special and regular education classes until they were ready to return altogether to regu-

lar classes. With inclusion, Lynch said, special education students will remain in regular classes. Special education teachers will join the students in the regular classes to help them when needed.

It is like having an extra teacher in the class who is not limited to helping just one student, but can help anyone who needs extra help, she said.

Peggy Boone, director of special services at the Spring Independent School District outside of Houston, said special education teachers will have to become disability experts rather than subject experts.

"We are having students come in with multiple handicaps," she said.

Boone advises college students who are majoring in special education to take as many classes about various disabilities as possible.

Realizing that inclusion will mean a shift in duties of both regular and special educators, the A&M's education department is revising its programs.

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'Bullet train' to ease travel through state

By Jennifer Mentlik

THE BATTALION

The Texas High Speed Rail Authority's proposed supertrain, or "bullet train," will make traveling throughout the state easier for A&M students and faculty when it builds a terminal in Bryan-College Station.

Dr. Stephen Roop, head research scientist of the Texas Transportation Institute's rail research initiative, said a high speed rail train station will "bring vitality into the community through increased growth and prosperity."

"Bryan-College Station is not the easiest place to get to," Roop said. "It's out of the way of the major corridors and it has suffered."

The train station will boost the economy and offer jobs by providing a need for extra services. "The free enterprise system is adept at providing services," Roop said. "There will be a need for shuttle services and rental cars. And I'm sure they'll need a shuttle from the [train] terminal to Kyle Field."

He said the train also will have an impact on the University.

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Clarification

In the Sept. 10 edition of The Battalion, Mahmoud Alyahya said that the land of Palestine is worth one million dollars and that Palestinians should receive that money. In fact, Alyahya meant that Palestine should receive just the land and not its worth.

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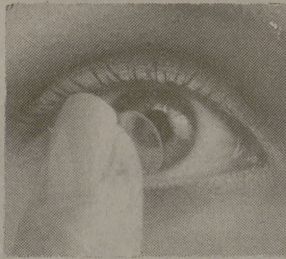
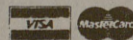
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