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## Friendship lessons

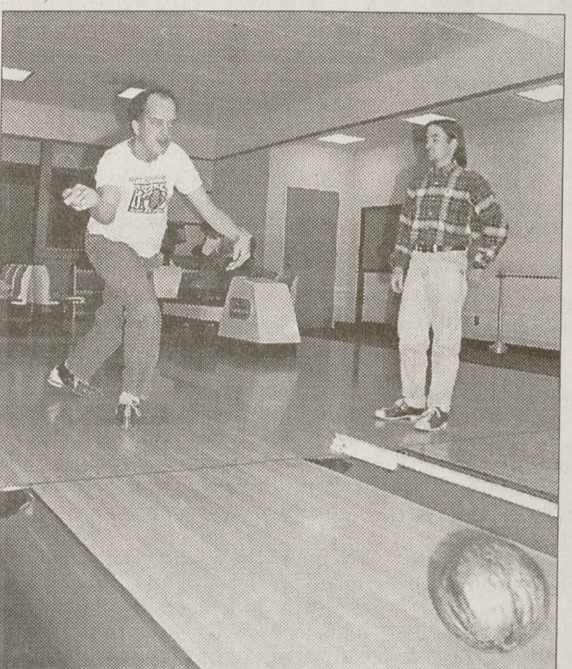
Best Buddies program provides insight for the teachers

By Amy Uptmor  
THE BATTALION

When Best Buddies was formed at A&M three years ago, the students who got involved intended to teach mentally disabled members of the community about life. But many of them had no idea how much their buddies would teach them.

"They're very intelligent," Allison Culver, president of Best Buddies and a senior special education major, said. "They teach all the college students something every day."

Best Buddies is a national organization that teams up college students with mentally disabled "buddies" whom they work with as long as they are involved in the program. Severities range from mild disabilities to low-functioning mind disabilities, Culver said.



Gwendolyn Struve, THE BATTALION

Sophomore **Josh Gorman** watches his Aggie Buddy **Andrew Clarke** of Bryan as he bowls in the MSC.

Most of the buddies work at Junction 505, a recycling plant in College Station, where they perform activities such as bagging newspapers and crushing cans.

Culver and Linda Wagner, host site coordinator of Junction 505, make the matches. Culver said that although anyone can be involved in Best Buddies, interviews are necessary to ensure a lasting match.

"We want to make sure we can make a good match because we're trying to make lasting friendships," she said.

Students form friendships with their buddies by going to see movies, eat or shop.

Josh Gorman, programs coordinator and a sophomore bioengineering major, said he and his buddy, Andrew, have found a common bond.

"We go bowling a lot because he really likes to bowl," Gorman said, "and we go shopping a lot."

Culver took her buddy to Bonfire, which she said was a fun night for both of them.

"It was great," she said. "I think she had more sparks than the fire."

But one of their most memorable days came a few weeks ago, Culver said.

"She told me I was her best friend," she said.

Gorman plans activities that members and their buddies can do together. Culver said some places around town give the group free food, and that many places give discounts.

Best Buddies also takes larger trips to places including Austin, Dallas and a trip to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo earlier this year.

"I think we bonded pretty well on that trip," Gorman said.

Culver has other memories of the trip.

"We got chased by a bull," she said. "I think that experience sticks out in everyone's mind."

Students involved in Best Buddies must keep an ongoing journal that helps them to keep track of things their buddies like and don't like.

Gorman said that he and his buddy keep in constant touch.

"We go out at least once a week, and we talk almost every day on the phone," he said.

Although Gorman had been involved in a similar program in high school, he said participation in Best Buddies hinges more on personality than previous experience.

"It takes a lot of getting used to, but if you're a caring person it's not hard," he said.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### 'If you're sick of them, vote for us'

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Beer Lovers party wants Michael Jackson to come to Moscow and perform for its parliamentary election campaign.

Don't rush out to buy tickets.

The party is prepared to pay only \$17,500, Konstantin Kalachyov, the party's secretary general, told the Interfax news agency on Sunday.

And Jackson neither smokes nor drinks.

The Beer Lovers party considers itself an alternative to mainstream politics. One of its slogans is: "If you're sick of them, vote for us."

### Kevorkian's support comes with donations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian's support of doctor-assisted suicide has earned him a \$20,000 prize

from a millionaire who champions individual freedoms.

"Kevorkian has showed a boldness that deserves merit," said Kurt Simon, founder of the Sovereign Fund. "He has known all the time that he would face disdain, that he would be pilloried, accused of murder, and he didn't care. We think he's a hero."

Kevorkian has acknowledged being present at 26 deaths, most of them involving people suffering cancer or other debilitating illnesses. He faces four charges of illegally assisting suicide in Michigan.

Simon, 83, of Brentwood, established the Sovereign Fund in 1981. Every year or so since then, he and his three-member board have doled out various sums to a wide array of recipients, ranging from innovative teachers to Ken Burns, producer of the PBS series "The Civil War."

"One of the Sovereign Fund's principles is seeking a restraint on government, because restraint of government is true freedom and liberty of the people," he said.

### Rushdie expects threat to be lifted

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Salman Rushdie, who has lived under an Iranian death sentence for six years, expects the edict will be lifted next year.

"I hope things are moving to the point where we can leave this nonsense within a year," Rushdie said Monday at a secret location in Wellington.

A police diplomatic protection squad took a reporter and photographer to meet Rushdie, who was condemned by the late Iranian spiritual leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini. Rushdie was accused of blasphemy against Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

Iran gave the European Union verbal assurance in September that it no longer sought Rushdie's death, but it refused to commit the promise to paper.

"Until this year, no Iranian leader had said such a thing," said Rushdie.



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