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There were no losers at the Oregon Summer Games of the Special Olympics, which took place this past weekend at Silke Field in Springfield. An estimated 6,500 athletes and 1,000 volunteers participated in the annual event. Above, a "hug person" embraces a participant for her efforts. And on the right, these two sprinters enjoy a gleeful moment en route to the finish line of the 100-meter dash.



## Enthusiasm is unanimous winner at Special Olympics

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Of the Emerald

Enthusiasm was the big winner in this special weekend competition.

There was plenty of it to go around for an estimated 6,500 athletes and 1,000 volunteers who participated in the 1987 Summer Games of the Oregon Special Olympics, held at Silke Field in Springfield this past weekend.

The annual event for mentally retarded adults and children is the culmination of a variety of local tournaments throughout the state. "This is like the

frosting on the cake," noted Kenneth Dale, executive director for Oregon Special Olympics.

Later this summer, Dale and a group of about 50 athletes from Oregon will embark to South Bend, Ind., for the International Games to compete in sports such as track and field, gymnastics, swimming and diving, equestrian, roller skating and volleyball.

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," states the Special Olympics' motto. It appeared that fading sprinters in the

100-meter dash were cheered more than the victors. And although medals and ribbons were heaped on the best competitors, the reception every participant received at the finish line or after a turn proved it was the effort that counted.

"The philosophy here is that everyone's a winner," Dale said. "We maximize accomplishment and self-worth in every event."

The competition here is unique. There are no grudges, not many tears and certainly no agonies of defeat. Some appeared more concerned with

acknowledging applause as they ran past the main grandstand or sharing time with companions in the Friendship Tent than they did with crossing the tape first.

Jamie Lavrar, a participant, practically was mobbed by friends and teammates after receiving his third-place ribbon from a 100-meter heat. He admitted he had been "running and stuff" all year in anticipation of this event and said he felt "great." Another participant was more interested in recapping his trip to the Rose Bowl earlier this year, and how

glad he was Arizona State won over Michigan, rather than being interviewed for a college newspaper.

Volunteers took advantage of the opportunity to lend a helping hand and participate in another culture of sorts. And, for a time this weekend, life's trivial matters became just that. "Their enthusiasm is incredible," said volunteer Tom Cleworth, a Eugene resident. "If we could take their enthusiasm and put it into our lives . . ."

"There's an awful lot to be learned out here."

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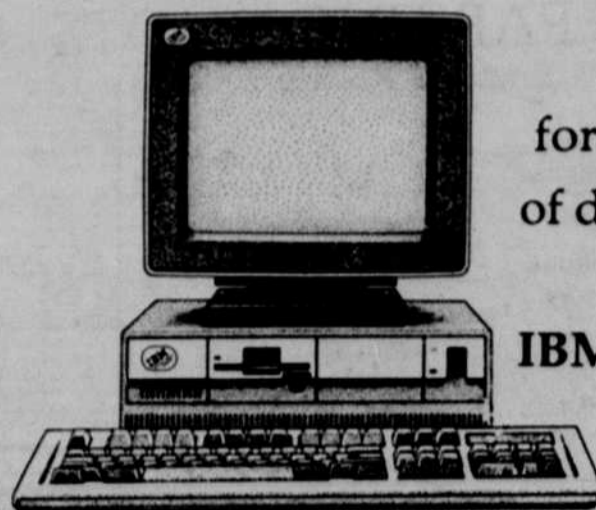
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