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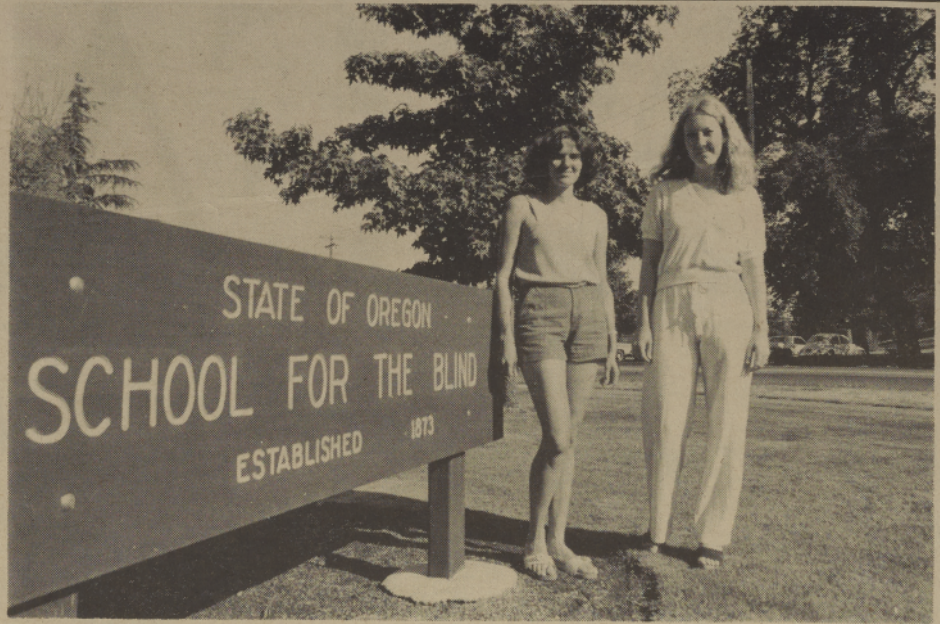
An OSEA member from Stayton recently received a "Citation For Meritorious Service" as a finalist in a national competition sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Dave Backman, specialist for disadvantaged and handicapped programs at the Department of Education, received the award for exceptional contributions in furthering the employment of the handicapped.

He was nominated for the John E. Fogarty Public Per-

sonnel Award for his exceptional accomplishments as chairman of the Oregon Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and his work in furthering educational programs for disadvantaged and handicapped students.

A former Marine who was disabled in the Korean conflict, Backman has been at the Department of Education since 1969. He recently completed his one-year term as Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.



Branczek and Daniels at work.

Two members save life of boy in swimming pool

Two OSEA members, counselors at the Oregon School for the Blind, saved the life of a multiply-handicapped boy discovered at the bottom of the school swimming pool during a recreation swim period July 17.

Mary Daniels, Salem, pulled seven-year-old Brian Burge from the water and revived him with the help of Joyce Branczek, Turner. Both are trained as lifeguards.

According to Daniels, "I saw him at the bottom of the pool.

When I got over to him and pulled him out, he was already blue. I pushed on his lower stomach and Joyce applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and he started to breathe and scream," she said.

Daniels said the boy, part of a group participating in a two-week summer school, apparently slipped out of a small ring-type life preserver in about three and one-half feet of water.

By the time rescue firemen arrived, the boy was "alive,

coughing and screaming and wanted to go home." He was taken to Salem Hospital, Memorial Unit and later released.

Daniels, a member of the Education Department Special Schools BURC credited their combined first aid and lifeguard training. She said, "We both knew what to do and it was a lot easier working together."

The women both are in their fifth year at the school.

Coming events

- August 5 -- Board of Directors meeting, Salem
- August 10-12 -- AGE General Assembly, New Orleans, Louisiana
- August 26 -- 1 p.m. is the deadline for getting nominations for the six statewide offices to the Nominations Committee which will then be meeting at headquarters in Salem.
- August 25, 26, 27 -- -- Orientation for new chapter officers at headquarters, Salem.
- September 4 -- Resolutions mailed to General Council delegates
- September 7 -- Names of nominees for statewide office published in The OSEA News
- September 16 -- Board of Directors meeting, Salem
- October 18 -- Board of Directors meeting, Portland
- October 19-21 -- 36th Annual General Council, Portland
- October 21 -- Election of statewide officers and installation of statewide and district officers

The OSEA News dates listed

The OSEA News will be published nine more times between now and the end of the year. Basically, The OSEA News is published every three weeks on Thursdays. Here are the remaining publication dates:

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| August 10 | October 12 |
| August 31 | November 2 |
| September 21 | November 23 |
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