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THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
AT
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

The School of Education has had a long and distinguished history at Oregon State University. Teacher education started in 1909 as part of the Department of Industrial Pedagogy. Since the first graduating class in 1922, which consisted of fourteen teachers, the School of Education has graduated over 11,000 teachers, counselors, and a variety of other education personnel. Education graduates now serve the state and nation as school superintendents, college presidents and vice presidents, principals, teachers, and hold important national positions. One of our recent graduates is currently the director of the national council for the accreditation of teacher education. Another distinguished alumnus held a position of importance in the U. S. Office of Education, Bureau of Adult and Occupational Education during the Carter administration.

Last year, there were 335 graduates in the Class of 1981, receiving the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Degrees. The first Masters Degree was conferred in 1924, the first Doctorate was conferred in 1943.

When the department started in 1909 under the direction of Edwin Ressler, it offered courses in the preparation of teachers for the public schools in the subjects of Elementary Agriculture, Domestic Science and Art, and Manual Training. Programs for teaching in the fields of commerce and extension methods were added in 1911 and 1914 respectively.

A School of Vocational Education

Following the enactment of the Federal Smith-Hughes Act in 1917, the State Board of Vocational Education designated the college as the institution

to prepare teachers of vocational subjects. In 1918, in accordance with the act, the School of Vocational Education with Ressler as dean was organized into six departments of instruction: agricultural education, commercial education, education, home economics education, industrial education, and psychology. Ressler served as dean until 1926. In 1927, James Ralph Jewell was appointed to the position.

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Reorganization occurred again in 1932, with the School of Vocational Education becoming the School of Education. Students enrolling in the newly formed school were preparing for teaching careers in biological and physical sciences, agriculture, mathematics, home economics, industrial arts, secretarial science, or for educational and vocational guidance.

Carl Walter Salser became assistant to the dean in 1933. The following year he became assistant dean of the School of Education. Jewell later transferred to the University of Oregon in Eugene where he also became Director of Secondary Education.

The 1940's brought significant changes to the School of Education. In 1942, the school enlarged to include a department of science education, adding a seventh department to the six that had been in existence since 1918. In 1947 Franklin R. Zeran was appointed associate dean of the School of Education to fill the positions vacated by the retirement of Dean Jewell and assistant Dean Salser.

Physical Education was added to the major curricula in 1950. In 1951, an effort to increase the number of elementary education teachers resulted in a Cooperative Elementary Teacher Education Program which Oregon State College entered with colleges in Monmouth, Ashland, and LaGrande.

In 1952 associate Dean Zeran became dean of the School of Education.

A year later the State Board of Higher Education approved a four year degree course in elementary education which began in September 1954 at Oregon State College. September 1954 also saw students enrolling for the first time in classes in trade and industrial education.

In April 1960 the School of Education received national ten year accreditation in elementary and secondary education and in counseling through the doctoral level. Humanities and the social sciences were added to the 1961-62 catalog as major areas. A doctorate of philosophy in Education appeared in the 1962-63 catalog for the first time. In 1965-66 the department of elementary education was organized and new teaching areas in art, journalism, music, modern languages, and speech were added. Dean Zeran, after 20 years as Dean of the School of Education, 16 of those years as Director of the Summer Session, retired in June 1967.

Dr. Keith Goldhammer became Dean of Education in 1968 and served until 1972. During this period teacher preparation became a field-based program. School of Education students were placed in public schools early in their programs. Dr. Stanley Williamson, retired professor of Science Education, served as acting dean until, in 1975, Dr. Sylvia B. Tucker was named dean of the School. Dean Tucker moved the School to greater involvement with the neurosciences and learning. Activities were also broadened to include the international community where teachers and administrators came to the Corvallis campus for training. On December 31, 1981, Dr. Tucker retired from the deanship to devote her energies to full time teaching.

On January 1, 1982, Dr. Robert Barr assumed the role as dean of the School of Education.

The School of Education today enjoys a position of national prestige in the field of education. During the last decade the School of Education has consistently attracted significant dollars in research, development, and training grants. Over one million dollars per year in grant awards have been made to the School during the past three years. The School has conducted important research, faculty members have developed school textbooks used throughout the country and have generally worked to serve the state and nation to improve education.