

Aggie dives into Hawaiian triathlon

by Jennifer Carr
Battalion Reporter
A race including 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of bicycling and a marathon could only

be called The Original Ironman World Triathlon. And there aren't many people who could do it.
Shirley Hill, Class of '80 and

former All-American swimmer for Texas A&M University, will travel to the island of Hawaii to compete in the Feb. 6 Triathlon.

"I'm doing it because I want to — just like shaving my head," Hill said. Hill shaved her head for the national Association of Interscholastic Athletics for Women swimming championships in 1980. "Ten years down the road I don't want to look back and say 'Damn, why didn't I do that?'"

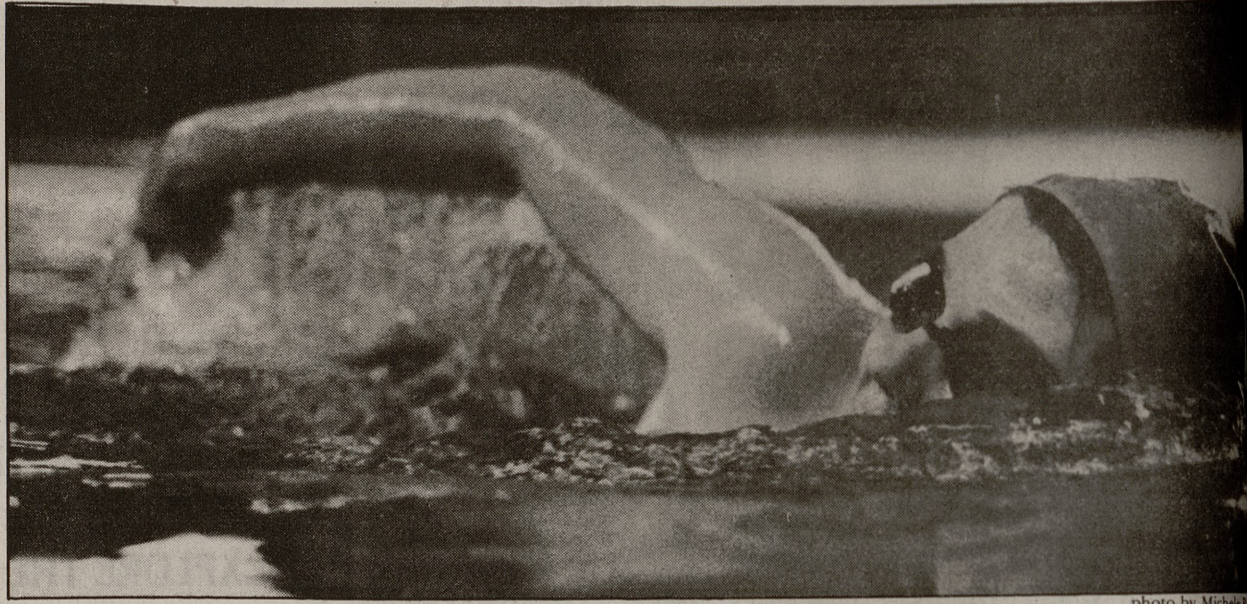
The California native first became interested in the triathlon when Tom Warren, a well-known swimmer in California won the first race in 1978.

Hill's training includes running four to five miles every morning and biking about 16 miles every evening. Because the land around College Station is so flat, she also rides her bike up the ramps at Kyle Field.

"It's more challenging than when I was just going to school and swimming," Hill said. "Now when I work it's straight eight hours and I'm beat."

Hill said she hasn't been swimming as much as she would like, but believes she can rely on past swimming experience.

"Comparatively, it's a lot easier for me as a former swimmer to pick up biking or run-



With hopes of winning this year's Ironman Triathlon, Shirley Hill vigorously works out, swimming lap after lap.

Hill, Class of '81, is working at the College of Veterinary Medicine and hopes to attend the college next year.

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'Dessert with the Pops' concert to be sweet event

by Sandra Kay Gary
Battalion Staff
If you can have popcorn and peanuts at a movie or play, why

not have cookies and cake at a symphonic concert? Guests attending "Dessert with the Pops," a concert sponsored by the Brazos Valley Symphony Society, will be able to enjoy dessert while listening to a variety of musical presentations.

The Triathlon began with the participants swimming in Kailua Bay and continuing down the coast. They finished by a weigh-in.

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"Dessert with the Pops" is a sit-down, keep-yourself-shut type of concert, said Fleischer, a board member of the Brazos Valley Symphony Society. Coffee and dessert will be provided, and wine, champagne and soft drinks will be for sale during the concert, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Brazos Center.

Musical entertainment for the event will include the Valley Symphony Orchestra, directed by Harold Turbeville and the Texas A&M Student Cadets' barbershop quartet. "The Aggenizers," jazz ensemble, directed by Carl Fleischer, and a group of cello students from Brazos Valley Education also will perform.

Tickets for "Dessert with the Pops" cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available at Prioriteas, South-West Center, and the Arts Center office.

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