

Prof will carry torch for Summer Olympic Games

By BARBARA BROWN
Reporter

Running one kilometer isn't running at all for Texas A&M professor Will Worley, but symbolically at least it will be as important as any of the countless kilometers he has covered.

Worley is one of 20,000 runners who will carry the two-pound, four-ounce Olympic torch across every state to its final destination at the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Worley, 62, is a master swimmer and runner and partici-

pates in meets, races, biathlons and triathlons all over the nation.

"I have a closet full of T-shirts," he says, "along with plaques, cups, medals and other awards." He says it more like a joke than a boast.

Worley recently placed nationally at a swim meet at The Woodlands and tied for high point at a Rice University meet.

But the main award, he says, is the benefit of being in shape.

"You would be surprised how good you feel," he says. "Until you get in good physical condi-

tion, you really can't appreciate good health."

He says the reason he was selected to run in the relay is obvious. "I'm in excellent physical condition."

Worley started a fitness program 13 years ago. He runs about three miles every morning at 4:45, then swims three-fourths of a mile at 5:30, seven days a week. He even runs in the rain.

"Once you become addicted, you hardly let anything stop you," he says.

He has participated in five

triathlons in the past two years. A triathlon is a competition where the athlete must swim 1,000 meters, run 10,000 meters, then bike 30,000 meters.

For the past ten years, he has organized the local Masters Swim Meet that attracts athletes from all over the nation.

He will also be one of 20,000 other runners in the Olympic Torch relay.

The torch will be lit by the rays of the sun in Greece and flown to New York City on May 8.

Torchbearers will carry the

flame on an 82-day journey across the country to the Los Angeles games. It will be the longest run in the history of the event.

The proposed relay route makes its way into Texas via New Orleans and goes from Houston to Dallas, with that segment set for sometime in June.

The torch will arrive in Los Angeles July 28 for ceremonies opening the games of the XXIII Olympiad.

The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee Torch

Relay Foundation is asking \$3,000 from the sponsor of each participant who runs a kilometer — slightly over half a mile — in this relay.

The Bryan-College Station Athletic Federation, which is sponsoring Worley, has started a drive to raise the required \$3,000 donation. Worley is also a member of the federation's board.

Ramiro Galindo, president of the federation, says the donation will be used to start "Legacy for Youth," a multi-million dollar fund to promote amateur

sports training in cities and towns throughout the United States, and the future Olympians.

Worley, a former Corps officer, says he would like to have some support from the Corps in helping raise the \$3,000.

Worley has been an Aggie since 1939 when he came from his hometown of Dallas to attend Texas A&M. After time out for the army, he graduated in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Aggie Olympics set for Sunday

By THERESA CORNELL
Reporter

No one will mistake the Aggie Olympics — scheduled for Sunday in G. Rollie White Coliseum — for the real thing, but whatever money the three-legged racers, human chariots and short jumpers can make will help to support the summer games in Los Angeles.

The first Aggie Olympics is a project of Student Government, intended not only for fun, but also to enhance the University's reputation for community service.

The Aggie Olympics will help improve Texas A&M's positive image with the public and increase its credibility, said Jay Holland, student vice president for external affairs.

"We want people to know that we care about our surroundings," Holland said. "We gained national recognition with the Christian Children's Fund — Village of Hope project and we hope to do the same with the Aggie Olympics."

An entry fee of \$12 is required from each team to help pay for advertising and public relations. Teams of 12 students can consist of student organization members, fraternities and sororities or individual students forming their own teams. Each

team tries to find businesses to donate material for the events or money for the 1984 Olympics. About 15 to 20 teams have already entered.

"We hope to raise around \$3000 for the Olympic games, and since this is the first year, we will need plenty of support," Holland said.

Randy Matson, executive director for the Association of Former Students and an Olympic Gold Medalist for the shotput in 1968, will judge the events, along with Bryan Mayor Ron Blatchley and 10 students. The games will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Matson will not be judging the shot put, however. In fact, none of the events even resemble anything in the 1984 Olympics. The judges must be prepared to determine a winner in such events as the chariot race and the frisbee throw.

In the chariot race, team members form a human chariot that will carry the rider around an obstacle course to the finish line. The chariot must remain intact at all times with the rider standing, kneeling, or sitting on the chariot until crossing the finish line.

Miss Texas A&M finals will be Saturday night

By ED ALANIS
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Saturday night marks the finals for the fifth annual Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant, with 20 girls entered in the competition.

A \$1,000 scholarship, an array of trophies and prizes, and a chance to compete for the title of Miss Texas are all at stake. The pageant determines who will represent Texas A&M in July at the Miss Texas Pageant.

"It's Showtime" is the theme of this year's pageant, and former Miss Texas A&M Cindy Green will act as mistress of ceremonies. Green was first runner-up in last year's Miss Texas pageant. Seven other women from Texas A&M competed in that pageant, including the cur-

rent Miss Texas A&M, Theresa Jones.

Contestants will be judged in several categories, with talent weighting 50 percent of their total score. A private interview with judges makes up 30 percent of the score, and evening gown and swimsuit competition make up the remaining 20 percent.

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, the winner will also receive a \$1,000 wardrobe, a 50-diamond pendant, the use of a luxury car, and the official Miss Texas A&M crown and trophy. Runners-up will also receive scholarships.

The pageant is sponsored by MSC Hospitality, and during its inaugural in 1980 it was selected as the Outstanding First Year Pageant in the Miss Texas franchise.

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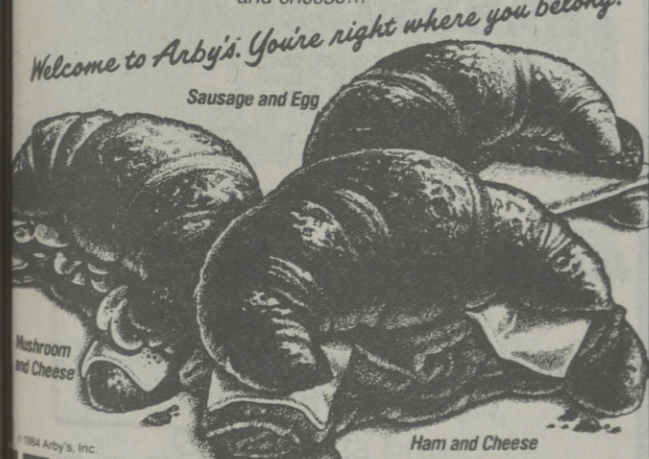
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