

Oreolympics '88

by Carol Kassian

Programming for families is a popular trend in recreation. This is certainly reflected by the special events organized for the University Community.

One such event is the "Oreolympics" to be held Saturday, March 26, from 2-5 p.m. at Michener Park. Sponsored by the Michener Park Community Association, the Oreolympics will be a family community event consisting of activities in which people of all ages may participate.

Michele Anderson, the volunteer recreation co-ordinator for Michener Park, is anticipating an exciting day, and enthusiasm for the event has been building at Michener Park. The organizing committee mem-

bers, Anderson, Beatrice Verveda, and Diane McBain, are expecting a great deal of involvement from community members as participants and volunteers.

The Oreolympics '88 will not be "small cookies". In fact, over 2000 Oreo cookies have been supplied. These cookies will be used in each of the activities to be held throughout the afternoon. The activities include: Oreo-Relay, Oreo-Roll, Oreo-Toss, and Oreo-Stacking.

Participants in the Oreo-Relay will have to carry Oreo cookies, one at a time, for a certain distance and try to get as many cookies as possible into a bucket within the 90 second time limit. The distance travelled and the method of carriage

will vary depending upon the participants' ages. Cookies may be carried on a paper plate tied to the top of the carriers' heads, or the participants may travel the distance while balancing cookies on their noses.

The efficient use of popsicle sticks will be the key to success in the Oreo-Roll. Cookies will be rolled, flipped, or pushed as fast as possible along designated lanes, through the use of popsicle sticks held in each of the rollers' mouths.

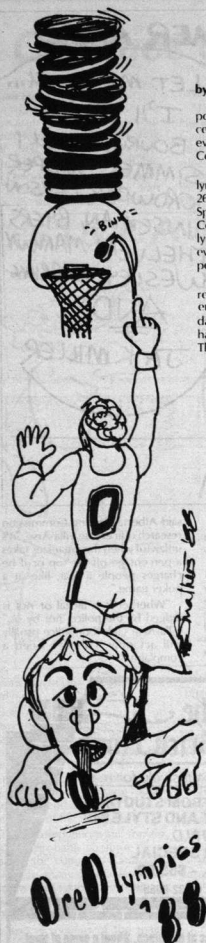
The Oreo-Toss will challenge the skill of accurately propelling cookies into hula hoops. Hoops will be situated at different distances away from the thrower and each cookie tossed into the different hoops will be awarded points.

Oreo-Stacking will constitute the finale of the Oreolympics. Oreo upon Oreo will be stacked in a 30 second time limit. The stack must stay standing for an additional 20 seconds, without falling over.

The Oreolympics would not be complete without an opportunity to indulge, therefore plenty of cookies will be available throughout the day for eating only.

In addition, special medals have been prepared and will be awarded to the successful Oreolympians. In keeping with the theme of this unique event, real Oreo cookies have been creatively reconstructed into gold, silver, and bronze medals. The medals will be presented at the Oreolympics Awards Ceremony to be held following the day's activities.

Another upcoming event with activities for people of all ages is the Family Fun Sunday to be held Sunday, March 20. An endless number of unstructured recreational opportunities, and some structured cooperative games will occur in the Main Gym and West Pool between 2-4 in the afternoon. All University students, faculty, staff, and neighboring community residents are welcome to participate.



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