

Olympic flame to light Eugene

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Of the Emerald

At approximately 4 p.m. July 18, Eugeneans will participate in an Olympic marathon, but they won't be going for the gold.

The Olympic Torch Relay, which began in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, serves as the symbolic transferring of the Olympic flame from Greece to the current site of the Olympic Games. It will prove to be the longest, most complicated marathon in the event's history, says Dave Underhill, Public Relations Director of AT&T Communications in Oregon.

The flame will traverse a distance of about 12,000 miles in approximately 80 days. Organizers hope to cover about 130 miles a day.

AT&T is footing the \$3 million bill of this year's relay.

The Eugene YMCA is working in conjunction with AT&T to ensure that Lane County's leg of the journey runs smoothly.

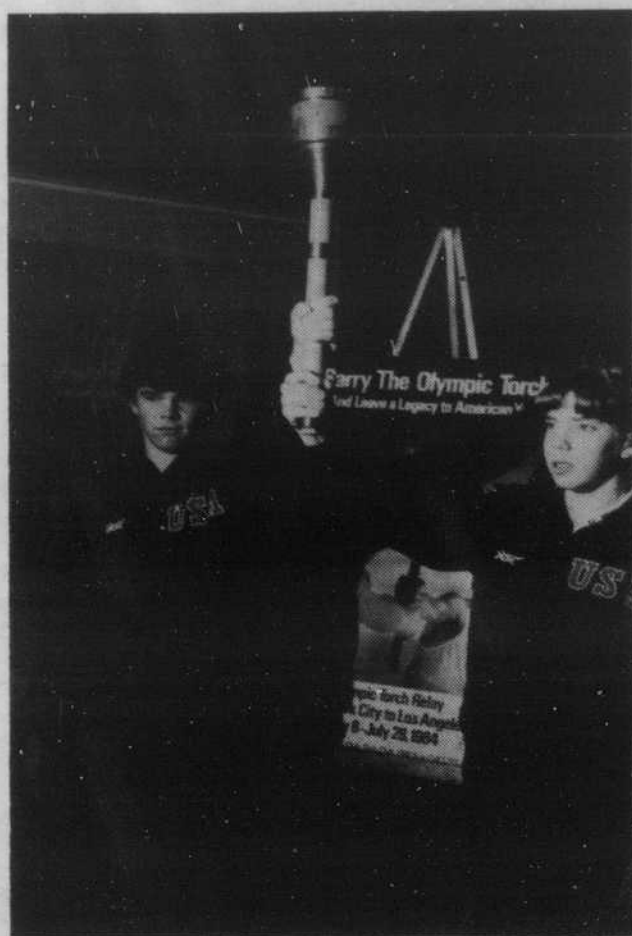
The torch relay will begin (as it always does) in Olympus, Greece, the site of the first Olympic Games. Runners will then carry the torch to Athens and from there the flame will be flown to New York City.

Once in New York, the flame's transcontinental journey begins.

The flame will leave New York May 8, and will continue throughout the country, passing through every state in the nation and carried by Americans from all walks of life. When it arrives in the Los Angeles Coliseum, the final torch will be lit which formally begins the 23rd Olympiad.

The runners are people from across the nation who desire to take part. There is a catch, however. It requires a donation of \$3000 for each kilometer run. Sponsors get to keep the torches they sponsored. Donors have the option of running themselves or choosing runners to relay the torch for them.

Don Baird, the promotions consultant for the Eugene YMCA, says he hopes the relay will "move your hearts and minds toward the Eugene and



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Eugeneans, such as Jeff Petrie and Donna Wilson, will participate in an Olympic "marathon" of sorts when the Olympic Torch Relay runs through Eugene July 18.

Springfield youth."

For information on sponsorship, contact either the Eugene YMCA or Al Rogers, who is organizing the relay in the Eugene area, at 485-4100.



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ROTC committee launches investigation

The newly established ROTC fact-finding committee decided Wednesday to meet in two weeks with principle individuals involved in the issue.

In the first meeting of the six-member committee appointed last week by University Pres. Paul Olum, Chair James O'Fallon emphasized that the group's charge remains a purely fact-finding one.

"Our purpose is to identify the factual issues with regard to ROTC," he said. "Obviously, the

genesis of this problem is the ROTC question — finding out what the procedures of the ROTC are and documenting them."

In order to aid its search for facts relating to ROTC and its possible violation of University affirmative action guidelines, the committee decided to hold an open meeting with the individuals most closely involved in the issue, including military science department head Col. Steven Wolfgram, philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan,

former campus American Civil Liberties Union head Doug Marker, and various other faculty and administration members.

"From what we get out of the meeting we ought to be able to build a set of detailed interrogatories. The fact of the matter is that people don't know what the rules are," O'Fallon said.

The open meeting will take place Dec. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the graduate school conference room in Chapman Hall.

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