

Special Olympics held in Dome

The regional Special Olympics were held last Saturday on the Kibbie Dome track, with approximately 100 handicapped athletes participating.

Opening the regional event, as the *Rocky* theme was played, the athletes paraded around the track, each displaying a banner with their team insignia. Teams participating included Grangeville, Highland, Kooskia, Lewis-Clark, Moscow, Palouse-Colfax, Pullman, Troy and Winchester.

After the parade, four athletes, Chuck Ouldhouse of Troy, Joseph Rainden of Moscow, Larry Ashby of Palouse-Colfax and Orville Fisher of Kooskia ran a small torch around the track to light the Special Olympics torch.

As the torch was lit, balloons were released and the competition began. Despite the rain and snow, the athletes participated in various running events, a softball throw, frisbee competition, standing long jump, bicycling events, and the high jump. Several also competed in a pentathlon.

The athletes now advance to state competition which will be held in Boise later this year.

The ages of the competitors range from under 10 years old to 73 years old.

This regional event is sponsored by the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Tri-Delt Service Projects Chairman Teresa Woods said that the Tri-Delts have been sponsoring this event for the past six years.