

Oddballs ready to break records

A gaggle of admitted oddballs will participate in the second annual Oddball Olympics at Roanoke-Salem Plaza through Saturday, doing to themselves what rational people would not consider.

Beginning tonight at 7, a lineup of once-a-year luminaries will vie for honors in backward roller skating, pizza eating, raw egg eating, golf ball balancing, snuff dipping and prune eating. Similar activities are scheduled for the remainder of the week, and Ted Martin, world-champion basketball free-throw shooter, will take on challengers at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. daily, with an 11 a.m. performance added on Saturday.

Olympic activities occur from 7 to 9 p.m.

weekdays and will wind up Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lemon-eating champion Bobby Kempf has learned his 1979 record — he ate three quartered lemons, including skin and seeds, in 15.3 seconds — has been accepted by Guinness for its record book. He will return. Eddie Ladosa will roller skate backwards indefinitely to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which is providing judges for all events.

The Oddball Olympics are sponsored by the Roanoke-Salem Plaza and WROV radio.