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Olympic scientists invited

A week before the 1984 Summer Olympics draws the world's best athletes to Los Angeles, thousands of experts in sports and physical activity from around the world will converge on Eugene for the 1984 Olympic Scientific Congress.

The congress is a scientific and cultural event where the mechanics and philosophy of sports are examined. The event, held in conjunction with every Olympics, is being sponsored by the University's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

"It's incredible that a pot-pourri of the best in their field will converge on Eugene to study sports and the way it works," said Dan Tripps, executive director of the event's Organizing Committee which is based at the University.

"In 1984, its going to be a golden moment to be around Eugene. To have that many men concerned about sports, and how to improve them, is going to be impressive.

"It's just an incredible event, and we think the University, Eugene and the state will greatly benefit from it."

The area's economy is one aspect that should definitely benefit. An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 delegates are expected, which Tripps said, would make it the biggest convention ever in the area.



Tripps said that according to national figures on typical daily expenditures at a convention, the delegates and visitors are likely to spend \$3.5 million to \$5.5 million.

"Of course the area will profit financially, but also culturally. We want to bring the city and the University together and give the delegates an idea of what the, quote, unquote, Eugene experience is like," said Tripps.

"I think that one of the reasons why the University was picked is because Eugene is such a sports and culturally orientated city."

The congress is being extended from its normal four days to seven days so delegates will

have more time to enjoy the event. Tripps expects a series of concerts, ballets and other performances in Eugene to celebrate the event.

Also, to add to the "Eugene flavor" other events, such as a 10 kilometer, half-marathon and marathon runs are planned.

An event of this size takes much planning and selling, Tripps said. He estimated he spends half of each month on the road. A great deal of that time he is out of the country, marketing the congress. This week he is in Australia at the Commonwealth Games extolling the virtues of the congress and Eugene.

"I go to the, quote, lesser games, like the Commonwealth and the Pan-Am, informing them of what we're trying to do, and how the congress can help them," Tripps said.

Often, he deals with people who have never heard of the congress, Eugene or even Oregon.

"In Delhi, India, if you say Los Angeles to someone, they would say 'Disneyland,' if you say Eugene, they would say, 'excuse me, I don't understand.'"

"Once you get past that, it's not so bad," Tripps said. "It's like marketing a frisbee in 1952, its just a flat plate. We have to show them it can fly."

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Braves up, LA down

(AP) — Chris Chambliss' two-run double topped off a five-run Atlanta uprising and Phil Niekro hurled a two-hitter as the Braves moved back into a first-place tie in the National League West with a 7-0 triumph over the San Francisco Giants Monday night.

The Braves' victory pulled Atlanta into a tie with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who lost 6-1 to Cincinnati Monday. The Giants remained one game behind the co-leaders at 84-72.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Mario Soto fired a five-hitter and last-place Cincinnati broke loose for four runs in the fourth inning en route to a 6-1 victory Monday over slumping Los Angeles, the Dodgers' sixth straight loss.

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