

# Science mixes with sport

## Olympic Congress called 'United Nations of sport'

Eugene is hosting a national gathering next July that will not only be a lot of fun but will be big business, said Dan Tripps, executive director of the event.

The event is the Olympic Scientific Congress, a week-long series of seminars, workshops and presentations that traditionally take place the same time as the Olympics.

Sponsored in part by the University human development and performance department, this will be the first Congress officially included as part of the Olympics. It also will be the first open to the public. Tripps said at Thursday's meeting of the Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club.

The Congress, called "the United Nations of sport," will host about 6,000 delegates from more than 100 countries as they gather at "literally every major hotel and the University campus" to discuss sports science, Tripps said.

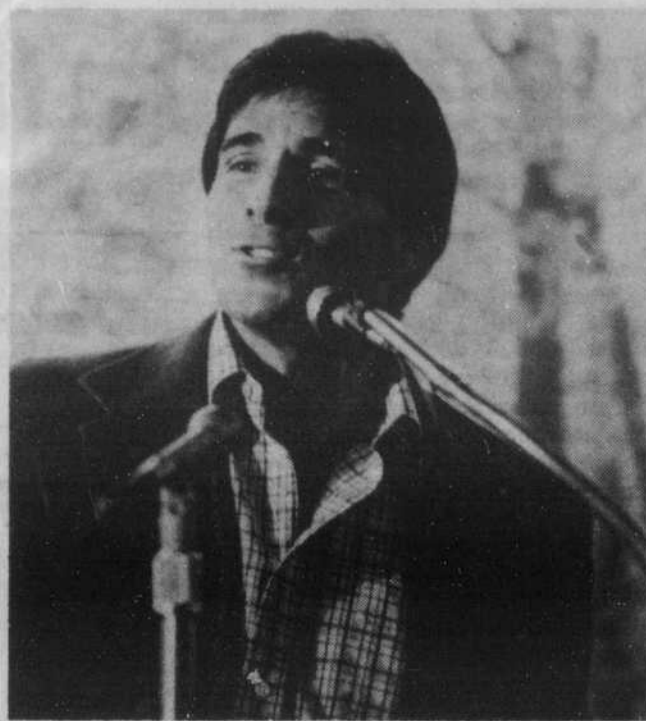
He said the Congress will attract a lot of attention — and money — to the Eugene-Springfield area.

The deluge of tourists and sports officials could bring \$5 million to the area, Tripps said. That is about 50 percent of Lane County's tourism revenue for 1982, he said.

Tentative speakers scheduled for the official prelude to the 1984 Olympics include Wilt Chamberlain, Mohammed Ali, Howard Cosell and Bruce Jenner, Tripps said.

So far, about 400 speakers are scheduled to participate in the Congress, including 53 Soviets and 22 speakers from China, a country which has never been involved in the Olympics before, Tripps said.

The speakers will address 24 issues, such as aggression and violence in sport, competitive sport for



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children and youth, sport and politics, sport and aesthetics, and sport and gender, he said.

As part of a push to include the public, the Congress will feature "social" events, such as a fun-run called "Running for Congress."

Tripps said the week's economic effect will last long after the Congress is over because the 51 organizations participating in the Congress might hold later conferences here.

"What we're going to do here in Eugene is going to set trends and set implementation strategy for the rest of the world."

# Tougher truancy standards pave way to lower absences

By David Sokolowski  
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Students and teachers are working together in cutting vandalism, truancy and promoting higher academic standards in a program called "Academic Expectations and the Fourth R — Responsibility."

The program was started eight years ago in Modesto, Calif., by James Enochs, assistant superintendent of public schools. Enochs will speak at a one-day workshop for Oregon high school administrators on Oct. 14 at the Eugene Hilton.

The workshop, titled "Improving Instruction in High Schools," and sponsored by the Center for Educational Policy and Management, is led by education Prof. Doug Carnine.

"We were a typical California

high school district", Enochs says. "We were doing all the trendy things that other schools around the country were doing at that time (1975-76)."

Faced with rising truancy, the Modesto school district adopted Active Control Truancy. Between the opening of school and first lunch period, any student on the street or in the malls is picked up by the police. Students are taken to a drop-off center and their parents are called to pick up their children and return them to school. Six truanancies and students are expelled for one full semester.

"The best kept secret in education is that kids want adults to act like adults," Enoch says. "The last thing they need is peers. Kids have a low tolerance for ambiguity. They want to know who's in charge. They need to know the

rewards and consequences and there can be no gap in accountability," he says.

And the tough standards have paid off.

Enochs says the high school has an attendance rate of 98 percent and the elementary schools are at 99.5 percent. "The elementary attendance is probably the highest in the state," he says.

And vandalism has been cut from more than \$80,000 a year to below \$50,000.

The workshop has a \$20 registration fee which includes lunch. Registration deadline is today. Participants may earn one credit that can be used as an elective credit in the University's administrative certification program.

For registration materials and more information, contact Charlene Phipps at 686-5173.



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