

# Sports Congress receives loan

## City Council approves \$40,000 to help defray costs

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The city of Eugene demonstrated its support for the upcoming Olympic Scientific Congress Wednesday by unanimously approving a \$40,000 loan to help defray costs of the international event.

Conference organizers so far have raised \$1 million in donations and services from local businesses, organizations and private citizens, said Michael Ellis, head of the University's physical education department and a coordinator of the Congress. But that figure is about \$300,000 short of what is needed to put on a "first-rate, top-line conference," he said.

"We will do what it takes to get that," Ellis promised the Eugene City Council as he made his plea for the loan.

The week-long Olympic Scientific Congress, which is sponsored in part by the University's College of Human Development and Performance is scheduled to open July 19, 1984 at the Eugene Conference Center. Three thousand health scientists, sport psychologists and team coaches representing 32 countries are expected to attend.

Ellis said he was worried at first that recent events in Grenada would affect participation in the conference, but the 700 scientific research papers he has received include ones recently submitted by Cuba and the Soviet Union.

"The first-ever delegation from the People's Republic of China has submitted its presentation," Ellis said.

The city's loan will help provide translation services for the hundreds of foreign visitors, will cover deposits for catering services and will allow organizers to continue publicizing the conference.

The loan will help ensure participants "have a decent experience" when they come to Eugene, Ellis said after the council meeting.

"To do it right these days, you can't just do it with energy and goodwill."

The city's loan may also stimulate others to lend financial support to the Congress, Ellis said. "We hope it will multiply itself."

Council member Mark Lindberg said that while he had initial reservations about lending the Congress money at a time when other city services were facing budget cutbacks, the potential financial benefit of the conference overrode his concerns.

"I'm convinced that this program will have such an important impact on our economic development that we need to do it," said Lindberg, who suggested changing the loan to a grant if needed.

Congress representatives will meet next with members of the Oregon Tourism Council in Coos Bay to ask for statewide financial support for the conference.

# Fasters hope to help the hungry

If you can make it through the day without eating, you can make a small contribution to relieving world hunger.

Oxfam, an international relief organization, is asking people to fast today and donate the money they save to the organization. The money will be used to support self-help development projects in the Third World.

Fasting also helps people empathize with the millions of starving people throughout the world, Oxfam member Colette Lottor says.

But those who can't make it through the day without eating are still welcome to donate, Lottor says.

Oxfam was founded in England in 1942, as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. Oxfam-America was founded in 1970 and is one of five autonomous Oxfams around the world.

Though Oxfam does provide food in emergencies, its real purpose is to finance local projects which provide food, medicine and better sanitation over the long run, Lottor says.

"Why send them tractors, when they'll only become dependent on gasoline?" she says.

Oxfam advisors monitor all projects to ensure they follow the organization's criteria and improve living standards for the poor in the area, Lottor says.

More information about the organization and its projects will be provided today at a table in the EMU lobby.

Participants in the fast are invited to a "break fast" tonight at 6 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. Refreshments will be served at no charge.

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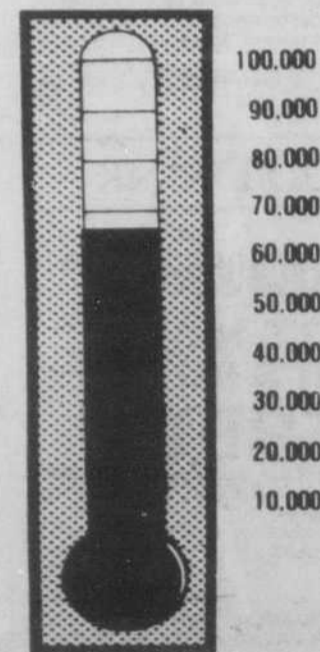
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- 2nd ROTC - 371
- 3rd Chi Psi - 299

That brings the total for the telefund to \$67,991.

Tonight Alpha Omicron Psi/ROTC will attempt to set a new record for total pledges received.