

Officials wait for site decision

Olympic committee announcement not due until the end of November

By John Clarke
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Representatives from Hayward Field won't find out until November if Eugene will be the site of the 1992 Olympic track and field trials.

Representatives from six possible trial locations gave their presentations before the Olympic Trials Site Selection Committee to bid for the chance to host the 1992 Olympic Trials.

Eugene's Hayward Field was among the six choices, which included Durham, N.C.; Sacramento, Calif.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Seattle; and New Orleans.

The decision will be made public at the end of November after a larger Olympic convention discusses the committee's recommendation.

"We all thought it would take the committee hours to

reach their decision," said Gary Trigueiro, the representative for Hayward Field and a member of the Oregon Track Club. "It was remarkable. Only after a half hour the decision was made; none of the six bidders could believe it."

Trigueiro said he didn't know how the committee had voted, but he felt confident that Hayward Field was a strong contender to be chosen as the site.

"It's hard to tell," Trigueiro said. "But I wouldn't trade my place for any other bidder's place. Hayward Field is clearly an excellent site. The University of Oregon is planning an addition, and the field has already seen the Olympic Trials of 1972, 1976, and 1980, along with many other national track events."

Trigueiro said the six locations seemed to fall into two

categories — experienced communities that have hosted the event before, and 'greenhorn' towns eager to prove themselves.

"One group's presentation uses a 'hey, try me out' approach, he said. These bidders try to persuade the committee that monumental media coverage will compensate for their communities' inexperience staging the trials.

"The other group, which Hayward Field is in, goes for the more sure-fire tactics," Trigueiro said. "We concentrated on the fact that trials and national track events have been held here before, and that we have experience in these sort of events."

The community that is eventually chosen to host the trials can expect incredible profit, and promotion, Trigueiro said. "It's amazing," he said. "If Eugene is chosen there will be a great ten-day party."

New language center to open in winter

By Daralyn Trappe
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A Japanese businessman has donated \$100,000 to the University for a new language study center in Pacific Hall, to be open for use by winter term 1991.

Osamitsu Yamada has donated a total of \$300,000 for the center, which will replace the language lab that students are currently using in the basement of Friendly Hall. The center will include three different labs — a library lab with 28 individual stations, all with audio and video capabilities, a classroom lab where language courses will be taught, and Macintosh lab equipped with several computers.

In addition to the labs, the center will have three classrooms with video and audio capabilities, an audio-visual production room, and a main office/tutorial center.

The center will serve several purposes, said Russell Tomlin, associate professor of linguistics and acting head of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

It will be used as a language teaching center for students, a teacher training facility and a

place to conduct research in second language learning and teaching, he said.

The current language lab, which Tomlin described as "out of date — really terrible," will be closed.

Although the new center is being developed through donations by businessman Osamitsu Yamada, the Japanese language will not be emphasized over any other language, Tomlin said.

"The new language center will be of service to all languages," he said.

Yamada, who heads an accounting firm and several corporations in Tokyo, became interested in American universities through a friend, Misao Makino, who is a professor at Senshu University in Tokyo.

Makino is involved in an exchange program at the American English Institute. Yamada has also become involved in student exchanges by paying

expenses for several Japanese students to study in the United States, said Theodore Palmer, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Although he has made donations to other American universities, the \$300,000 he has given to the University is his most generous gift, Tomlin said.

"These donations are not tax deductible in Japan," he said, "so it's very unusual for an individual to do something like this. Corporations generally make such donations."

Aside from the computers given by Apple, Yamada has been the sole contributor to the center.

A dedication ceremony is expected to take place when the center is finished.

Tomlin will act as co-director of the center, along with David Curland, a romance languages instructor and director of the foreign language resource center.

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