

International physics conference will promote University, boost economy

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The prestige of the University and Eugene will get a boost from a \$1 million international physics conference scheduled to convene in Eugene in 1993.

Conference organizers say they expect about 2,000 visitors to attend the conference on a convention/vacation visit. The delegation will consist of prominent physicists and their families.

"It's going to expose us internationally to many people and give these people a chance to look at our community," said Sal Piazza, director of sales at the Eugene-Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. He said the average size of conventions in Eugene is only about 300 people.

According to Piazza, the University's success in the bid for the Twentieth International Conference on Low Temperature Physics was largely due to the work of University physics professor Russell Donnelly.

Low temperature physics deals with the behavior of matter near the temperature of absolute zero. Superconductivity is related to this branch of physics. Oregon is home to Wah Chang, the

largest supplier of superconducting wire in the world.

Donnelly "put together a solid proposal with the support of lots of prominent physicists around the world," said David McDaniels, Head of the University Physics Department.

Donnelly explained that he made the bid because he thought it would be good for the University, good for the

space availability.

Bascom successfully persuaded the City Council to contribute \$10,000 to the conference. The conference will cost about a \$1 million to host. Registration fees, at \$350 per delegate, and advertisements will supplement the total cost of the event, Donnelly said.

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department (of Physics) and good for Eugene.

"I think it is a compliment for the University of Oregon," Donnelly said. "Students are entitled to feel that they are at a great university that everybody's heard of," he said.

Donnelly believes the bid would not have been possible without the help of Ruth Bascom, Eugene City Council member, and Piazza. Piazza and his department at the Convention Bureau provided information on the convention facilities in Eugene as well as transportation necessities and hotel

lars of tourism revenue.

Donnelly presented papers on his research at the nineteenth convention in England last month. He is excited about the research discussions which will make up the conference.

The conference will be held from August 4-10, 1993 at the University campus, the Lane County Convention Center, and the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The University's bid was chosen unanimously over one from the University of Maryland.

Student Senate to meet

MEETINGS

The Student Senate meeting is set for 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A.

Men Against Rape weekly meeting will be at 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. Call 346-4206 for more information.

The Native American Student Union will hold its weekly meeting at 4 p.m. in EMU Suite 15A. Call 346-3723 for more information.

OSPIRG's hunger and homelessness group meeting will be at 5:30 in EMU Cedar Room B. Call 485-6241 for information.

and staff at 8:30 a.m.

A workshop on studying abroad while still receiving financial aid will be at 3:30 in Room 164 Oregon Hall. Call Academic Advising and Student Services at 346-3211 for more information.

The film *Ironweed* will be shown by OSPIRG's University and Lane Community College hunger and homelessness groups at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Room 138 Gilbert Hall. Call 346-4377 for more information.

A discussion group on "Jewish Perspectives on Current Issues" will be held at 4 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. Call 343-8920 for more information.

A CPR workshop, sponsored by Lifestyle Planning Program, the Student Health Center and the Office of Public Safety, will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. in the cafeteria at the health center. Call 346-4456 for more information.

A Summer Employment Program orientation workshop will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks Hall. For more information call 346-3214.

Retired nuclear engineer Stanley Thompson and former EWEB General Manager Jean Reeder are the featured speakers at the Sierra Club's program "Problems with Nuclear Power Plants and Alternative Energy Sources" scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Middle School, 24th Avenue and Hill-yard Street.

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CD-ROM tutorials for PSYCLIT (psychology) and the Humanities Index will be in the reference department of the Knight Library at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively. Call 346-2368 for more information.

CD-ROM tutorial for the General Science Index will be at 10:30 a.m. in the reference area of the Science Library. Call 346-2368 for more information.

AIIESEC volunteers for the Willamette International Trade Forum will have an information session at the Lane Community College Downtown Center, 1059 Willamette St., at 5 p.m. Check map on-door of Room 7 Gilbert Hall for directions.

The Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St., will host an early morning prayer for students



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