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## JOSH HENSON '72 SHARES HIS OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE

On Friday night, September 15, 2000, I attended the opening ceremonies of the XXVII Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia — the first Games of the New Millennium. These were my eighth Olympics. Few games will ever compare to the first ones I saw in Rome as a small boy, largely because many events there were held in ancient Roman structures which produced an almost magical atmosphere at times. The Sydney games, however, may well have been the best organized I have experienced, as confirmed by retiring IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch. He declared them “the best ever” at closing ceremonies which included the largest fireworks display in the history of Australia.

Michigan consistently produces athletes for the U.S. Olympic teams, although I do not yet know how we did in 2000. One



Phi Delt Josh Henson '72 (right) at the wrestling competition of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (now Special Advisor to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch) and Tamas Ajan, Secretary General of the International Weightlifting Federation. Henson previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of FILA, the International Olympic Wrestling Federation.

## RECOLONIZATION IN FALL 2001

By J.T. Buck '77

We are committed to rebuilding the fraternity with men of traditional character. If you know of a Michigan man who possesses the traditional values of the fraternity, please send us his name. We will look for these referrals and legacies to provide a restart for our chapter.

I read some of our older newsletters that made a similar appeal. Do you know that in 1939 our alumni group provided between 180 and 200 recommendations? To have a list that size to work through would be a great help in our start-up effort.

What are traditional values? Our Board has talked about having pride in oneself and one's residence, caring for others and their property, being builders of things and having high standards for your own and your peers' performance. We think leadership will also be an important quality.

If you have a candidate, please send their name and contact information to our House Corporation President J.T. (Tom) Buck. E-mail information to [jtbuck@infinitelearning.com](mailto:jtbuck@infinitelearning.com) or mail it to 23848 Whittaker Street, Farmington, MI 48335.

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of my all-time favorites was Wolverine Hall of Fame diver Micki King, whom I remember seeing at work in the Michigan pool as I made my way to wrestling practice freshman year. I have always thought it would be interesting to list all of the Phi Deltos who have participated in the Olympics. Perhaps the ever growing information technology of the modern era may someday make such research possible.

I can start the list of Phi Deltos in the Olympic family with Michigan Alpha Douglas F. Roby Sr., whom I first met at the Munich Olympics in 1972. I had just graduated from college that year and hitchhiked across Europe, arriving at Munich as the opening ceremonies began. Doug had been president of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and later served as president of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), before becoming a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). I was introduced by my father, who had known Doug through their mutual involvement in the AAU and the USOC; my father was head of the Olympic Wrestling Committee for the Munich Games and later served as President of the AAU. He mentioned to Doug in passing that his two sons, Jeff '69 and Josh '72, had wrestled at Michigan. My brother Jeff had been a varsity athlete for the Maize and Blue for three years. I had been on the freshman squad when he was a senior, the last year

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## FALL SEMESTER ENDS IN THE BLACK

By Joe Kraus '81, Alumni Association Treasurer

Our financial condition is very sound at the end of the fall 2000 semester. Currently we have received \$4,695 in dues and contributions from 54 brothers for the operating year of 2000-2001 (a preliminary Honor Roll can be found on the reverse side of the enclosed insert). We have also received another \$1,100 from two brothers earmarked for renovation projects. Our accounts payable are up-to-date and our rent payments are coming in on time. Near the end of November, we had approximately \$45,000 in our operating account and another \$111,500 in the Wilson Fund.

This provides us with a solid foundation to cover operating expenses (taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc.), continue our alumni communications, host occasional alumni events (like the summer golf outing), and initiate some improvement projects. For example, this past summer we spent more than \$20,000 replacing the second- and third-floor windows, and close to \$10,000 removing dead trees from the yard and trimming the others.

Unfortunately, many of the improvements that are necessary over the next few years will require many times the amount we currently have. We met with our architect in early December to go over his recommendations on how to prioritize, manage and execute these improvement projects over the next few years to enable us to maximize our resources and our results. These projects include: level and strengthen the first and second floors, replace the roof and repair or replace the gutters and downspouts, overhaul the bathroom and shower facilities, and upgrade the electrical service.

While these projects do require significant resources, I feel they are necessary and will enable us to reestablish an active Michigan Alpha chapter with the type of young men who will maintain and preserve our house for the future generations of Phis.

## HOUSE RESTORATION COSTS MAY EXCEED \$1 MILLION

By Joseph Fattore '80

The last few months have been fruitful with respect to the renovation of the house at 1437 Washtenaw. The architectural firm the Board engaged has developed a master plan to renovate the house. Their analysis shows the house to be in relatively good condition from a structural standpoint, but sorely lacking in appearance. The projected budget to restore the house and incorporate needed updates pushes the price tag over a million dollars; given the size of the dwelling, this is in line with area costs. That's the good news; the bad news is that we need a million dollars!

I know that all of us have pleas for donations coming at us almost every day, but this plea comes from a place that we all have a very personal link to, a link that conjures up memories of our youth and freer days. In the spirit of those days, I ask all of the alums to think hard and give freely to a place that helped shape their lives and will help shape the lives of future alumni.

In the next few weeks, the Board will be taking the final steps in implementing the renovations (preparing construction schedules, defining scopes of work and releasing proposals for the work). The amount of work that we can undertake will be directly tied to the amount of support that we receive. My fondest hope is that the workload will be so burdensome, as a result of your generosity, that I will rue the day that I got involved in the project.



## SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are working diligently to increase our communications with YOU!

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to be included in regular updates on the chapter, our house and the fraternity. Joe Kraus '81, JT '77 and Michael Weikert '94 are going to collect them and get a Michigan Alpha communication network started. It is an easy way to be in the know.

By the way, have you looked up the Phi Delta Theta Web page for the national office? Very impressive!  
[www.PhiDelt=GHQ.com](http://www.PhiDelt=GHQ.com)

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of mat legend Cliff Keen. We started that year rated number one and finished in the top ten at the NCAA tournament. Although I continue to regret we did not finish the season on top, I will always be proud of being on a top-rated, national team. I have, by the way, great hopes for Michigan under our new wrestling coach — keep checking your alumni publications!

At some point, my father learned Doug was not only a Michigan alumnus but also a Phi Delt and immediately told him about my brother and me. Doug never failed to ask about us for years after that and we did the same for him. Doug was a major figure in international sports. Whatever roles I take on in the Olympic movement only follow an inspiring path of other Phi Deltas like Doug Roby. He was a figure we can all be proud of among Phi Deltas in sports.

My own involvement in the Olympic movement began in 1960, when I accompanied my father to Rome as a spectator while he was a wrestling referee at those games. In 1976, I worked as an interpreter in Montreal. In 1980, I had hoped to make the team as a wrestler, but the U.S. boycotted those games. I coached the Spanish Olympic freestyle wrestling team in Los Angeles in 1984. I did participate as an athlete in the 1979 World Championships in Sombo wrestling and one of my best experiences in Sydney was to run into my first opponent from the 1979 Championships, Tsend Damdine of Mongolia.

Damdine went on to be a silver medalist in Judo at the Moscow games and is now the Secretary General of the Mongolian Olympic Committee — the number two man in his country in sports. Although it was the first time we had met since 1979, we both recognized each other instantly. That is part of the bond of sports that is hard to explain. When he approached me and asked if I remembered him, I replied that I was still hurting from the beating he gave me at the 1979 world championships (which he won—I placed ninth).

The best part about the games in Sydney was probably the organization. Everything went smoothly, especially in areas which went notoriously wrong in Atlanta four years ago, including transportation and technology. The Atlanta games have been widely criticized in retrospect as overly commercial, but that aura did not pervade Sydney. On the contrary, the volunteer corps, whom I have heard estimated at over 50,000, was one of the warmest and friendliest I have ever seen. The venues were spectacular, including the new Olympic Stadium, the largest one ever for any games. On more than one occasion, I was asked if I had ever seen anything like it, a huge structure that seats over 100,000 people. I took advantage of each opportunity to note that it was impressive ... yes ... but that you have seen nothing until you witness 106,000 screaming fans at a Michigan/Ohio State game.

The part I liked least, regrettably, was the behavior

of many American athletes. On numerous occasions, I saw Americans sulking after losses, not shaking hands or yelling at officials. Many people told me they were rooting for Lithuania in the basketball semifinals, when that squad came close to upsetting the Americans, because the American players “acted like spoiled kids.” I for one have never liked the fact that professionals play in the Olympics, largely because it takes away a unique life experience for our college players and gives it to a multimillionaire athlete who has everything else in the world of sports. We always won with our amateur athletes and probably still would.

In wrestling, we saw mat legend Alexander Karelin just miss getting an unprecedented, fourth gold medal in Greco-Roman, following what the USOC dubbed the wrestling upset of the century. Young Rulon Gardner of the USA, in his first international finals, defeated the favored Karelin 1-0. It was the first point scored on Karelin in over 10 years and his first loss since 1987. Karelin proved to be a great champion, however, and stood respectfully on the award stand for a moment that young Gardner will no doubt always treasure. He was polite and courteous thereafter. By contrast, at least two American wrestlers were booed for their behavior, including seemingly contemptuous gestures, and appeared to pout when they lost.

My fear is that the undisciplined professional athletes in America today are simply providing a bad role model

for rising young athletes. I hope this is not an irreversible trend.

The 2004 Olympic Games will be in Greece, birthplace of the Olympic Games, returning to Athens for the first time since that city inaugurated the modern games in 1896. I will likely be involved again with the wrestling competition. I hope any brothers in the bond who plan to attend will get in touch with me so we can share old Michigan stories. Go Blue!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Josh Henson signed the bond as a Michigan Alpha after his freshman year in 1969, a legacy of brother Jeff Henson '69 and cousin Ralph Farley '70. Although he transferred out of Michigan his sophomore year, he has retained a passion for Michigan sports and has attended every Rose Bowl the Wolverines have been to since 1976. He is currently a lawyer in Washington, D.C., working in the areas of international trade and information technology.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Douglas F. Roby Sr. was president of the Amateur Athletic Union-AAU (1951-52), president of the U.S. Olympic Committee-USOC (1965-69) and a member of the International Olympic Committee-IOC (1952-1984). Doug was a good friend of Josh's father, who was an Olympic Bronze medalist in wrestling in 1952 and also president of the AAU (1980-1984), before becoming vice president of the World Trekwondo Federation-WTF (1984 to date).



# Alumni News

BELETED THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO  
**JOSEPH S. FATTORE '80** AND **PAUL A. DANNA '81**,  
 WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE IN THE MAIL WHEN WE  
 PUBLISHED THE 1999-2000 HONOR ROLL.

**Martin Newcomer III '38** (253 Norman Dr., Cranberry Twp, PA 16066) sends a heartfelt thanks to all the brothers who are working so hard to keep Michigan Alpha on the campus.

**Milan H. Cobble '45** (2619 Fairway, Las Cruces, NM 88001; mandncobb@zianet.com) enjoys playing golf. He represented New Mexico in the national senior Olympics in his age group in both 1998 and 1999.

**Arthur J. Prange Jr. '47** (218 Conner Dr., Apt. 6, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) has retired from the Department of Psychiatry of the Medical School of the University of North Carolina. He was a Boshamer Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Psychiatric Research Center. During his career he won several national and international prizes for his work.

**Edward W. Gallagher '62** (2886 Baysidewalk, San Diego, CA 92107) recently retired after 35 years doing plastic and cosmetic surgery. When he wrote this fall, he was planning to go to the Olympics in Sydney. Edward has also been visiting grandchildren in the Cayman Islands.

**Thomas A. Niemann '79** (3006 Honeysuckle Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; wolverine7986@yahoo.com; tniemann@ford.com) retired

from the U.S. Army in June 1999 and moved back to Ann Arbor the following month. He is now involved in public relations for ASG Renaissance in Dearborn.

**Jeffrey L. Post '82** (4014 Cottonwood Dr., Durham, NC 27705; jpost@atholcorp.com) and wife Jo have a 1-year-old daughter, Julie Kate. Jeffrey is vice president of marketing at Athol Corporation. He enjoys regular visits with **Rob Aldrich '81** and family during business trips to Detroit, and talks frequently with **Roland Zagnoli '84**.

**Robert L. Hooper '84** (16 Wright Farm, Concord, MA 01742) is a program manager for the Department of Defense. He recently purchased a 35-foot racing yacht J/105 with **Ed Feeley '81**. "Current boat names in contention include: 'Wolverine,' 'MGOBLUE,' and 'The Bin.' 'Hoops' and 'Smirk' are trying to line up an all-Phi racing crew in Boston.

**Sean P. Insalaco '84** (139 Berryman Dr., Buffalo, NY 14226; sinsalaco.inc.@moog.com) is director of marketing for Moog Inc. This fall he had a chance to catch a round of golf with **Jon Weller '84**, **Bill Flom '85** and **Dan Gresla '84**.

**Robert C. Boylen '85** (712 Cambridge Blvd., E. Grand Rapids, MI 49506) met with **Barney Dvorak '85** and his

wife on a recent kayaking trip to Alaska.

**James R. Ruth '86** (908 Wentwood Dr., Southlake, TX 76092; jruth21587@aol.com) returned to Texas this fall. He "left" **Derek Kerr '86** as the lone Phi Delt in Scottsdale, Arizona. James is now regional sales director for Hill Pet Nutrition. He and his wife have four children, ranging in age from 2 to 9 years.

**James B. Kelligrew '87** (1529 Dilworth Rd., Charlotte, NC 28203) and wife Jennifer now have two children; son James Jr. was born in July 2000. James keeps in touch with **Rich Kennedy '88**, who is engaged, and **David Rosso '87**, who now has three children. "Let's get Phi Deltas back in the house!"

**Marc D. Latman '94** (17 Pony Cir., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577; mdl-mls@erols.com) is an associate with the law firm of Kaye, Scholer,

Fierman, Hays and Handler, LLP. He is engaged to Mona Sterlacci; **Ross Galin '94** will be one of the groomsmen. Marc sends belated Happy First Birthday wishes to **Brad Balmer's** ('95) daughter, Kimberly.

**John A. Cacace III '96** (1056 Beacon St., Unit B, Brookline, MA 02146; john\_cacace@gse.harvard.edu) is pursuing his master's degree in education at Harvard. He plans to teach high school math and coach football. When he wrote in late fall, he was teaching and coaching at Newton North High School in Newton, Mass.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Robert Young '36** (6/7/00), **Kenneth C. Kellar Jr. '54** (9/13/99) and **Lawrence J. Pulkownik '79** (4/00). Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## MILLENNIUM HOMECOMING

**C**hip Fowler '79 and his son were our first Homecoming visitors at 1437 Washenaw on October 14. The event was hosted by Julie and Joe Fattore '80, Nancy and John Buck '55 and J.T. (Tom) Buck '77 on our front lawn.

Some of our alumni visitors included Pat Hayden '66, Red Weller '84, Paul Nolan '84 and Rick Price '69. We had a good time catching up and watching the Mud Bowl. DSP played Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the traditional game across the street. It was a no-rules game and SAE played it out for a victory.

It was a beautiful day for Homecoming made even better by a Michigan victory over Indiana. Our plan for next year will be to have refreshments again on the front lawn. Please join us!