

## *LETTERS*

Dear Bill

I believe you are already aware that I mentioned to Ian Buchanan my concern over the contribution to Vol. 3, No. 1, of the ISOH Journal by Christine Brennan. While I have every respect for Christine's perceptive contributions to her newspaper, I felt the theme and content of this article was wholly out of place for the Journal, for the Society, and indeed for the ethics of the Olympic Movement. In my opinion, as someone who has attempted to write from an independent viewpoint irrespective of nationality at some 14 Summer and Winter Olympic Games, the attitude and approach of the U.S. media in Lillehammer, in relation to the Harding affair, distorted and indeed corrupted not only American coverage but the Games themselves in Lillehammer. Many people, including some of the media representatives, found this reprehensible.

I am well aware that journalists work at the behest and under the direction of their employers, but I do believe that the ISOH Journal should be free of this kind of journalistic expediency.

I hope you don't think I'm being pompous but I feel the opinion worth making. But may I say how much I otherwise appreciate your altruistic efforts in the compilation and publication of the ISOH Journal.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear ISOH Members,

For some years now I have been collecting autographs of Olympic Medallists from around the world. It has become increasingly difficult to contact people through relevant national federations and therefore the next way of obtaining signatures is to exchange them with other collectors. That presents the problem of making contact with other people.

With that problem in mind I wrote to the President to ask if there is an Olympic Autograph Club and that if there is not if I could create one. He suggested that I send you a letter. My idea is to set a world-wide network of collectors who could then make contact with one another in order to exchange autographs. I am not a dealer but just enjoy writing to people around the world. The only way that I can think of "networking" with other collectors is by putting my suggestion to who are in the business of publishing journals, etc., connected with the Olympic Movement.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear ISOH:

In my article concerning the Olympic Oath in the last issue, there were three errors of name spellings concerning the speaker's of the Olympic Oath at the Olympic Games. The correct spellings are as follows:

1976 Winter Athletes	Werner Delle Karth
1988 Summer Athletes	Huh Jae (men)
	Son Mi-Na (women)
1988 Summer Officials	Lee Hak-Ree

Thank you for correcting this in your records.

Sincerely,

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