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The Marathon Run to 2005 in 2005

Dear friends, we are close, very close to 2005 in 2005. It is a Marathon run. We are in the final stretch. Eugene reports that we have 1874 lectures. We need 126 more lectures in the next 4 months. We can do it!! As you pull together your lectures for teaching this semester, just look through you lectures and see if you want to contribute 1-2 of your prize lectures to teach future generations of students. Remember, when you retire, or when you die, so do your lectures. Why shouldn't you lectures live on? Please think about contributing, it would be wonderful, the prevention teachers in Nepal, the Netherlands, New Jersey, and Nicaragua will .most appreciate it

:Olympics

Aren't the Olympics fantastic? Imagine ourselves as Phidipedes, running the Marathon in 490 BC. I am sitting here watching the Marathon on a Sunday morning. Since the beginning of the Olympics, I have been glued to the TV. As the Argentineans became the leaders of football and basketball, Yuriorkis Gamboa Toledano from Cuba won the 51 kg class in boxing, the incredible run by Hicham el-Guerrouj from Morocco won the 5000 meters, and the US the 400 meter relay. Could you get better excitement in anything on TV? I, of course, root more !!for athletes from our Supercourse team countries! That means we root for 151 countries

We want to capture this Olympic spirit, and now that the games are over with, we will push forward, very strongly with the Olympic lecture. The Olympic spirit is in many ways the Supercourse spirit. We both have brought the world together. The Olympics do this for exercise and competition; we do this for prevention and health. An arranged marriage is obvious as we compliment each other very well. We have one year to capture a million students with the Supercourse exercise, and health lecture. Several new ideas have been suggested to us. The Olympic organizations in most countries have not been extremely responsive. We are considering an alternative, grassroots method. Every country has a prevalent pool of former Olympic athletes. They should be relatively simple to find with your help. If you know a former Olympic Athlete, please think about how we can contact all the .Olympic athletes in your country

Jan and I were just up at Lake Placid, NY which was the site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympics. The Olympic spirit is still there, and one can feel it. The Supercourse needs to continue to build on the Olympic spirit. It is interesting that there are other international. groups which we might work with. At the airport, we saw lots of kids coming back from the Little League World Series. This is a global competition in American Baseball. An additional group might be something like the Rotary. We have a lot to give to them, and they would give to us a huge distribution system. We do not want to work with any group that has a political agenda. .Please send us your ideas

We would very much appreciate your thoughts about finding Olympic athletes for a bottom up .approach, as well as other potential distribution arms

:Thank you Greece

For those of us who are Olympic Junkies, the Greek Olympics were the best. How fantastic it is to run the Marathon on its original route! Our friends in Greece did a wonderful job. The Supercourse must find a way to partner with the Olympics to bring the message of prevention .into the schools

!!!Time for School again

,Best regards

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