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Life

The Dynamic Duo of the Olympic Village

They say a ship is a reflection of its captain. One look at Mr. Sotiris Vaos, the General Manager of the Olympic Village and and the Accommodation Sites Operations, and it's easy to understand why the Olympic Village is by far the best ever. A relaxed demeanour and an omnipresent smile mark the visage of the man responsible for running the Olympic Village, the 7 Media Villages and the 13 Accommodation Facilities for Technical Officials.

Behind every successful venture lies a woman. In the success of the Olympic Village the woman is right up front: Ms. Ilona Panousaki, the Head of Operations of the Olympic Village. She flashes a bright smile, has a quick word with the people and ensures that she is constantly on top of things in the Village. Her cheerful disposition disguises the fact that she overlooks the extremely tasking job of seamlessly managing the wide gamut of operations imperative for the smooth functioning of the village.



Sotiris Vaos and Ilona Panoussaki, leading force team of the Olympic Village

In an exclusive interview with the Olympic Village Pulse, they share their insights in managing the largest and most culturally diverse 'hotel' in the world: The Olympic Village.

Q. How did your association with ATHOC begin?

S.V.:

I joined in 2002. I was associated with a hotel chain before I was given the responsibility of operating the Olympic Village and the other facilities.

I.P.:

My association began in 2001. I was working in America before I was assigned the supervision of the village and I have been here since then.

Q. What was your initial vision for the Olympic Village when you started?

S.V.:

We created the village on our own. At first without any specific ideas, we simply wanted to make this the 'best' village ever. We studied a number of previous Olympic Villages, visited a few of them and through that crystallised our vision of how this village should develop. With the help of some experts, we created the necessary infrastructure required to run the village effectively and efficiently.



Q. Could you elaborate on the extent and the nature of your responsibilities?

S.V.:

My primary responsibility is to ensure that all our residents are happy. Everything we do here is towards that end in mind. It is my prerogative that we offer the best facilities and state-of-art services to all our residents. That entails creating a plan for operations, hiring competent personnel, training them and supervising all the issues related to the efficient running of our facilities.

I.P.:

In the planning stage, I worked towards developing concepts and a framework for the Village's operations. It was imperative to choose the optimum way of incorporating the management philosophies in this setting. Currently as Operations Manager of the Olympic Village, I ensure that the athletes are happy and satisfied in their surroundings. We also focus on keeping our staff fully equipped and happy to do their job, because if they are happy then our residents too will be happy.

Q. What is the total number of people involved in the day-to-day operations of the Olympic Village and in which functional areas do they operate?

I.P.:

Over 25 functional areas cover our entire scope of operations and, including the volunteers, we have over 10,000 people working here. We have functional areas dealing with security, health, transportation, accommodation, food, logistics, and communication. To add to that we have the areas for our sponsors and retailers who have put up their various booths here. These and a host of other areas running around the clock make this the largest operating village in terms of Olympic Games' venues. In that respect, it's a city. In fact, it really is a city. One that never stops offering all kinds of services to its residents.

Q. Could you walk us through the entire process from the drawing board to the actual implementation of what we see now?

I.P.:

It's very interesting to see a plan on the table, but it's even better to actually see it come to life in front of you. When we started there was just land here and it's a great feeling to actually see your vision take shape. Our collective aim is to create the best Olympic Village ever and to ensure that we are able to keep all our residents happy. That's what matters the most and that's what we implement on a daily basis.



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Q. Mr. Vaos, given that you oversee a slightly bigger picture, how would you describe the process for the other facilities?

S.V.:

The seven Media Villages operate similar to the Olympic Villages but with some specific inputs to accommodate the needs of the accredited international journalists. Some changes are incorporated with respect to the housekeeping, but overall they operate in the same way: the highest quality of service offered with a smile.

Q. As you stand before the Olympic Village today, do you see your expectations being fulfilled the way you had envisaged it?

S.V.:

Yes, most definitely. In a lot of aspects things are exactly the way we had planned them to be. In many others they have even exceeded our expectations. As we found out, there is no recipe for running an Olympic Village as each village has its own character and personality. The key is to find the right mix of various factors and ensure that they run smoothly.

I.P.:

I echo his feelings. When things turn out as expected and we see the residents happy, it makes us want to try even harder to create better things. We want this to be an experience to treasure and a celebration of life that the Olympic Games truly are.

Q. Do you have any message for the residents of the Olympic Village?

S.V., I.P.:

We just want them to have a great time. Enjoy the experience and return home with memories of Greece and the Olympic Games that they will cherish for a lifetime.

Neelay Bhatt



Life

A Football Legend Serves as a Volunteer

He speaks excellent Greek for someone born and raised in Argentina. After 25 years in Greece, his knowledge and experience is immeasurable and he's much loved by the public. He has had an enviable football career, including the double he pulled off for Panathinaikos in 1995 - team coach and an



Senor Rocha gives a big smile for "The Pulse"

appearance in the semi-finals of the Champions League. Who else could we be talking about but Juan Ramon Rocha, whom we met at the Olympic Village, along with the Argentine Olympic Football Team. He talked to us about his new calling, that of Olympic Volunteer!

Here we are meeting you and your son in the Olympic Village! You are both Volunteers. Is volunteerism something that runs in your family?

Yes, that's it. My daughter took the first step by completing the Volunteer Application Form and my son followed suit. But for me things were a bit more complicated. One evening I met the Argentine Chef De Mission in a restaurant and he suggested I should become a Volunteer. At first I was hesitant because it was something so different for me, but then I warmed to it. That's when I took the plunge.

What exactly is your function as a Volunteer?

I help with everything. It ranges from advice on interpretation to running errands!

Senor Rocha described his first day at the Olympic Village as being like his first day in the Army. "We were all wearing the same uniform and I didn't know where to look first. But by the end of Day Two, I was mixing in completely. You feel you're part of an effort made by Greece, and this is inspiring. It's really the least I can do for a country that's taken me to its heart for the last twenty-five years."

What was the players of the Argentine Olympic Football team's impression of the

Olympic Village ?

More than 100%! When I'm with them on the bus that takes them about, they're always talking enthusiastically and singing. They started off being a bit anxious about staying in the Olympic Village. Staying at the Village among thousands of other athletes, staff and Volunteers was a new experience for them. But they ended up liking it so much that they chose to stay on a day longer. They're especially impressed by everyone being so pleasant and polite.

If the Greek Olympic team should play the Argentinian team, which side will make your pulse beat faster?

Can I give you a diplomatic answer? "May the best team win!"

"Being a Volunteer is really the least I can do for a country that's taken me to its heart for the last twenty-five years".

Haroula Zahopoulou



Life

Friendly Competitors Enjoy Village Life

The Australian and New Zealand camps roared to life in the Olympic Village as Olympic Team members gathered to support their national Rugby sides, who were playing each other in a test match in Sydney.

In the role of hosts, the Australians set the scene with 2 large plasma television screens, decorated their area with the familiar green and gold colours and an inflated boxing kangaroo surfed the crowd and some donned Australian rugby jerseys. They belted out their distinct "Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!" chant throughout the match and engaged in friendly banter with their invited guests and neighbours, the cool, calm and collected Kiwis,



The Australians practice their Olympic cheering as they support their national rugby side the "Wallabies"

dressed entirely in black, to support their team - the "All Blacks".

An atmosphere of fun and joy lifted everyone's spirit as each nation prepared for the start of the 2004 Games. The New Zealanders cheered as their team performed the traditional "Hakka" and the Australians passionately sang "Waltzing Matilda". You could sense though, that whatever the outcome of the rugby match the two sides would always remain on friendly terms and this was a great lead up to the big 16 days of competition ahead in 28 sports.

"We were thankful for the invitation and the Australians' hospitality was lovely. The result wasn't quite what we were after but it was great to re-ignite the trans-Tasman rivalry as we head into the Games. Both countries are the fiercest competitors but we're also great mates," said Chris White of New Zealand's Athletes Services Group and an Olympian and Bronze medalist at the 1988 Games.

"We are friendly rivals but we both like to beat each other," said Laurie Lawrence, a former Australian Swimming coach, who is now the Village Activities Coordinator for the Australians.



Australian Footballer Alex Brosque cheers on the national rugby side

While the Australians won the match 23-18, the gracious Kiwis thanked their hosts for their hospitality and New Zealand Chef de Mission Dave Currie gave a congratulatory handshake to their hosts. But the message from New Zealand's Olympic Village headquarters in "Middle Earth" the day after the game they're "not speaking about" was a cheeky "Don't forget who's got the Bledisloe



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Cup" (a traditional cup game played between the two countries).

"It's a bonus that we won as I wouldn't have wanted to be on my knees cutting the grass outside New Zealand headquarters as I had promised if Australia lost! But the best thing about the rugby match was that it brought everyone together - especially the Australian side. The team members realised they are all part of the Australian Olympic Squad which consists of over 483 athletes and a total delegation of 800 - the Footballers, Synchronised Swimmers, Shooters - they're all here representing Australia.

"We are trying to build that team camaraderie and spirit. I think we certainly achieved this with something as simple as getting together and watching the national rugby side play in Australia," Laurie said.

Australian Trampoline athlete Lesley Daly, concurred with

Laurie, saying the gathering made her feel "a bit closer to home and helped raise team spirit".

"It was lots of fun and also made me proud to be an Australian. It really made me feel like part of the team. As the only athlete competing in my sport, it was also a good way to meet some of my Australian Olympic team mates," Lesley added.

The Australian team, are taking great measures to ensure their athletes, officials and guests feel right at home, having arranged for a number of Village activities to take place during the Olympic Games period including barbeques and a sing-a-long with Australian television hosts "Roy & HG" who are popular back in Australia.

New Zealand on the other hand has Sir Murray Halberg. Sir Murray. Who won a gold medal in Track and Field at the 1960 Games in Rome, has been

involved with the New Zealand team for a long time, acting as a mentor for the Kiwi athletes in the lead up to and for the duration of the 2004 Games.

The gathering is just another display of the key Olympic ideal of "friendship" put into practice in the Olympic Village. The two teams are rivals, neighbours but most importantly - friends.



Congratulatory handshakes between the kangaroo and kiwi camps

Joanne Ioannou



Life

Becoming Acquainted with Badminton!

Ask a Greek what Badminton is and you are most likely to be confronted by a baffled look. We spoke with Giorgos Batis and Theodoros Velkos, two members of the Greek Badminton squad, in the hope of resolving people's queries about the sport.

"What makes this particular sport especially popular in other countries, such as China, where it is their national sport, is the fact that the Badminton 'ball', or shuttlecock, reaches speeds of 380 kilometres per hour and is the fastest of all sports in the world", Giorgos Batis explained. "It is a very tiring sport! You don't get a moment's rest as you have to keep running about all over the court".

It was not that Giorgos Batis selected this particular sport on his own; he was selected by others. How did that happen? Well, for several years he played Tennis in Thessaloniki until, in 1995, he was discovered by the Badminton Federation and was strongly urged to try Badminton, which had only been played in Greece for ten years. Although having taken up the sport only recently, Giorgos Batis has already broken all records at only 21 years old. He has been Greek champion and third in the Balkan championships. For the past three years he has been training intensively to take part in his first Olympic Games.

His fellow athlete Theodoros Velkos, however, has taken part in the Olympic Games - at Atlanta, playing for the Bulgarian national team. The objectives of the two young men are realistic. "We are shooting for a place among the Final Eight. The competition is ferocious, and Greece has no tradition in this particular sport. More and more teams have been rising to the top in the past few years. The strongest are China, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, and France", Batis told us.

Both athletes feel at home in the Olympic Village. "We can sense the Olympic Spirit. We can recognise the efforts of all the athletes who are here and we feel like it is a big family", they said, as they headed for the entertainment hall to have fun with their other athletes in brotherhood...



Theodoros Velkos and Giorgos Batis, aka the Greek National Badminton Team



Life

Latin spirit and hopes for medals!

Probably the heaviest of the weights Julio Idrovo, the Ecuadorian weight-lifter, will have to strain under are the hopes his native land has pinned on him of winning a medal.

Julio, who has just taken his degree in Management, is one of fifteen athletes his country has sent to compete. It is a sure thing that he will do everything in his power to lift the 69 kilos of his category in the discipline he competes in, Weight-lifting.

He remembers to mention Greece's victory in the European Football Championship. "We all thought Portugal would win the cup. But we were overjoyed that Greece won, and though there aren't a lot of Greeks in Ecuador, we all shared in this huge victory. "

After the Athens Olympic Games, Julio will go home to Cucaca in Ecuador, where a fresh round of training and a PhD in Economics await him. Particularly friendly and warmhearted, he made a very good impression on us. We sincerely wish him good luck !



Julio Idrovo, Ecuadorian weight-lifter, aged 23.

Ioanna Tziriti



People

Question of the Day



Lewis Banda
Athletics
Zimbabwe

“Before each competition I listen to music and especially a specific song”.



Semen Davilov
Swimmer
Kyrgyzstan

“Our flag. It’s a symbol of our country, and we’re proud to compete for our country!”



Scott Fernandis
Judo
Australia

«A read T-shirt with the name “Champion” written on it. I always wear it before the Games”.



Achanta Sharath Kamal
Table Tennis
India

“My golden ring! I never take it off my finger during the Games”.



Gloria Kemasuode
100m Athlete
Nigeria

“Without thinking twice, it must be my afro hairstyle. My hair is part of my style, it’s me and it’s made by me! What



Lesley Daly
Trampoline
Australia

“My socks. I always wear a new pair of socks!”

puts a smile on my face? It has to be, thinking about my family”.



People



Bongani Wonderboy Mahlangu
Boxing
South Africa

“Before the Games I make my hair into dreads. That’s my lucky charm”.



Simone Khun, Nicole Schnyder
Beach Volley
Switzerland

“The cow outside our room. We wish it will bring us luck and make everything

go along fine!”



Mandy Planert
Canoe Slalom
Germany

“My necklace. It’s a gift from a friend and I would never part with it. Here, wanna have a look?”



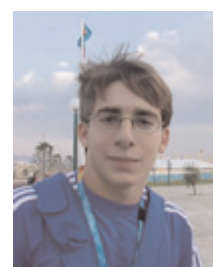
Maria Rekli
Judo
Australia

“I collect miniature pigs. I take them with me as my lucky charms”.



Florendia Sfakianou
Diving
Greece

“I always wear my favorite swimsuit”.



Sotiris Trakas
Diving
Greece

“The little towel that I use before diving into water. I never use another one!”.



Lloyd Zrasiya
Athletics
Zimbabwe

“Just before the Games I call my girlfriend. She gives me all her positive energy and brings me good results”.



People

Employee of the Day

The Hard - Working Twenty - Ninth!



Giorgos Papageorgiou
Resident Centres
Greece

You can look all you want, but you won't find him! He is Giorgos Papageorgiou, who with the rest of his team in the Olympic Village services the 28 Accommodation Centres! So you can imagine that the workload is so great, that it is almost impossible to locate Giorgos anywhere in particular!

The Pulse managed to get hold of Giorgos for a while, and in our interview, we had an early taste of what it means to be in Team No. 29! The team was named that way because it consists of an elite of people intent on working hard to service the 28 Accommodation Centres! The work is certainly hard, and Giorgos often has to put in extra time. Despite this he doesn't complain. On the contrary, he says that in the four months he has worked at the Olympic Village, his work has been pleasant and rewarding, giving him valuable experience about human management!

As he told us himself, he is not employed in one particular sector, but is briefed daily on where to provide his services at the double. This is how the daily dozen of storeroom errands, scheduled deliveries and whatever comes up is carried out. A clue to Giorgos' busy existence is that his radio didn't stop beeping at all during our meeting. When we asked what today's duties involved, he answered, tongue-in-cheek, "I can't remember!". He then explained that he and two others have to care for 230 people. So Giorgos and his colleagues have a lot of distance to cover and heavy responsibilities.

We thank Giorgos and hope that he and Team No. 29 will succeed in all they do!

Zoe- Sylvia Economou



People

Volunteer of the Day



Eleousa Kosti
Library
Greece

If you want to relax and exercise your mind, the best place to do so is in the Olympic Village Library. It is a space specially created to make you feel at ease in a familiar environment. In the library you will also meet the assistant librarian, Eleousa Kosti.

Ms Eleousa is a warm person, who will gladly assist you with whatever you need. She is a teacher and a library scientist and shows great enthusiasm for her work. Books are a way to mentally travel to the most beautiful places. The mind is trained and the intellect sharpened. Reading a book is also a smart way to relax and get rid of stress.

“I am delighted to see our athletes and guests coming to our Library and showing interest in books. It is brilliant to see young people studying different subjects”, Ms Kosti tells us with great enthusiasm while we notice a glow in her eyes.

We can tell she loves books, knowledge, and education, and we can see how eager she is to help.

“I want to tell people to be close to books and make their children more familiar with them. Studying makes you a better person”, she tells us, her face glowing, further demonstrating her professional zeal.

Ms Eleousa is the person to introduce you to the Olympic Village’s wonderful, magical world of knowledge.

Marina Chatzikosta



Features

IOC Message

Food Glorious Food

First timers at an Olympic Games are always amazed at the quantity and quality of the food on offer in the Village. The fact that so much high quality food is available free of charge can be both good and bad. The most obvious advantage is that almost every food preference is catered for: the athlete who cannot find something they like on the menu is a very rare individual indeed. The arrangements also allow flexibility for athletes who must schedule training and competition at odd times of the day.

There are of course several down sides. The athlete on an energy-restricted diet must sit and watch others making the most of the available food. This is especially hard on those who compete later in the Games and who have to watch those whose competition is over enjoying all of the opportunities that Village life offers. Olympic athletes are known for their

resolve and dedication and this will not deter those who have made it this far.

Success as an athlete depends primarily on talent, dedicated training, and motivation. Diet is a small part of success, but it is something that we can change very easily. In fact, every time we eat, we make choices that can influence our chances of success. Too much food and we gain unwanted weight. The wrong food choices and we do not get the nutrients we need in the amounts we need at the times we need them to compete successfully.

The sensible athlete will have made a pre-competition eating plan long before arriving at the Village. The first stage of any plan is to identify nutritional needs – how much carbohydrate, protein and fats, as well as fluids and when these are needed. Nutritional needs will obviously vary greatly by sport

depending on the demands of the event and will change in relation to training, the pre-competition tapering phase, and the needs for the day of competition itself. Athletes from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds will prefer different foods, but individual taste preferences will also dictate the food choices. There are an infinite number of different food combinations that can meet the same nutritional goals. This is where the food quality and choices in the Village are so important. You can choose the foods you are used to and are comfortable with, but there is also enough variety to allow you to enjoy different foods. Remember though don't let all that temptation lead you astray!



Features

Word of the Day



"Γνώση", "Gnosi", Knowledge

You have all heard the ancient saying "A sound mind in a sound body". You take care of your physical exercise and we will look after your spiritual one. A visit to the Olympic Village Library will be a journey towards knowledge...

Quote of the Day

"We are friendly rivals but we both like to beat each other"

Laurie Lawrence
Former Australian Swimming coach



Features

Country Links



A Thread of Grecian Creations

A golden thread leads to early Greek presence in Great Britain. Andronikos and Alexios Effomatos, two brothers from Constantinople are described as “Grekes” in surviving documents from around 1440. Their trade was gold wire drawing, a costly silken thread with strands of gold woven in, used in expensive luxury fabrics and sacerdotal garments. It was the King of England, Henry VI, who personally granted them permission to remain in London where they lived in Broad Street, then the Italian quarter, until 1448, setting the pattern for Greek settlement over the next two hundred years.

Mark Riley



Home to the Gods and Fishermen

Today it is known as being home to Bulgarian artists and fishermen, but the city of Sozopol (Sozopolis meaning salvation in Greek) in Bulgaria was once the site of an ancient Greek colony. The stone streets and remnants of ancient temples provide evidence that this city is one of the first towns to have been founded along the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. The first inhabitants, Thracians, were Greeks from Milet who created a Hellenic colony and named it Apollonia-Pontica in 610 B.C. Archaeologists and historians believe the Greeks were attracted to this particular location because the peninsula enhanced commerce and trade.

John Grant



How to Create a Community

If you were a Greek alone in a country you had immigrated to, smiling at the opportunities of your newfound home but homesick for your culture, what would you do? Start a Hellenic community of course! There’s only one problem, it takes at least two to Tango. At the end of the 19th century Giorgos Orfanidis was the first and only Hellenic settler to arrive in Botswana, the third largest diamond producing nation. His solution was to “import” over 100 relatives and compatriots in the years following his arrival. Nowadays the Capital hosts a Hellenic Community as well as the Hellenic School of Gaborone.

Mark Riley



Village Views



Olympic Village Sports Complex

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Road to "Phevos" Resident Centre



Village Views



Plenty of Colours

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The International Zone and the Mountain of Parnitha

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Village Views



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Meeting by the lawn



Photo: M. Riley

Reflections



What's On

Today 9 August 2004 the Village Celebrates Birthdays

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Yonyou YUN	VIL VOC ASST

Team Welcome Ceremonies: Amphitheatre, International Zone

People's Republic of China	9:00 - 10:00
Trinidad & Tobago	11:00 - 12:00
Bulgaria	11:00 - 12:00
Botswana	11:00 - 12:00
Argentina	11:00 - 12:00
Great Britain	18:00 - 19:00
Ghana	18:00 - 19:00
Saint Lucia	18:00 - 19:00

Olympic Village Pulse



What's On

Cinema

Monday, 9 August **ENOUGH** **22:00**



Working-class waitress Slim (Jennifer Lopez - The Wedding Planner) thought she was entering a life of domestic bliss when she married Mitch (Billy Campell - TV's "Once and Again"), the man of her dreams. After the arrival of their first child, her picture perfect life is shattered when she discovers Mitch's hidden possessive dark side, a controlling and abusive alter ego that can turn trust, love and tranquillity into terror and menace. Terrified for her child's safety, Slim flees with her daughter. Relentless in his pursuit and enlisting the aid of lethal henchmen, Mitch continually stalks the prey that was once his family. Finally she fights back, engaging Mitch in a physical psychological battle, showing him she's had ENOUGH!

Tuesday, 10 August **I-SPY** **22:00**



Superstar Eddie Murphy (The Nutty Professor, Beverly Hills Cop) teams up with Owen Wilson (Meet The Parents, Behind Enemy Lines) for a hilarious, action-packed thrill ride also starring Famke Janssen (X-Men, GoldenEye) as an ultra-sexy secret agent. A super-powerful experimental spy plane is stolen by an evil arms dealer and is about to be handed over to an international terrorist. The U.S Government drafts an egotistical boxing star (Murphy) to join a suave special agent (Wilson) on a dangerous top-secret mission to get the plane back. Armed with the latest high tech gadgets and whole lot of attitude, this ultimate odd couple might be able to save the world-if they can just get along.

Wednesday, 11 August **THE MISSING** **22:00**



New Mexico, USA, 19th century. Maggie (Cate Blanchet, Academy Award nominee for Best Actress, 'Elizabeth') is a young woman living in isolation and raising her two daughters. When her eldest daughter is kidnapped by a psychopathic murderer with supernatural abilities, she turns to her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones, Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, 'The Fugitive') for help. Together they will try to follow the killer's bloody and frightening trail before their last hopes of ever seeing the young girl again disappear for good...

Thursday, 12 August **BIG FISH** **22:00**



'Big fish' means a bigger fish than the ones fishermen normally catch. Edward Blum is outsize like this - in the sunset of his life he tells fantastic tales of its best and worst moments. His son William tries to sort out fact from fiction so as to solve the mystery which is keeping father and son at a distance. For the very first time, William will make an effort to understand Edward...



About the Pulse

Welcome to the Olympic Village Pulse, the official daily Newspaper of the Olympic Village!

Through the Pulse web pages you can surf the streets and neighbourhoods of the Olympic Village, feel the pulse of everyday developments at first hand, and meet some of the 25,000 people who live and work in this exciting Village.

The Olympic village paper is in electronic form for the first time, and can be accessed from the ATHENS 2004 website:

www.athens2004.com/olvpulse.

You can find the paper in its printed form by opening the PDF file 'Print the Pulse'. Or, if you are living in the Olympic Village, visit one of the Internet Cafes and ask the helpful staff to either show you to a PC or print you a copy of the Olympic Village Pulse.

The Olympic Village Pulse publishes articles and pictures about life and events in the Village on a daily basis. It contains exclusive interviews with athletes, officials, employees, and volunteers, not to mention dozens of Village activities. The staff is made up of young volunteers who are carving their way into the arena of global journalism in this unique manner. We take pride in the privacy of all residents and employees of the Village and look to enhance the positive and welcoming environment that has been created by everyone. Though the immediate public for The Pulse is athletes and Village residents, its Internet presence opens a virtual window to the whole world.

Our main objective is to keep Village residents up to date with what is happening in the Village, and to enhance a multicultural community of people from all corners of the world. So, welcome to the Olympic Village, the beating heart of the Olympic Games and enjoy these unique days of multicultural and athletic excellence in the names of peace and determination to succeed.



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