The picture the outsider has is a clear one of a fairly fixed central core of a few members who form the Executive, fiddling agitatedly while the future of sports medicine burns. Where does B.A.S.M. belong in the academic hierarchy? Where is B.A.S.M. in relation to the governing bodies? What services does B.A.S.M. organise for sportsmen themselves, either through prompt treatment of injuries or arrangement of scientific services? Is it true that B.A.S.M., like that worthy rival, The Institute of Sports Medicine, is in fact equally guilty of the latter's historic description of "doing nothing, but doing it impeccably"?

Above all, if the American College of Sports Medicine can regularly turn out over 30 per cent of its membership at its four-day Annual Meeting and is highly organised into both professional and regional sub-sections, what on earth is B.A.S.M. trying to do with an active membership of less than 100 out of 1200, with no regional organisation, no professional sub-groupings and, by the look of it, and the Loughborough Annual Meeting appearances of it, pretty little central organisation either.

OBITUARY

Mr. W. A. C. Shillibeer, MCSP

It is with great regret that the death of William (Bill) A. C. Shillibeer has to be recorded. He died on 12th May, 1980 as the result of a road traffic accident. Bill Shillibeer joined the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy in 1971, having been admitted to the Physiotherapists Association in 1950. He joined B.A.S.M. in 1964. His personal principle sport was cycling but his deep interest involved him in a wide variety of disciplines. He was, for many years, Honorary Physiotherapist to the British Olympic Association and the Commonwealth Games and regularly attended the Maccabi Games. He was in the forefront of post-war sports physiotherapy.

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