

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor

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Dear Sir,

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPORTS MEDICINE JOURNALS

I read with great interest the observations by Bagnall and Winter and their comments on the participation of allied professions in Sports Medicine Journals, in their letter to the editor (Brit.Journ.Sports Med. 9, no. 3, October, 1975, page 155).

I agree with the editor's reply to their comments I personally subscribe to almost every sports medicine journal in the English speaking world. The British journal of Sports Medicine has been the leader in encouraging the participation of the allied professions and practioners in contributing to the proceedings and work of BASM Contributions to the journal. This example is followed closely by the Australian and New Zealand Sports Medicine Journals.

Bagnall's and Winter's comments might apply appropriately to various American journals.

- 1) The Am. College of Sports medicine journal is dominated by the exercise physiologists and physical education research specialists,
- 2) The Physician and Sports medicine by medical practioners and orthopedic specialists,
- 3) The journal of sports medicine by the orthopedic profession, and
- 4) The athletic journals by the coaches.

However their comments do not apply to your journal or association. I wonder how often medical and orthopedic specialists are asked to contribute to the British physical education journals.*

How many articles by the medical profession have appeared in the Research Quarterly over the years? It would be interesting to know, if the physical education profession has examined it's own policies concerning the participation of all disciplines in their journals.

I am a member of neither the medical nor physical education professions so I have no personal axe to grind. However, as a member of both BASM and ACSM, with a personal library of 2000 books in all the disciplines related to sports medicine, and some 7000 catalogued articles, along with subscriptions to 35 athletic, sports medicine and physical education journals from all over the world I believe I am qualified to offer an objective opinion, and support your Journal's editorial policy.

Yours truly,

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* *Fairly frequently, several years ago. — Editor.*