

BOOK REVIEW

Title: "POSTURE"
Author: Robert Roaf
Publisher: Academic Press, 1977 ISBN 0.12.589350.7
Price: £3.80 \$7.50

This is a well written, informative book on posture which is well illustrated. It deals with the basic Physiology and practical application of posture to sport and rehabilitation medicine and I recommend it for anyone interested in Sports Medicine and Physical Education.

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To the Editor, B.J.S.M.

*From Dr. J. G. P. Williams,
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Dear Sir,

Riposte to Riposte

I was interested to read the replies to my "Challenge". Setting aside the emotion and trying to remain objective, may I simply reiterate that the BASM at the present is neither a disciplined hierarchical professional body (such as the British Orthopaedic Association) nor a truly integrated totally egalitarian cooperative society; although at times it tries to behave as both – with the inevitable penalties of compromise which I have already outlined.

It seems to be not unreasonable to suggest that the BASM should make up its collective mind as to what it is – and be it! If we are a multi-disciplinary organisation surely we can improve the balance of representation in our committee – with rather fewer than 21 out of 29 (and not all officers) medically qualified! If we are a medically professional body!

J. G. P. Williams

A similar point is causing some concern in Canada, and Williams' original "Challenge" is mentioned in the February News Letter of the Canadian Association of Sports Sciences. The editor agrees that by definition "Sports Medicine" must be clinical, and it is the legitimate health professionals who have the most significant clinical role to play. There is no suggestion in this newsletter that only the interests of doctors should be considered. Further views from readers of Brit. J. Sports Med. are invited.

Editor

ERRATUM – *Brit.J.Sports Med., Vol. 12, No. 4, Page 258* – Mr. David Chapman was incorrectly assigned to the post of 'Hon. Assistant Secretary' this should have read 'Assistant to the Honorary Secretary' as there is no established post of Honorary Assistant Secretary.