

## JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

The *JSH* received twenty-nine new submissions between May 1, 1988 and April 30, 1989 plus eight manuscripts were submitted for the special issue on black sport history which went directly to guest editor David Wiggins. The three issues comprising volume 15 included ten articles, two research notes, one interview, three essay reviews, and thirty books reviewed. Regarding decisions taken, we approved four pending essays (including two revisions) and three new submissions (one as a revision); six submissions were invited (one was accepted, one rejected, four not yet resubmitted); fourteen articles were rejected, one revision was rejected, and two essays were returned as inappropriate; decisions are pending on four submissions. The total number of new submissions was about the norm for the past several years. However, without the special issue, which has become an annual matter, we would be quite deficient in the number of acceptable articles for publication. The special issue for winter 1989 is well under way under the joint editorship of John Hoberman and Arnd Kruger. In the following year we shall publish a special issue on "Sport and Gender" which will be edited by Roberta Park. It is hoped that the Park's issue will be subsequently turned into a book by the University of Illinois Press.

Several scholars have taken time from their busy schedules to serve as outside referees for the *JSH*. I want to thank Kathleen Crone, David Kanin, George Kirsch, John MacAloon, John O'Hara, Michael Pearlman, June Sochen, Richard Stremski, and David Wiggins for agreeing to evaluate manuscripts.

The editor was asked by the publications board chairman to investigate the possibility of publishing an index to the *JSH*. The cost of a full-scale index will be at least \$4,000 if professionally done, and that would not even count the cost of publication. This seems impractical to me. What is probably more feasible would be a simple index of indexes employing the three indexes we have already published plus one that will follow publication of volume 16. This would be inexpensive and simple to accomplish. However, I cannot recommend this because we have had only a few indexes to date, and considering the small number of articles, commentaries, research notes, and reviewed books included, the data base is so small to make a more complete (but still very short) index unnecessary. I personally have had very little need to use the indexes in my work as journal editor, and I don't think many readers have had much recourse to it either. A new index would essentially replicate what already exists and would not be a useful expenditure of time, energy or money.

Finally, let me review a number of changes that have occurred in the Journal's editorial staff. Angela Lumpkin, now of North Carolina State has resigned after several years of excellent service as journey survey editor. We want to thank her for her contribution. She has been replaced by Jan Beran of Iowa State University. We have added a special new section on Film, Media and Museum Reviews about which we are very excited. The new editor will be C. Robert Barnett. This section will become a regular feature of the summer issue beginning in 1990. A guideline for possible contributors appears in the spring issue, and the editor welcomes serious inquiries. We believe this will provide an important service to the scholarly community and others interested in sport studies by broadening our coverage of matters relevant to sport history, particularly in the area of public history. David Wiggins continues as book review editor (although moving in January to George Mason University). Let me compliment him on his excellent job to date. In the past we were often late in getting out reviews or in reviewing all the books we should have, but this has been squared away, and the Review Section is one of the strengths of the journal.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Editor  
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