

REPORT OF THE EDITOR,
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In this, my final report, I wish to again thank my colleagues on the editorial staff for their selfless contributions to our journal, to Maggie Keech, our associate at the University of Washington Department of Printing, and to Sue and Ron Smith for their constant support. I would like to take a moment to thank our outside readers, Joseph Arbena, William Beezley, Andrew Eisenberg, George Kirsch, Scott LaFrance, John MacAloon, Harold Seymour, Greg Singleton, Jim Sumner, and Ken Winkle for their gracious assistance.

In volume 18 we published 15 articles, nine of which comprised our excellent "Sport and Gender" issue. We all owe a great deal to Roberta J. Park, the guest editor, who put together this historic issue. In addition, volume 18 included 2 research notes, 14 book reviews, 5 museum reviews, 3 archival reviews, and one media review. In the future we would like to see more contributions in this section, especially in the area of film and media. Potential contributors should please contact section editor Robert Barnett.

In the period from May 1, 1991 to April 30, 1992, the journal received 32 new manuscripts and four resubmissions. This was the first time in a while that the number of submissions has gone up. We accepted 4 resubmissions, 8 new manuscripts (all with revisions), requested resubmissions for 4, rejected 6, and returned 6 as inappropriate. Action is pending on seven manuscripts.

As we look to the future, let me congratulate Joe Arbena who has agreed to pick up the helm and serve us in the following four years as the new editor of the journal. We wish him well and hope he will enjoy the same cooperation I have had from our colleagues. His appointment reflects our concern with seeking to broaden the scope of our journal to cover all subjects, all chronological eras, all genders, and all geographic areas. Looking forward, while looking backward, we plan a special retrospective issue for Vol. 20, No. 3, Winter 1993 that will examine important topics in the recent sport historiography. Our contributors will include Donald Mrozek on methodology, Roberta Park on health, hygiene, and biomedical issues, Patricia Vertinsky on gender, John MacAloon on international sport, Jeffrey Sammons on race, Pierre Lanfranchi on soccer, Randy Roberts on boxing, and Jules Tygiel on baseball. I look forward to their stimulating and thought provoking essays that will not only evaluate where we have come over the past years, but also chart an agenda for the future. This is the only special issue on our agenda for the future. I have felt that the special issue format has been an excellent vehicle for getting our journal involved in topics, geographic areas, and time periods that have otherwise been slighted by what has come over the transom, while also facilitating the involvement of scholars who might not have otherwise submitted to the journal. A couple of years ago the publications board recommended that editors of future special issues not be permitted to author an essay in that issue which I believe was an unfortunate mistake. This is not the policy of other scholarly journals who as a matter of course allow, if not encourage, guest editors to write an essay. They, after all, were selected to edit the issue because of their expertise, and it is unfair

to the readership, as well as the guest editor to deny s/he an opportunity to publish his/her own scholarship. I recommend that the publication board reexamine this policy.

Respectfully submitted,
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