EDITORIAL

A start has been made at last on an all-time index, covering all editions of the annual: Tim Lynch-Staunton is doing this for all men's events (except walks) and Martin James is covering the women. This project, when completed, will be immensely useful, particularly if as is planned, we produce future annual and all-time lists using automatic data processing. A sub-committee, composed of David Dallman, Peter Matthews and Bob Sparks, is to produce a report on the feasibility of using ADP, which may be presented at the AGM. So that the data held on the "master file" is as error-free as possible, it is absolutely essential that we receive notification of amendments to previous editions of the annual. So far only two members (Simon Pearson and Doug Busst) have sent in amendments to all the year lists (1958-67). I should like to emphasise that we need these amendments, and their compilation should not be regarded as an unnessary, or merely academic,

MISCELLANY

- § Clive Williams is making a welcome statistical comeback this year and, with Ken Bennett and John Walsh, intends to form a more closely knit group of Welsh enthusiasts. He has suggested that the organisation be called TWITS (The Welsh Institute of Track Statisticians): no comment!
- § When Len Gebbett was informed that the last issue would be accompanied by British year lists for 1866 he remarked: "I hope you don't get too many last minute amendments!".
- § NUTS members competed with reasonable success in the National CC championships: Liz Sissons finished 58th over a 3-1/2 miles course at Aldershot on February 22, while a week later at Parliament Hill over a sticky 9 miles John Walsh came 522nd and David Dallman 598th. David Turner was 142nd in the junior (6 miles) race.
- § Amendments to BA 70/2: please note that Nobby Clarke (EGC) will be compiling the 1,500m-2M lists, and Liz Sissons (ES) the senior women's
- § It would seem from information given me by Mel Watman and total silence from the Federação Portuguesa de Atletismo that the Portuguese scoring tables are no longer available.
- § Quote from Cannibals and Christians by Norman Mailer (Sphere Books, 7/6): "Lists and categories are always the predictable refuge of the passionless, the mediocre, the timid, and the bowel-bound who will not make another move until they have exhausted the last." (p.169)

NUTS RECORDS

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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS AND PROJECTED

Please send details to the Editor if you wish to be included in this section. Offers to co-operate on particular projects should be sent to the compiler direct.

Shaun Adair - UK Track Directory Roger Gynn - Field events series

Andrew Huxtable- Best brothers and sisters (world & UK)

Best married couples (world & UK)

Best twins (world & UK)
- WAAA junior and intermediate championship results Peter Martin

before 1957

All-time bests and dates of birth (juniors and

intermediates)

Peter Matthews - Best 10 marks average (world & UK)

Best marks in individual events by decathletes and

pentathletes (world & UK)

Keith Morbey - UK top 10 year lists (1919-49)

World, European and Commonwealth relay lists (men &

women)

UK relay lists (all age groups, men & women) Championship results and record progression in

relays

Pete Pozzoli - UK all-time best performers, age records and county

records by birth (women)

Bob Sparks Dave Terry & - Growth curve analysis

Peter Lovesey - UK top 10 year lists (1866-1918)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF ATHLETICS STATISTICIANS - No.6 W. Germany

Gemeinschaft Deutschen Leichtathletik-Statistiker e.V. (eingetragener Verein=registered association) has been unquestionably the model for all other national groups from the viewpoint of publication of material. It has existed in a loose form since 1961 and in that year convened a meeting in Düsseldorf. On November 9 last year, the association was officially founded in Asslar, home town of Hermann Uhl (born May 2, 1921), ATFS member and deputy chairman. The rest of the committee is composed of Bruno Riedel (July 5, 1912), chairman; Siegfried Banse (November 18, 1930), secretary; Irma Riedel, treasurer; Otto Höxtermann (August 11, 1912) and Reinhold Stürmer. The total membership is 260. There are at present no formal rules. The association publishes a monthly newsletter, Rundbrief, which continuously up-dates the all-time German lists, and is presently running a series devoted to German year lists from 1905 onwards. Innumerable other statistical features have appeared. I should like to thank Hermann Uhl and Bruno Riedel for the above information; we send best wishes to our German colleagues!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MEMBERS' PENTATHLON AND DINNER

The AGM will be held on August 2 at a venue and time to be decided. Members are referred to Rule 3(d) and Rule 6(e) of the Constitution. It has been suggested that August 3 would be a good date for the Pentathlon and Dinner, but before we go ahead with arrangements it would be appreciated if members could indicate whether they favour this date or another.

WORLD & UK BESTS BY DECATHLETES AND PENTATHLETES by Peter Matthews

The following tabulations show the theoretical best scores of the leading decathlon and pentathlon exponents in the world. Wind assisted marks have not been considered (although IAAF Rule 148(5) allows windy marks in world and European records), but indoor marks have. It is hoped to publish in a future issue a compilation for the "new-look" pentathlon with 100mH.

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SPORTS WEEK AT THE NFT by Andrew Huxtable

Tom McNab informed your resident film critic recently that he has been involved in negotiations with the British Film Institute for a week-long programme of sports films at the National Film Theatre next year to precede the Commonwealth Games. More details will be published later. And on the subject of the Games, Ian Steedman has already arranged a statistical get-together on July 24, 1970!

NATIONAL ATHLETICS LIBRARY

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Considerable progress has been made since we last reported on the project. The centre (which will be international in character and contain printed books, programmes, manuscripts and photographs) is to be established this summer in the Main Library, University of Birmingham. Malcolm Warburton has been appointed as assistant librarian to take charge of the collection initially. Incidentally, we send Malcolm best wishes for his "finals" in June.

The next issue (publication date: early September) will include UK all-time relay and men's pentathlon lists. Other contributions should reach the Editor (78 Toynbee Road, LONDON, SW 20) by the end of August.