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A belated seasons greetings (which should be capitalized and if I weren't so lazy I would rip this out of the typewriter and start again, or if I had some correction tape or Liquid Paper here I would correct it, but I am out of both and forgot to get new so you can look for even more that the usual number of mistakes in this issue, which is already off to a great start since I have always been taught that short sentences enhance readability, but really wouldn't it be neat if I could fill the entire issue with this one long sentence and all within the parentheses besides, which would probably qualify me for the Guinness Book Of Records but which honor I will forego and without further delay return you to the main thought) to all of our faithful readers. The Mortlands have had a great time and hope that you have too. Since there is no real headline news this month, we will plunge right into results, starting with the final two Nationals for 1976.

NAAU Class "B" 25 Km, Riis Park, Chicago, Nov. 21--1. Frank Cote, Green & Gold AC 2:33:46 2. Jay Byers, U. of Wis.-Eau Claire 2:46:52 DNF-- Jim Gordon, un.--In an accompanying Open race, Fred Kuhn, G&G won in 2:51:58 with Kevin Geoghegan out at 10 Km and a Women's race went to Edith Bentley in 3:49:37

NAAU MASTERS 35 Km, Houston, Nov. 28--1. Jeff Bomer, Austin Runners (Jeff ought to find another club) 3:35:27 (29:32, 60:40, 1:29:46, 2:01:14, 2:31:23, 3:04) 2. John Stowers, Terlingua TC 3:45:33 (28:33, 59:46, 1:29:29, 2:02:36, 2:35, 3:10:16) 3. George Scott, Austin Runners 3:53:26 4. Chuck Hunter, Colorado TC 3:59:49 (led through 15 Km with 27:00, 59:44, and 1:29:16) 5. John Evans, Terlingua TC 4:02:30 (first over 50) 6. Mickey Flakesley, San Diego TC 4:24:40 (first over 60) 7. Lida ASKEW, American National 4:43:37 (a female type, if the name doesn't tell you). Temperature 29 F with rain, sleet, and wind.

1 Mile, New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17--1. Jack Boitano 7:10.8 2. Mike Segal 8:28.6 NEAAU 30 Km, Nov. 13, Orleans, Mass.--1. Paul Schell 2:59:45 2. David Jolliff 3:00:35 3. George Lattarulo 3:04:33 4. John Gray 3:05:27 5. Robert Leaver 3:12:43 6. John Counihan 3:28:45 NEAAU 20 Km, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26--1. Tom Knatt 2:07:30 2. Steve Vaitones 2:07:36 3. Charles Scott 2:18:13 4. George Lattarulo 2:22:59 5. Robert Leaver 2:26:01 6. Timothy Lepore 2:49:39 7. Fred Brown Sr. 3:03:18-- heavy snow on an unplowed course. Please Fred, send the Wednesday results, too. No results are of "no consequence" despite what friend Tom Knatt says. Hopefully, someday, walking will reach a state in this country that there will be so many results that I will have to be selective in some way, but we aint there yet. (That was a personal note to Fred Brown, who says he is no longer sending the Wednesday evening results because Tom Knatt says they are of no consequence.) 1 Mile Handicap, New York City, Dec. 4--1. Bob Fine 6:53 (Off 150 yds) 2. Vince O'Sullivan 6:55.8 (scratch) 3. Mike Dulke 7:01.2 (scr.) 4. Kurt Engel 7:01.3 (Off 175 yds) 5. Gary Westerfield 7:13 (scr.) 6. Bob Falciola 7:24 (scr.)

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7. Chirs Flanagan 7:33 (off 90) 8. Dr. John Shilling 7:38 (Off 90)--15
 finishers. 10 Km (track), Kings Point, N.Y., Dec. 5--1. Gary Westerfield
 49:28.2 2. Ron Day 53:55.8 3. Steve Hayden 53:55.9 4. John Shilling
 54:19.5 5. Mary Beth Lange 63:47 1 Mile, New York, Dec. 17--1. Chris
 Flanagan 6:45.3 (195 yds) 2. Ron Daniel 6:54 (scr.) 3. Dr. Ivan Blak
 6:58.8 (200 yds) 4. Ron Kulik 7:04 (scr) 5. Gary Westerfield 7:08.3
 (scr) 6. Bob Falciola 7:10.8 (scr) 7. Ron Day 7:20 (scr.) 8. Don
 Weber 7:30 (scr) 9. George Lattarulo 7:50 (scr.) Honolulu, Marathon,
Dec. 12--Ron Day (age 17) walked 4:21:30 20 Km, Old Westbury, N.Y., Dec.
19--1. Gary Westerfield 1:41:42 2. Ron Day 1:51:25.6 3. George Lattarulo
 2:05:07--Dan O'Connor out at 15 Km with dizziness from cold air. Women's
1 Mile Handicap, New York, Dec. 17--1. Claudia Silva 8:20 (200 yds) 2.
 Eileen Smith 8:21 (scr.) 3. Barbara Sutton 8:48 (160 yds)--Mary Beth
 Lange walking from scratch stopped one lap short. Additional finishers
 in Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap (first 20 last month)--21. Cliff Mimm
 1:37:25 22. Mary Beth Lange 1:52:27 23. Patrick Quinn 1:52:28 24.
 Kenneth Wolk 1:52:29 25. Peter Doyle 1:27:32 26. Dr. John Shilling 1:29:
 54 27. Bob Mimm 1:27:30 28. Dr. Ed Doran (age 80) 2:15:05 29. Ben
 Ottmer 1:31:06 30. Ron Daniel 1:20:21 31. Ray Floriani Jr. 1:20:23
 (good race with both going from scratch) 32. Nathan Ringler 1:52:26
 33. Elliott Denman 1:43:39 34. Ben Brown 1:30:52 35. Donal Cherrin
 1:56:06 36. Dr. Robert Leaver 1:40:37 37. Peter Timmons 1:33:25 38.
 Alan Wood 1:41:28 39. Paul Schell 1:30:31 40. David Romansky 1:21:33
 41. Edward Granowitz 1:55:49 42. Anthony Coviello 1:49:30 43. Robert
 Siegel 1:42:51 44. Steven Bregman 1:52:39 45. Gary Kohlbach 1:39:55
 46. David Jolliff 1:35:03 47. Marcus Boatwright 1:51:47 48. Michael
 Prince 2:07:24 49. Denise Romansky 1:59:46 50. Anthony Kostich 2:08:30
 51. Jorge Buxton 1:58:17 52. Joan Threadgill 2:05:50 53. Fred Spector
 1:54:17 54. C. Frank Pavonetti 2:02:56 10 Km, Charlottesville, Va., Dec.
11 (track)--1. Sal Corrallo 49:12.7 2. Brian Sivilonis 50:23.7 3. Andrew
 Briggs 52:14.6 1 Mile, College Park, Md., Dec. 19--1. Carl Schueler
 6:40.3 2. Tim Good 7:30 3. Paul Robertson 8:48.7 4. Gwen Good 9:54
 (age 14) Thanksgiving Day 4 Mile Handicap, Springfield, Ohio--1. Richard
 Myers 42:05 2. Jack Blackburn 34:10 3. Tim Blackburn 36:57 4. Terry
 McLain 36:41 5. Patrick Cain 55:48 (7th grade) 6. Jimmy Leslie 55:49
 (3rd grade--Jack's new son by his marriage this summer) 2 Mile, same
place--1. Michelle Leslie and Suzanne Cain 26:32 3. Joyce Blackburn
 26:33 (the new Mrs. Jack) 4. Ann Hockburg 28:32 5. Eva (from Sweden)
 Ljunkquist 6. Mark Hockburg New Year's Eve 6 Mile, Springfield, Ohio,
Dec. 31--1. Jack Blackburn 70:13 (52:13 actual time--handicap race) 2.
 Jack Mortland 70:27 (52:27) 3. Tim Blackburn 72:57 (56:57) 4. Bob
 Smith 78:13 (64:13) 5. Richard Myers 75:25 (65:25)--DQ--Tom Henry 74:27
 (64:27) DNF--Patrick Cain 55:45 for 4 miles 1 Mile, same place--1. Pat-
 rick Cain (age 14) 11:04 2. Molly Blackburn (11) 12:01 3. Nate Black-
 burn (age 6) 12:01 (but trotting most of the way) 4. Michelle Leslie
 (11) 12:44 5. Jimmy Leslie (8) 12:46 6. Derek Mortland (8) 13:10--did
 a little jogging himself, good at other times 7. Susan Crain 13:15

8. Marty Mortland (37) 13:20--solid as a rock all the way. Temperature
 for the races was 5 F with a fairly strong wind. The course was a 2-mile,
 out-and-back affair largely clear but with a few rather extensive patches
 of snow. The 1-Mile just went half-way out and back, starting at 7:30.
 Patrick Cain led from the start and showed good style. In the 6-miler,
 which followed, Blackburn did a lousy job of handicapping as the two
 scratch men had caught the field before the end of two laps. Blackburn
 went through the first lap in 17:10 to take a 15 second lead on Mortland
 and was never challenged. Tim Blackburn, at 16, continues to look menacing
 to his elders with his impeccable, fluid style. Bob Smith never seems to
 do as well in temperature extremes (probably anything below 55 and above
 63, he is quite particular) and was not fourth at all, as I managed to
 place him above. His actual time was indeed 64:27 and his elapsed time
 was indeed 78:13 and 78:13 does not beat 75:25. Richard Myers, a good
 cyclist and sometimes cross-country skier in the Master's category, is a
 promising walker indeed and seems quite serious about improving. Tom
 Henry is a runner and was in his first walk. He looked good most of the
 way, following closely behind Myers but made a move in the last mile and
 unfortunately didn't know quite how to do it legally. When he rounded the
 final turn at a dead trot we had no choice but to give him the old DQ,
 even in an informal New Year's Eve Handicap. (Of course, Nate and Derek
 should have been summarily dismissed in the first race as well but they
 aren't really interested in being race walkers at this point anyway and
 Tom is.) In any case, Tom accepted it quite well and will no doubt be
 back. With four bucks invested in the ORW now, he has to pursue the
 sport 10 Km, Columbia, Mo., Nov. 27--1. Rob Spier 63:34 2. Bob Brugger
 69:40 3. William Taft 77:00 4. Henry Bent 79:54 20 Km, Columbia, Nov.
13--1. Jim Breitenbacher and Randy Mimm 2:12:12 3. Henry Bent 2:39:33
 (age 76) 4. William Taft 2:40:35 (age 61) 6 Mile Boy-Girl Relay, Newton,
Ia., Dec. 4--Rich Carron, Shawn Dahlstrom 65:03 2. Dave Eidahl, Jean
 Hall 65:22 3. Eric Dahlstrom, Erica Dahlstrom 66:06 4. Mike Hook,
 Anita Hall 66:37 5. Bill Wolf, Janell Peterson 67:20 5 Mile, Des Moines,
Nov. 25--1. Dave Eidahl 42:22 2. Stan Smith 42:28 3. Bill Wolf 46:53
 4. Mike Hook 47:03 5. Rich Carron 49:06 Girls 2 Mile, same place--1.
 Erica Dahlstrom 21:36 5 Mile, Lake Darling, Ia., Nov. 14--1. Dave Eidahl
 42:49 2. Bill Wolf 53:00 Girls 2 Mile--1. Anita Hall 21:24 2. Janelle
 Peterson 21:46 Iowa Fall Junior Olympics, Newton, Nov. 13--Age 12-13
 1 1/2 Miles--L. Eric Dahlstrom 15:20 Age 14-15 2 Mile--1. Bill Wolf 18:50
 Age 16-17 3 Mile--Rich Carron 29:01 Gulf AAU 50 Km, Houston, Dec. 12--
1. John Knifton 4:43:42 (55:56, 1:52:57, 2:49:24, 3:46:12) 2. Larry
Mack 5:19:10 3. John Stowers 5:24:21 4. George Scott 5:37:48 5. Clyde
Villimez 6:53:32 6. Lida Askew 7:06:24 4 Mile, Newton, Ia., Dec. 19--
1. Dave Eidahl 34:24 2. Stan Smith 34:45 3. Jim Breitenbacher 36:46
4. Mike Hook 37:16 5. Bill Wolf 38:07 6. Rich Carron 38:07 7. Eric
Dahlstrom 39:56 Women's 2 Mile, same place--1. Erica Dahlstrom 21:05
 2. Anita Hall 22:03 3. Janelle Peterson 23:59 4 Mile, Denver, Nov. 25--
1. Marco Evoniuk 32:39 2. Greg McGuire 33:18 3. Tom O'Connell 37:07
Pacific Northwest 15 Km, Dec. 18--1. Steve DiBernardo 1:12:53 2. Bob
 Rosencrantz 1:13:26 3. Duke Hensleel 1:16:53 4. Phil Millard 1:19:37
 5. Paul Kaald 1:27:50--DNF--Jim Bean (49:01 at 10 Km) Women--1. Julie
 Partridge 1:37:52 Seattle Marathon, Nov. 27--Steve DiBernardo 3:57:45
4 Mile, Issaquah, Wash., Oct. 3--1. Martin Rudow 31:26 2. Phil Millard
 33:14 3. John Sherrill 34:41, DNF--Steve DiBernardo 5 Km Handicap,
Seattle, Oct. 30 (actual times in parenthesis)--1. Mike Cosper 31:48
 (31:48) 2. Phil Millard 31:56 (24:56) 3. Claude Wrathall 32:22 (27:22)--
 Claude returned to race walking 4 months before and has dropped 40
 pounds in the meantime 4. Dean Ingram 33:03 (31:03) 5. Steve DiBernardo

23:51 6. Ed Glander 38:32 (33:32) 10 Km Handicap, Seattle, Nov. 20--
 1. Diane Forsell (age 13) 69:57 2. Dean Ingram 61:59 3. Paul Kaald 57:44
 4. Phil Millard 50:50 5. Julie Partridge 63:58 10 Km, Toronto, Nov. 13--
 1. Helmut Boeck 49:53.3 2. Max Gould 53:55 3. Glenn Sweazey 58:17 4.
 John Layton 60:26 5. Lily Whalen 66:45 20 Km, Toronto, Nov. 28--1. Hel-
 mut Boeck 1:42:23 2. Max Gould 1:48:23 3. Glenn Sweazey 1:55:04 4. Alex
 Oakley 1:55:10 5. John Layton 1:55:10 Womens 5 Km, same place--1. Lily
 Whalen 32:43.4

OVERSEAS:

20 Km (actually closer to 18½), Rome, Nov. 4--1. Daniel Bautista, Mex.
 1:18:40 2. Angel Flores 1:18:50 3. Domingo Colin, Mex. 1:19:27 4. C.
 Danto, Mex. (Age 17) 1:21:26 5. Armando Zambaldo, Italy 1:22:08 6.
 Maurizio DaMilano, Italy (Junior) 1:22:37 7. Olly Flynn, Eng. 1:23:37
 8. R. DiNicola, Italy 1:23:47 9. Sandro Belluci, Italy 1:24:10 10.
 Vittorio Visini, Italy 1:24:24 11. G. DaMilano, It. 1:25:05 12. C. Matt-
 iola, It. 1:25:25 13. Domenico Carpiantieri, Italy 1:25:44 14. Roger
 Mills, GB 1:25:45 15. R. Buccione, It. 1:25:46--Had I had this result
 when I made my World Rankings last month, I would probably have included
 Flores. He was very close anyway and here he decisively beats three of
 those I did rank. 7 Mile, Enfield, Eng., Nov. 13--1. Shaun Lightman
 49:59 2. Peter Marlow 50:02 3. Carl Lawton 50:54 4. Amos Seddon 51:35
 5. Ken Carter 52:18 6. Ian Richards 52:28 7 Mile, Belgrave, Nov. 7--
 1. Shaun Lightman 51:13 2. Peter Marlow 51:15 3. Bob Dobson 51:42
 International Match, Denmark, August: Holland--64, Switzerland--55,
 Belgium and Denmark--46, Luxembourg--25: Junior 10 Km--1. Allan Myring,
 Denmark 51:06 2. Lars Nielsen 51:33 3. R. VanVliet, Hol. 51:37 4. H.
 van Der Knaap, Hol 51:37 5. Fritz Muller, Switz. 51:47 Senior 35 Km--1.
 Lucien Faber, Lux. 2:55:59 2. Willi Sawall, Australia (guest) 2:56:04
 3. Christian Halloy, Bel. 3:04:17 4. Rene Hugi, Switz. 3:05:22 5. Tjabel
 Ras, Hol. 3:06:05 15 Km, London, Dec. 4--1. Shaun Lightman 69:48 2. Ian
 Richards 69:46
 And, we left out: 1500 Meter, Rochester, Dec. 19--1. Rich Merriam 6:51.3

SCHEDULE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS

Sat. Jan. 15--1 Mile, Phoenix, Ariz., 10 a.m. (A)
 1 Mile, Seattle, 4 p.m. (F)
 15 Km, Detroit (I)
 Sun. Jan. 16--10 Km, Smithtown, N.Y., 9 a.m. (C)
 2 Mile, College Park, Md., 1:30 p.m. (B)
 5 Km Handicap, Seattle, 11 a.m. (F)
 4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Des Moines, 2 p.m. (J)
 Sat. Jan. 22--20 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
 3 Mile, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1:45 p.m. (J)
 Sun. Jan. 23--10 Mile, 5 Mile, Reston, Va., 1 p.m. (B)
 1 Mile, Rochester, N.Y. (G)
 3 Mile, Ottumwa, Ia., 2 p.m. (J)
 Sat. Jan. 29--20 Km, Detroit (I)
 Sun. Jan. 30--Gulf AAU 20 Km, Houston, 9 a.m. (E)
 4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Okmhoosa, Ia., 1:30 p.m. (J)
 Sat. Feb. 5--10 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
 USTFF Indoor 5 Km Champ., Kenosha, Wis. (L)
 Sun. Feb. 6--1 Mile, 5 Km, Kings Point, N.Y., 9 a.m. (C)
 2 Mile, College Park, Md., 1:30 p.m. (B)
 Sat. Feb. 12--8 Mile and 3 Mile, Washington, D.C., 10 a.m. (B)
 25 Km, Detroit (I)
 Sun. Feb. 13--20 Mile, San Francisco area (O)
 4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Lake Darling, Ia., 1:30 p.m. (J)

Sat. Feb. 19--10 Km and 5 Km, Carderock, Md., 11 a.m. (B)
 15 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
 Sun. Feb. 20--10 Km, Westbury, N.Y., 9 a.m. (C)
 Gulf AAU 50 Km, Houston, 6 a.m. (E)
 Sat. Feb. 26--30 Km, Detroit (I) (Shows Sat. Feb. 30 on their schedule
 but there aint no Feb. 30 and if there was it wouldn't
 be on Saturday, so I assume this is the correct date)
 6 Mile Men, 3 Mile Women, Des Moines, 10 a.m. (J)
 Sun. Feb. 27--7 Mile and 3.2 Mile, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m. (B)
 1 Mile, Rochester, N.Y. (G)
 NAAU INDCOR 2 MILE, NEW YORK CITY (F) (I don't have any-
 thing on this meet but picked this date of someone else's
 schedule. The meet is normally on Friday night)
 4 Mile Men, 3 Mile Women, Ottumwa, Ia., 2 p.m. (J)
 Sat. Mar. 5--5 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
 Sun. Mar. 6--20 Km, Westbury, N.Y., 9 a.m. (C)
 6 Mile and 3 Mile, Silver Spring, Md., 1:30 p.m. (B)
 10 Km, San Francisco, 10 a.m. (O)

(Wouldn't it be neat, I always think as I type these schedules, to be
 independently wealthy and to fly off to one of these races each weekend.
 No one would ever know when Mortland, the vagabond walker, would drop in
 on their race. Well, if you want to do this, following are people you can
 contact according to the key letters above.)

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THE CONTINUING JUNIOR 3 KM SAGA

The following open letter to the ORW from Gary Bywaters, current
 Allegheny Mountain Association RW Chairman, appears to be the final chapter
 in the controversy over the 1976 Junior 3 Km Championship. You will re-
 call that a race reputed by some to be the National Championship was held
 in July. The winner, Steve O'Brien, later learned that the race had been
 unsanctioned and the "real championship" would be held in November, which
 it ultimately was. Gary's letter clarifies pretty well what happened
 but the explanation certainly doesn't make the whole affair satisfactory.
 In essence, some internal political squabbling and personality clashes
 within that Association together with lack of direction nationally resulted
 in a sad situation in which two guys traveled in good conscience at their
 own expense to what they had every reason to believe was a National Champ-
 ionship. It is just another of the many reasons that people grow weary of
 the AAU organization and administration. Anyway, Gary's letter, which al-
 though it takes a lot of space, should be published in full since we did
 likewise for the other side. (I hate to even mention sides in a sport
 that needs everyone pulling together to attain its just stature.)

An Open Letter To the Ohio Race Walker

Dear Jack,

It is necessary to clarify the situation of conflicting AAU Junior 3000 Meter Champions. There is only one--Ron Day, LIAC. It is unfortunate that Steve O'Brien and Roger Young came to attend an unsanctioned meet, unknowingly.

Mr. John Harwick of the Western Pennsylvania Track Club has been suspended nationally since April 23, 1976, and could NOT hold nor be involved in running ANY AAU sanctioned meet.

The Allegheny Mountain Association felt Mr. John Harwick would handle this suspension in an honorable manner. Since the AMA had no desire to embarrass or decry Mr. John Harwick it did not showcase this matter. A brief notice was sent to him and to involved chairmen in the AMA. A letter was also issued by Ollan Cassell to all AAU Registration Chairmen confirming the suspension nationally.

Mr. John Harwick stated in his letter of Sept. 7, 1976, (Sept. ORW) that he had no idea why no sanction was granted for the June 26, 1976 3 Km racewalk (which he considered a national championship)--that he had been an AAU volunteer for over 20 years (then Mr. John Harwick knew very well that you DO NOT wait five days before a national championship to apply for sanction)--that he was secretary of the AMA Race Walk Committee in 1975 (present chairman, Bywaters, says he was not)--that Gary Bywaters had signed the sanction application--and that there was confusion over the contracts.

In answer: there was a great deal of confusion over the contracts as they were sent to the AMA Office and AMA Secretary-Treasurer, Sue Taylor, could not locate who had bid on them. Bywaters didn't bid on the national and told Sue that he did not have the resources at that time to put on the meet. The contracts were returned to the national office as indicated in the National AAU Handbook. Later, Mr. John Harwick informed AMA Race Walk Chairman, Gary Bywaters, that he would put on the meet. The hunt was on for the contracts. Calls were made back and forth between many parties (Boitano, Harwick, Bywaters, Sue Taylor, National Headquarters). Our AMA Office could not believe Mr. John Harwick would actually attempt to hold an AAU Championship since he was suspended nationally! Sue Taylor informed Gary Bywaters of Mr. John Harwick's suspension. (Gary had no recollection of receiving any notice to this effect.) Bywaters then asked Mr. John Harwick to notify the people who were coming that the meet was cancelled and would be held at a later date under the sponsorship of Gary Bywaters with a DEFINITE sanction from the AAU. He told Chairman Bywaters he would NOT notify these people, nor would he give Gary Bywaters the names of those coming so HE could call and tell them not to come!

Dr. Boitano was also told of the suspension by Sue Taylor many days PRIOR to the meet and HE told Mr. John Harwick the meet would be illegal if held. So did the AMA!

Dr. Boitano sent O'Brien a letter dated, Aug. 6, 1976 (copied Harwick, Cassell, Sue Taylor) regarding the 6-26 meet."the sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Track Club and the meet director, (John Harwick) thought they would receive a sanction when they put in a bid for this race at the National Convention held last Nov. 30 in New Orleans. It was on this assumption that the National Race Walk Committee awarded this race to the AMA." He further stated that his race could not be considered a national championship...."The race has been rescheduled for Nov. 7, in the Allegheny Mountain Association. If you are at all interested...you probably could obtain entry blanks from Mrs. Sue Taylor" and the address.

Steve O'Brien's letter to Mr. John Harwick was dated August 10, 1976 and said in part...."you" (John Harwick) "made it quite clear to Mike (Riban) and myself at the race that Mr. Boitano gave you direct authorization to conduct the race....just a few days before that race."

Further disruption of AMA Race Walking is evident in the enclosed copy of Mr. John Harwick's letter of October 12, 1976, to Martin Kraft of Detroit. It is a form letter with "Martin" the only word hand-printed and is as follows:

"I've received your request for an entry blank for the 1976 National AAU Senior 35,000 Meter Race Walk Championship."

"I have no information on the race so I wrote to Ollan Cassell on October 2, (see copy of letter) and requested a supply of entry blanks to distribute. Cassell has not answered my letter."

"I cannot recommend that any race walkers come to Pittsburgh for an AAU race walk."

"Steve O'Brien (Chicago Green and Gold) is the last race walker to come to Pittsburgh for an AAU race walk and he was ripped off...Please read the copies of letters from Nat. AAU Race Walk Chairman Boitano to Steve, from Steve to me, and from me to Steve."

"I suggest you write to Dr. Boitano and recommend that the 35,000 be moved to another Association." Boitano's address followed."

We have since learned that many others received this letter, among them Elliott Denman and the walkers from the Kings Point Military Academy. All Mr. John Harwick had to do or tell anyone else to do was contact AMA Race Walk Chairman, Gary Bywaters or Co-Chairman, Barbara Trempus, to receive all pertinent information. He did not.

In conclusion we can only point out that the dates on the letters involved are very important to remember. There would have been no confusion, no problems, if Mr. John Harwick had contacted the local AAU office about these matters. He DID NOT because the problems HE has caused here led to his subsequent national suspension from the AAU. It is evident from Dr. Boitano's and O'Brien's letters that Mr. John Harwick was running the meet in question.

The AMA hosted the 1976 NAAU 35 kilometer walk which was very well organized--free housing available; a plentiful post-race fried chicken dinner, and transportation to and from Greater Pittsburgh Airport to the race site about 1/2-hour drive away.

It is unfortunate that the AMA has taken the rap for the actions of Mr. John Harwick when in reality, the AMA Race Walk Committee is totally dedicated to the advancement of race walking...but NOT at the infraction of AAU rules.

We hope we have clarified this miserable situation. Our race walking committee in the AMA is a very enthusiastic one. We have a number of meets lined up for the indoor season, and an invitation planned for the spring. We have an age-group walking program that we feel is the fastest growing, and finest to be found, anywhere. Interest in our Mens and Womens Divisions is beginning to take off as well.

The AMA Race Walking Committee has put too much time and effort in to developing the sport here to permit ANYONE to give us an unwarranted black eye! The AMA "now" has an efficient race walking committee and a super program---ask the guys who came for the NAAU 35K!!!

The letter was signed by Gary Bywaters, AMA RW Chairman and Barbara Trempus, Co-chairman. Copies went to Ollan Cassell, NAAU Executive Director, Dean Ingram, Jack Boitano, and Steve O'Brien, among others.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

I am constantly getting inquiries regarding the availability of books and other periodicals on race walking. Generally I don't give very satisfactory answers because I have never compiled any complete Bibliography. The inquirer usually gets one of the bits and pieces that I have scattered here and there. About time I rectify this. So, next month I plan to publish as complete a Bibliography on the sport as I can compile. I have a lot of things myself and am aware of a lot more but I imagine there are things around of which I am not aware. If anyone out there in readerland has ever undertaken such an effort, or if you just have a few obscure books or journals on the sport, I would very much appreciate receiving any bibliographic lists you can supply. This seems preferable to asking you to make additions after the fact, although I am sure there will be some of those as well. In any case, you can look forward to a rather extensive list of race-walking literature next month. (Unless it slips my mind, which would not be out of character.).....

Related to the above, Tom Dooley, an incurable collector of old mags, is desperately trying to fill out his ORW file. He is missing all of 1965 and 1966 and is willing to pay top dollar (which aint much for the ORW) to anyone who might be willing to part with those numbers. There probably aren't many around; as I recall the first issue went to no more than 15 or 20 people. We were probably up around 100 by the end of 1966. Tom also needs March of 1976. We are completely out of that Number. If you can help, write Tom at 2250 Sherwin Ave., Santa Clara 95050....The US Track and Field Federation is having National Championship Walks for the first time this year both indoors and outdoors. Both races will be at the U. of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha; a 3 Mile on Feb. 5 and a 10 Km on May 14. Write Bob Lawson, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha, WI 53140.....The Senior 20 Km has been set for May 7 in Seattle as part of the U. of Washington Twilight Meet. The race will start at 5 p.m. and will probably be held on a new bicycle path on the U. of W. campus. The first four finishers will qualify for the U.S. Lugano Cup team as will the first four from the 50 Km in Columbia on Aug. 14. The Lugano Cup Finals will be held at Milton Keynes, England on September 24 and 25. The USSR, East Germany, and West Germany are already qualified for the Final, off their 1,2,3 finish in the 1975 Final, along with the hosts Great Britain. Six other teams will qualify from zone competitions on Aug. 27-28. Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Poland will compete in Sweden; Belgium, Eire, Holland, France, and Czechoslovakia in Holland; and Hungary, Italy, Rumania, Spain, and Switzerland in Italy. Two will qualify from each of these competitions. One would expect Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Italy, France, and Czechoslovakia to be the six. In addition, the U.S., Canada, and Mexico are entered from outside Europe. The Mexicans could well end the Soviet-East German domination of the event if they maintain their present form. There appears now little reason to think they wont. Apparently Jerzy Hausleber has stayed on as their coach and they still have financial support after their great showing this year. Add newcomer Danto to the group they already have and they emerge as a strong favorite. With the retirement of Frenkel and Reimann, East Germany may no longer be a challenge to the Soviets and could be hard pressed to hold off the strong Italian side. At this point it is difficult to visualize even our strongest challenging any of these four but the potential is there to beat anyone else. It depends on how important this competition is to the 10 or 15 top walkers in the country....For the ultra-distance buffs among you, add another race to your schedule. The Capital Walkers are putting on a 100-miler (also a 50) along with a 24-hour race in August. In addition, Bill Emerton is talking seriously of having a 50 miler here

in early spring and would still like to get a team together for the Paris-Strasbourg race. This together with the National 75 Km and 100 Km races and the Columbia 100 miler (Oct. 1 this year) should give you plenty to shoot for....One mistake above. As of yesterday (Jan. 1) it is no longer the Capital Walkers but the Potomac Valley Walkers....I did my usual sloppy job of compiling the U.S. list, mostly because of carelessness, not because I didn't have the information. Anyway, the following performances were omitted from the 20 Km list:

1:35:12 Jerry Lansing, San Francisco 6/1
 1:35:35 Ron Daniel, Seaside Hts., N.J. 3/14
 1:36:19t Manry Adriano, San Francisco 5/16
 1:37:21 Neal Pyke, San Francisco 5/9
 1:37:40t Ron Kulik, Mtley, N.J. 6/6
 1:39:01.4 Alan Price, Alexandria, Va. 5/23

Possible additions are also a 1:33:54 by Larry Young and 1:34:07 by Jerry Brown on the way to 25 Km at Seattle on April 17, if you want to accept these splits as official.....Here is a timely result provided by Bill Walker, and one which I do not have in my historical archives (or did not): 1951 Pan-American Games, Buenos Aires: 10 Km--1. Henry Laskau, US 50:26.8 2. Luis Turza, Arg. 52:27.5 3. Martin Casas, Arg. 52:59.6 4. Aldo Ramirez Arg. 53:37.6 50 Km--1. Sixto Ibanez, Arg. 5:06:06.8 2. J.H. Jackson, Trinidad 5:21:12.9 3. Armando Gonzalez, Arg. 5:27:00.2 4. Carmelo Caputo, Arg. 5:28:39.9--no U.S. entry since the entire Track and Field squad was limited to 22 men. With that number, it would seem that Henry was quite fortunate to make the trip. I doubt that a walker would be included on a 22-man squad today. Bill got this from the 1952 U.S. Olympic Report.... Cathy Breitenbacher sent the following item from the Column "It Happened In Keokuk" in the Daily Gate City: Nov. 22, 1876--"Davis, the pedestrian, completed his 500 mile walk at the Exposition building in Des Moines on Saturday evening. The time was four days, 23 hours, and 54 minutes. The feat is pronounced one of the most remarkable in the history of pedestrianism." Seems like for a feat like that they could have at least given his first name. Cathy figures they either had short miles or slow clocks. Or his mode of progression may have been questionable. But such a performance would not be completely out of question for the type of individual that is walking the Paris-Strasbourg today. They are making about 2/3 of the distance at a somewhat quicker pace....A belated correction via Elliott Denman (belated both in his sending and then in my publishing it): "Dave Romansky most certainly was not disqualified in the National AAU 20 Km in New York in May. He merely stepped off the course in 6th place with about 3 miles to go and announced his temporary retirement from the game...He had no cautions whatsoever at the time." Thanks to Elliott and apologies to Dave, although at the moment I don't even recall listing him as disqualified....In addition to the Lugano Cup mentioned earlier, the following opportunities for International competition are available to U.S. walkers this year: US-USSR Indoor Meet, Madison Square Garden, New York in March with a 5 Km walk; U.S. Track Team European tour July 26-Aug. 6 to USSR, West Germany, and possibly Canada on return includes 20 Km against USSR and probably 10 Km in others; US-USSR Junior Dual Meet in August with 10 Km; and US-Canada Junior dual meet with time and place to be announced. Have heard nothing about a Senior meet with Canada for this year.....

Colvin Patrick, a subscriber in Jamaica, presents a most interesting story. He first started walking in 1926 at age 22 in Trinidad's first ever walking race--a 40 miler in which he finished 10th of more than 100 competitor. He went on to win that race 5 times and in 1928 did a mile in 6:22, which stands as the local record. In those early days he also did 7½ miles in

56 minutes and 4 miles in 30 minutes both in 1936 as well as 28½ miles in 4½ hours in 1928. In 1960, he covered 80 miles in 15:45 and four years later entered his first London-to-Brighton, finishing 34th at age 60. In 1969, he walked that race for the fifth time and had his best time of 10:20 (52½ miles). Shortly after, he was hit by a car while training and had his right leg broken in three places with part of the femur completely crushed. As a result, he was in traction for 5½ months, on crutches for 2 years, and told he must never try to compete again as the leg, now bent, would not withstand the pressure. However, through the years he did isometric exercises for the leg and ¾ squats with weights. In May of this year, against the doctors' orders, he competed unofficially in a race he sponsored for heavyweights (not defined). He started a minute behind the field and caught one of the others finishing an unspecified distance in 56:23. Then in August he won a special 4½ mile against two others who had competed in that first-ever 40 miler. He met Elliott Denman at the 1969 London-to-Brighton and has since been made an honorary member of the Shore AC by Elliott, with whom he corresponded while in the hospital....The following was provided by Bob Kitchen and with a new season approaching, this seems a timely moment to give it circulation. Nothing startling here, but we have all been to many races at which we have wished the promoters might have had such a document to guide them.

A SUGGESTED CHECKLIST FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF MAJOR WALKING RACES

Compiled from the suggestions of various athletes and the officials following the 1976 U.S. Olympic Trials

I. Pre-race Coordination

- A. Games committee should work out beforehand all assignments with representatives of the walkers to ensure proper conduct of the race.
- B. Officials, checkers, members of sponsoring organizations should be present with competing athletes one day prior to competition to discuss all necessary details about the race.
- C. A checklist should be prepared and distributed to all associations.

II. Course lay-out

- A. Off-street if possible or if on a public street vehicular traffic barred or police protection or adequate monitors.
- B. Lines or arrows on road for athletes to follow.
- C. Course should not be confusing or ambiguous to athletes.
- D. Course should be easy to judge from; a minimum of ground in which the walkers are inaccessible to judge.
- E. Keep the course as simple as possible to avoid confusion, i.e. don't have a big loop, a small loop, out and back, track laps all in the same race.
- F. The ideal course is a compact lap of a meaningful distance (in miles or kilometers).
- G. Enter and leave the loop at the same point.
- H. Eliminate 180° turns if at all possible.
- I. Split times should be given at meaningful distances or at regular intervals so that effort may be judged.
- J. Aid stations should have the following:
 1. tables
 2. sponges with cold water
 3. water, ice, coke, Gatorade, etc.

III. Race Conduct

- A. Officials should do only one assigned job.
- B. A board should be visible to competitors indicating how many laps to go, as well as who has been DQ'd and cautioned so that all may know their status in the race.
- C. Lap counting should be given special attention with a minimum crew of three.
- D. Flags or cards should be used to indicate the type of caution with international symbols: Lifting, Creeping.

LOOKING BACK

Since we started this feature more than 5 years ago, it is ^{now} becoming repetitious to look back 10 years, so we have eliminated that for now anyway. Of course it can be said that the whole column is repetitious, which is indisputable. But to say the same thing every 5 years seems a bit much.

5 Years Ago (From the December 1971 ORW)--We will bring you this if we can read anything from that infamous issue. It was the first issue in the present format and not properly planned. I typed a full 8½ by 11 page and then had to reduce it to really tiny print to fit it to the reduced format. With that, I learned how to set my margins properly to get the right reduction....Bob Kitchen turned in a World's Best Performance for 35 Km on the track (there is no recognized World Record) with a 2:47:34 in San Francisco. The previous best was 2:48:22 by Chris Hohne of East Germany. On the way, Bob passed 20 miles in 2:33:50.2, also an American record but missed Goetz Klopfer's 30 Km record by 2 seconds. After a first mile in 7:36, he hit 10 in 76:45 and 20 Km in 1:35:17. There were no other finishers in the race....For the above feat, Kitchen was awarded the ORW's Dr. John Blackburn Award for the single outstanding achievement in U.S. race walking for the year. It was his second Blackburn Award....Kevin Ryan won the Coney Island 10 Mile with Ron Daniel copping fast-time honors in 1:16:19... A week earlier, Todd Scully easily beat Daniel with a 1:35 for 20 Km... Jack Blackburn won the NY's Eve 6 Mile Handicap, held in Continental, Ohio that year, with 50:29 with Bob Smith second and Doc Blackburn third....In the Lugano 100 Km, Chris Hohne was an easy winner in 9:21:15.8, better than 5 minutes off his record, with Peter Selzer nearly 10 minutes back. Shaul Ladany was a strong third in 9:37:54...In the ORW World Rankings, Nikolai Smaga, USSR, was rated ahead of East Germany's Gerhard Sperling, and Britain's Paul Mihill at 20 Km. At 50, Benjamin Soldatenko rated first, as this year, ahead of Selzer and Hohne. The European Championships were decisive in both races.