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The Rev. Lawrence Calhoun presents his Trophy to Chris Jennings of the New England Division, coached by Joe Pechinsky of the Salem YMCA, was both Foil and Epee Champion in the first United States Junior Olympics, held April 7-9, at Niles, Illinois.

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## EDITORIAL

Recently, at a major competition, we were approached by a reader of American Fencing and roundly rebuked for a photograph and caption which we had printed. The reader felt that we had taken unwise editorial license in publishing this photo and that some bad effects might result from this. We had to admit that he had a good point. He might not have been entirely correct (in our opinion) but he certainly had thought about the question and had come up with an interesting point. It would have been a good idea to let the rest of our readers know how he felt. So we asked him to write us a letter to the editor.

The reaction? Horror! What, me write a letter to the editor? And he swiftly retreated to a neutral corner.

We were really disappointed. Here we have tried, as well as we could, to open our pages to all the members of the League for the free expression of their views and found that, somehow, facing a blank sheet of paper seemed to stifle a good idea.

Don't let this happen to you! If you read or don't read something in our magazine that you have an opinion about, get out the paper and pen and let us and the rest of your fellow fencers know.

## IRWIN BERNSTEIN RESIGNS AS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Irwin Bernstein, Associate Editor of American Fencing, has resigned to devote himself fully to running for the post of AFLA Secretary on the slate headed by Steve Sobel.

Irwin's services during the transitional period when the magazine was getting re-organized were invaluable, and his planning and suggestions aided greatly in our work. A former chairman of the New Jersey division and active in League affairs, Irwin brought wide experience and balanced judgment to our editorial board.

Irwin has agreed to remain on our staff as a feature writer, where we expect him to continue his valuable contributions.

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## FIRST UNITED STATES JUNIOR OLYMPICS HELD AT NILES, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL 7th

### Ninety Eight Entries Compete in all Weapons; New National Event to be Held Annually

#### TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

by Rev. Lawrence Calhoun,

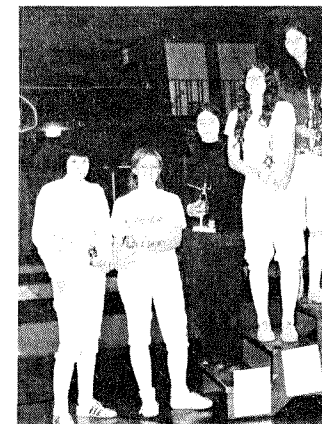
Nat. Chairman, J.O.D.C.

The first U.S. Junior Olympic Fencing Championships was held at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Illinois on April 7-8-9. There were 98 fencers representing 25 divisions and 17 states. If one considers that some of the western states combine into one division, at least two-thirds of the U.S. divisions were represented at the tournament.

All but a handful of fencers were housed in the homes of fencing parents and other volunteers. Those not housed came with parents or stayed with friends. One group came in a trailer. The parents here fed, housed and transported the visiting fencers during their stay. The busy armorers worked until 5 a.m. to get all weapons ready and at 8 a.m. they were awakened to help begin the tournament.

They kept all equipment going with very little delay. Messrs Fred Rhodes, Tom Alcock and Paul Quiniff have worked the Under 20 World Championships, the N.C.A.A.'s and the Chicagoland Open in addition to this tournament. They are training new armorers as well.

The meet began on Friday with Sabre at 9 a.m. There were 22 sabre fencers in 7 rounds which finished up around 7 p.m. This weapon was a complete round robin. At 12:30 p.m., the girls began the first 3 of their 5 rounds in their round robin. There were 19 girls present. A few more might have come if the National Women's Intercollegiate Championships had not been on the same day. We had very few spectators due to a surprise six inch snowfall.



The top six finalists in the girl's of the United States Junior Olympic C From l. to r.: Denise DiValerio, Ill.; burger, So. Cal.; Annalee Saxenian Burton, So. Cal.; Vincent Hurley, Nc Farkas, N. J.

On Saturday morning the plac electronic maze since both foil and being fenced at the same time. 10 boys fencing the two weapon had to be located in the same room tate the two weapons. Epee had 2 so the round robin was begun in Foil had 35 fencers so a preliminar of pools brought the field down to second round.

On Sunday, the men's foil was Since there were 4 rounds on S had to accomodate some fencers i planes. Bouts were moved up and ation was very good. No one misse It is perhaps a credit to the smo the meet that allowed us to accon fencers when necessary.

The tournament itself had mar aspects. A cadre of 20 officials

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able including Msrs. Chaba Pallaghy, Dr. Francis Zold, Mr. Gabor Delneki and Mrs. Helen Towry. Many divisional chairmen were present to help in various ways. The F.I.E. rules were observed for fencing procedure (to the point of using batteries in one area) and the actual fencing format was similar to the NCAA for the round robin. There were 1134 bouts in the 3 days. Those who fenced 3 weapons fenced 67 bouts, and those who fenced two weapons fenced 35 in one day and 49 overall. There were many tired muscles as a result but no discord was evident about the round robin method. It is far better to come 2300 miles and go home with at least 23 bouts no matter what the placement. In this method, a champion is truly crowned. There were no fence-offs for first, but it was close all the way in each weapon. There were no major injuries, no one suffered such fatigue that he or she could not fence. A trainer was on hand to help fix cuts etc.

One of the features of this tournament had to be that it was not expensive. There were no living costs, and the only direct cost was for beverages and sandwiches. The mothers prepared the food and provided free food on Sunday. There were no charges for any services. The major expense was for officials and with publicity for the meet, the JODC funds will be tapped for only a few hundred dollars. This proves that such a tournament can be run cheaply and is not a financial risk to any school or organization.

Having the fencers live with parents has done a lot here in Chicago to promote fencing and develop a fencing public. It was great to have parents show up and cheer on their "own" boy or girl. Many who a day or two before did not know what a foil was, were cheering and clapping.

Two divisions have expressed a desire to host this tournament next year — Dallas and Los Angeles — so this championship is assured of a future.

There were some exceptional fencers here. Chris Jennings and Vincent Hurlley came back from Spain to compete and Miss Iza

Farkas came in to represent the New Jersey division.

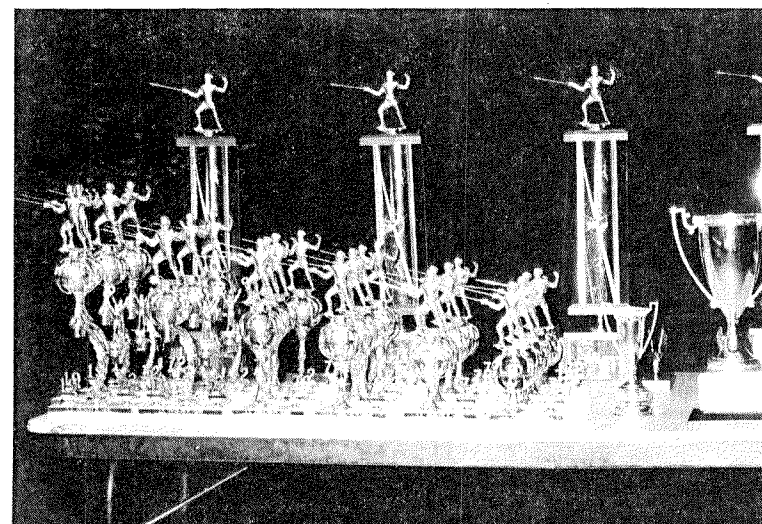
The other fencers were given the opportunity to gain valuable experience in such a high calibre meet. It can be said that the Illinois fencers held their own, and if they did not take any firsts, it is because the program and fencing in general in Illinois is still young. However, all the fencers in Illinois are products of the age group fencing which is only 3 years old. This is the whole purpose of the age group program — to develop fencing talent. A good case in point is New Mexico, which is a new division. They sent some fencers and they did well.

A brief look at the high "divisional teams". Illinois, 5 places; New England, 4 Places; Long Island, three places; Western New York, two places; North Texas, two places; Southern California, two places.

The whole tournament was a cooperative effort that came from the area schools, and three Universities (UICC, Univ. of Chicago, Notre Dame Univ) and the NCAA. This meet was a mid-western effort on the part of the fencers parents, schools. All enjoyed their short but busy stay.

It is hoped that now people can send in their criticisms of the meet in order to improve it for next year. Several things should be improved. One is that the meet should become a four day tournament. One very important change must be that all divisions should appoint a separate Junior Olympic Chairman or coordinator who will be on the roster of the National Chairman. In this way, any information dealing with the J.O. program can be exchanged quickly without going through the divisional chairman. Many people did not learn of this tournament, or even the whole program in time to be of any assistance. Next year, there is no excuse for this program not being fully implemented in all divisions, A. J.O. chairman would ease the burden of the divisional chairman and at the same time promote each division to its capacity.

My thanks go to all who helped make the tournament a success.



An impressive array of beautiful trophies at the United States Junior Olympics. It from 25 divisions and 17 states participated in this first annual championships. The large at the right is the award for Sportsmanship which was won by Tim Graham of the Florida division.

## JUNIOR OLYMPIC RESULTS

**Foil:** 1. Chris Jennings, N. Eng.; 2. Phillip Bennett, Metro.; 3. Michael Dale, N. Calif.; 4. Alex Pollack, W.N.Y.; 5. Terry McConville, Ill.; 6. Mike McCahey, Ill.; 7. Tim Graham, G. C. Fla.; 8. Robert Baum, Kan.; 9. Dan Eastman, Wis.; 10. Howard Labow, Ill.

**Women's Foil:** 1. Iza Farkas, N. J.; 2. Vincent Hurlley, N. Tex.; 3. Lisa Burton, So. Cal.; 4. Annalee Saxenian, N. Eng.; 5. Vicik Marburger, So. Cal.; 6. Denise DiValerio, Ill.; 7. Mindy Smith, Ill.; 8. Chris Macleady, O. C. Cal.; 9. Karen Beckman, Ill.; 10. Mary Day, Kan.

**Epee:** 1. Chris Jennings, N. Eng.; 2. Richard Jacques, Metro.; 3. Terry McConville, Ill.; 4. Henry McGee, N. Tex.; 5. Gary Berlak, Ill.; 6. Lindsey Anderson, Ill.; 7. Joel Caplan, Hud. Berk.; 8. John Irwin, Ore.; 9. Jacques Sampson, Wis.; 10. David Morris, So. Cal.

**Sabre:** 1. Al Acker, C. Ill., - 2. Robert Nyilas, Metro.; 3. Alex Pollack, W.N.Y.; 4. Bruce Livingston, Md.; 5. Peter Brand, N. Eng.; 6. Tim Graham, G. C. Fla.; 7. Michael Duke, N. Cal.; 8. Tom Edwards, S. Louis; 9. Sam DiFiglio, Ill.; 10. Robert Samit, Metro.



## FLORIDA GOLD COAST

by Kate Alexander

**Greco - Women's Foil:** 1. Celia Ayuso, 2. Kate Alexander, MFC; 3. Pa Potpourri.

**Greco - Foil:** 1. Manny Forrest, EAL, Farland MFC; 3. Jan Scher, MDJC.

**Costello Three Weapon Team:** 1. EA Forrest, Mark Forrest, Tim Graham "A" - Dean Alexander, Fred Shal Lombard; 3. Salle D'Alerta - B. Su Lenau, M. Varela

**Santelli Women:** 1. Kathy Caudell, 1 Celia Ayuso, D'Alerta; 3. Magg Potpourri

**Women's Foil Open:** 1. Celia Ayuso, Lisa Dubloug, Ft. Laud. F.C.; 3. Kat MFC.

**Epee Open:** 1. Tim Graham, EAL; 2. ander, MFC; 3. Barry Endsley, Triar

**Sabre Open:** 1. Tim Graham, EAL; 2. dars, MDJC; 3. Dean Alexander, N

**Foil Team:** 1. EAL-Manny Forrest, M Tim Graham; 2. Potpourri - Jack Ste Freeman, Jim Walker, 3. FSU - Ron Delaney, John Michaeljohn.

# 1972 WORLD JUNIOR TEAM REPORT; U.S. YOUNGSTERS TRY BUT ARE OUTCLASSED

Facilities at Madrid Rated Excellent;  
Quality of International Junior Fencing Very High

## TEAM REPORT

by Peter Tishman, Chief of Delegation

The organization of the tournament was superb. The Royal Spanish Fencing Federation has set a standard that subsequent host countries will find hard to surpass, whether it be in the competition aspect or the social aspect. Thirty-three countries were represented by 246 young people who promptly lost their separateness and became one big group of fine, well-behaved, multi-lingual citizens of the world. The Directoire Technique, composed of a young generation, did an outstanding job in every respect. The impressive opening ceremonies drew a full house of almost 8000 people, and the average nightly audience for any finals numbered upwards of 4000. The opening ceremonies of Thursday, and the men's foil final of Friday, were taped and broadcast in their entirety Saturday evening on the national television network, and it was an excellent presentation. Messrs de Diego-Lopez and Garcia-Diez, and their scores of tireless assistants deserve the admiration and gratitude of all the participants.

Our coaching staff of Kadar, Bickley, Castello, Danosi, DeCicco, Deladrier, Geraci, Kolombatovich, and Zold, counseled and supported our team in every possible way. Every suggestion each made was constructive, and any needed tasks were completed capably and cheerfully - even down to shopping for orange juice! Every competitor was well attended by his team-mates and by the coaching staff.

Each of the competitions consisted of five rounds including a six-man final. This is how our team performed, the bracketed number indicating the furthest round each fencer reached. The comments on each fencer represent my own opinion.

### Womens Foil

- E. Brown** (2) Fenced well in 1st round - her 2nd round included the #1 finalist and two who made the 4th round.
- V. Hurley** (3) Made here first round easily with 5 victories - made it through the 2nd by indicators with 2 victories - in the 3rd round went out with 2 victories and 3 defeats, of which 2 were 4-3 scores. A relaxed and composed competitor, effective with stop thrusts, but didn't use all the technique of which she is capable.
- T. Fichtl** (1) Has abilities she is not aware of and was too tense - with seasoning in competition her performance should improve.

### Foil

- P. Gaylor** (2) In his 1st round qualified 4th from a pool which included two others who went out in the next round and one who went out in the 3rd round. Went out with only 2 victories in the 2nd round. Of the three who went up, one went out in the 3rd round and the others in the 4th.
- J. Mullarkey** (2) Qualified 2nd from his 1st pool. His 2nd pool included one who made the 4th round and two who became finalists.
- R. Nonomura** (1) His pool included two who became finalists. He fought well and displayed the best balance and footwork of our foilists but missed too often with the point.

### Sabre

- S. Danosi** (1) His pool included one who made the 4th round, and a last year finalist (Bena) who went out in the 3rd.



photo by A.

The U. S. World Junior Team at Madrid, April, 1972.

FRONT ROW: (l. to. r.) Michael DeCicco; Peter Westbrook; Tara Fichtl; Vincent Hurley; G. Elissa Brown; Roy Nonomura; Dr. Francis Zold; Peter Tishman. MIDDLE ROW: (l. to r.) A. Richard Deladrier; Steve Danosi; Philip Reilly; Peter Gaylor; Jack Mullarkey; Tony Carter; C. batovich. REAR ROW: (l. to r.) Istvan Danosi; Hugo Costello; Chris Jennings; Gregory Losoczny; Roger Valdiseri. ABSENT: Menyhert Kadar and Tom Bickley.

- T. Losoczny** (1) His pool included the eventual winner (whom he defeated), and one who made it to the 4th round. He lost his first two bouts and this put him under a great deal of pressure. Then he got a couple of bad calls just when he couldn't afford them.
- P. Reilly** (3) His 1st pool included the eventual 3rd and 4th place finalists. His 2nd pool included the #3 finalist again, but this time Reilly won. In his 3rd round he had 2 defeats and 1 victory, when he suffered a severe ankle injury in his 4th bout (then won it after a 20 minute rest and taping by a physician). He lost the crucial last bout 5-4. His technique showed great improvement - and every fencer could use some of his fighting spirit!

### Epee

- T. Carter** (1) His pool included the eventual #6 finalist. His 5-0 loss to this man cost Carter a qualifying place on indi-

cators, whereas a 5-3 loss would have put him up.

- G. Kocab** (1) His pool included the #4 finalist. In one bout when he needed a 5-2 victory to get a qualifying place on indicators, he lost 5-3.
- C. Jennings** (2) Qualified 3rd from his pool. In the 2nd round he lost one bout, and a tactical error over the end of the strip in the 3rd round with the score at 4-4 cost him a qualifying place. The three who went out in the next round were another great fighter.

It's significant to me that our fencers performed the best were those who were parently least concerned about their physical state of readiness. They had the same pre-competition attitude as these fencers, once the competition started, put these worries behind them.

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concentrated their attention on their opponents.

The officiating was first-rate even during the first rounds. Great emphasis was placed on competitors' deportment and uniform. In sabre especially, counter-attacks against poorly executed attacks were consistently awarded the right-of-way, although it would have been more clearly understood by the fencers if the presidents had called the counter-attack the attack, and the "attack", a preparation.

This was a good team with good coaches - they tried hard and some missed by a whisker - most will have another chance next year in Buenos Aires - and I think they will improve their record.

#### The Results of the Championships Are:

**Women Foil:** 1. Z. Filatova (URS); 2. G. Makowska (POL); 3. V. Bourachkina (URS).

**Foil:** 1. A. Godel (POL); 2. V. Rodianov (URS); 3. F. Pietruszka (FRA).

**Sabre:** 1. V. Pavlenko (URS); 2. P. Quivrin (FRA); 3. T. Montano (ITA).

**Epee:** 1. G. Evequoz (SUI); 2. J. Janikowski (POL); 3. P. Szabo (ROM).

The Romanian Olympic Committee Award, for overall competitive performance, was won by the Soviet Union.

### COMING DATES

The U.S. National Championships will be held from July 1 to July 8, 1972, at Bently College, Waltham, Massachusetts. The Olympic Games will be held August 26 to September 10, 1972, in Munich, Germany.

### A JUNKET

by Oscar F. Kolombatovich,  
Deputy Chief of Mission and Coach

Much of this commentary represents after the fact thinking.

A team is a group of players on the same side in a game. (Only our warm up suits

were the same; that and the 32 emblems on the officials blazers).

Instead, we were a group of strangers who met at the airport the night we left for Madrid. (Remedy: a minimum of one month training together before a competition). No other sport engenders such a diversity of styles, techniques and tactics on the part of the coaches. (Remedy: a national coach with a national policy towards methodology).

A good sized group of friends and well wishers accompanied the team. The practice should be encouraged but not permitted to get in the way of the athletes.

The girls on the other teams were so attractive that had I been 10 years younger I would have asked for an introduction to their mothers. Though I didn't think the boys were all that handsome, I noticed our girls did. (Remedy: an insistence that all fencers stay with the team when not working out or themselves competing.)

Our equipment was faulty in some instances. So was the European's. (Remedy: tighter control prior to leaving to ensure properly inspected weapons and adequate spare parts of all types including uniforms. Most important, a full fledged armorer capable of making or supervising repairs.) Some years ago we and the Germans were the only ones whose tang threads varied from all others. How are you fixed for blades? I can't believe the Germans still use a third size of thread. I know we do (Remedy: FIE insistence on uniformity in thread for all tangs.)

In summation:

They were good kids. I enjoyed them. I would like to have them as pupils and as friends. The insecurity they felt caused some of them to act a little petulant at times. I understand that. They had no conviction they could win. The coaches didn't believe it either, and of course, "they" knew that they knew that they knew. (Remedy: don't send anyone anywhere unless they are passed by a selection committee and I don't care if they are the first ranking fencers in the country. They may just be small frogs in the largest fencing pond.)

The American team resented taking lessons from the coaches and rightly so. The coaches were unfamiliar to them. Even their terminology was not always uniform. The day before the competition is no time to learn how to fence. (Remedy: indicated earlier, and barring the ideal, just move the fencers and ask them what they would like to work on in the half hour you have together before the competition.)

Other remedies:

1. Junior Olympic training money should also be used to train coaches for Junior Olympians.

2. Enough Videotape equipment, Obviously the ideal training aid. No one can argue with instant replay. Expensive? Yes. But not for the richest country in the world. The Russians have it and use it. So do the British.

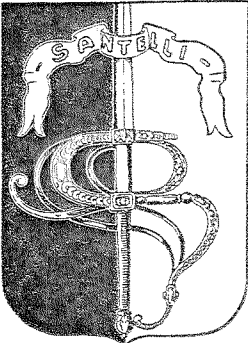
3. Don't let the team pay its own way. We were the only country that did so, though the other teams wouldn't believe it. The competitors didn't feel like the chosen people

but rather like refugees. Money must be raised for such events.

4. Some official must precede by one week to ensure that the competitors, officials and coaches) is in adjoining rooms instead of throughout the hotel and that a training site is available and a fu is in the hands of all concerned arrive.

5. The American Embassy or must be more effectively involved. bers of their staff in Madrid dic with short notice, and with no contrast, the British ambassa black, Rolls Royce was parked i the stadium—the British flag fly from the fender at the opening c

As a junket, it was a huge s sure that Peter Tishman's report glowingly of the ceremonial aspe Spanish Fencing Federation's effc host nations will be hard pressec that act.



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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

June 20, 1971, Berkeley, California

(Ed. Note We have been requested by League Secretary W. J. Latzko to publish these minutes of last year's AFLA General Meeting.)

The President called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. Present were Alan Miles Ruben, President; Norman Lewis, Executive Vice President; Manny Forrest, Vice President, William J. Latzko, Secretary; and 37 members in person and 63 members by proxy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. The president reported on the previous year's activities and discussed some plans for the coming year. The executive vice president reported on the growth of our participation in international affairs. The vice president for the South East Section reported that the women's event was strong enough to be a Group II event. The secretary reported the membership to be 6,200 as compared to 6,100 at the same time last year, but the final results were not yet available. He also reported some changes in the international rules.

Various divisions reported successful seasons with increased activities and memberships. Mr. de Capriles reported on the Pan American Games preparation. He stated that Mr. Dan DeChaine has been named as the head of the Technical Committee for the Games.

Since the slate of officers for the 1971-72 season was unopposed, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for their election. The officers are: Alan M. Ruben, president; Norman Lewis, executive vice president; Paul Etter, Jose Sasek, Alfred Snyder, Stephen Sobel, Anthony Zombolas, vice presidents; William J. Latzko, secretary; and Peter Tishman, treasurer.

The following nominations were made for the 1972-73 Nominating Committee: Dr. Daniel Bukantz, chairman; Lawrence Anastasi, Mrs. Gerrie Baumgart, Jerrold Bennett, Manny Forrest, Emily Johnson and Anthony Zombolas. A motion was made, seconded

and carried closing the nominations and the nominees were unanimously elected.

A resolution was offered that it was the sense of the meeting that semi final and final events of the National Championships should be held the day following the preliminary events. The motion carried by a vote of 81 in favor and 3 against.

Miss Pat Flynn proposed a resolution that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to find an improved format for organizing the Under-19 and the National Championships, specifically with regard to qualification for individuals and teams and the structure of both events. This carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Snell discussed Arizona's bid for the 1973 Nationals and indicated that the City's Park and Recreation Departments are a valuable source of help for promoting fencing if approached properly.

Mr. Joel Wolf-Priessnitz proposed the following: Be it Resolved that the selection of a team to represent the United States in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games and World Championships be based exclusively on a strict point system. During the discussion Mr. de Capriles pointed out that the AFLA has no jurisdiction over the selection of teams to go to the Olympic or Pan American Games; these teams are selected by the U. S. Olympic Committee. After some debate of the pros and cons, the resolution was adopted by a vote of 64 in favor and 16 against.

Mr. de Capriles proposed that the AFLA make a study of the structure of its organization with a view of changing it to meet its current needs. He suggested that the structure of the FIE and the USOC be considered. His proposal was carried by unanimous consent.

A motion to adjourn was carried with all but two in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.



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## BOOK REVIEW

by Ralph Goldstein

The Second Edition of "Fencing" by Muriel Bower and the late Tarao Mori is far more than its intention "to further its original objective which was to provide a concise comprehensive source of information for students in college fencing classes", as stated in the preface.

In the opinion of this observer it is just about the best book that has been written for the beginner in fencing. In 62 unpretentious pages, the subject is simply, well, and fully covered. The diagrams and photos are excellent and except for the four minor instances of close-ups of left handed parry positions next to right handed fencers, nothing could be clearer. The chapters on "The Language and Lore of Fencing", "The Rules of Fencing", and "Unwritten Laws of Fencing" are an unexpected and delightful bonus.

Knowledgeable fencing masters have written books on the subject before, but rarely

so well. The experienced fencer will also give a great deal from handy paper-back published by V Co. as a part of its Physical Education Series.

Every serious fencer and off include this book in his library.

## MORGAREIDGE WINS NADI TROPH

by Maitre Mel North

Ken Morgareidge of Salle de the Nadi Memorial Foil Champ March 26, 1972. (It is the So fornia Division Qualifying Oper the fifth year in a row that the will be at home at Salle de Borack won it the last four time

Ken also defeated some of our best fencers two weeks prior to Open as he came in first in an to gain his "A" ranking.

Congratulations, Dr. Morgareid

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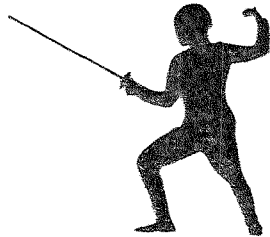
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## BRUCE SORIANO, ALL-TIME NCAA CHAMP

by Irwin Bernstein

Bruce Soriano of Columbia completed his college fencing career at this season's NCAA Championships by capturing a record third consecutive Sabre title. In so doing he added yet another honor to what must rank as the finest U.S. college fencing record ever achieved.

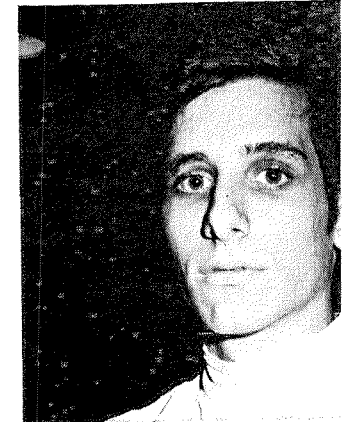
Bruce began his fencing career at Essex Catholic High School in Newark, New Jersey, where he was coached by Dr. Sam D'Ambola. In his senior year he won the three prestige high school tournaments in the state—the Christmas AFLA Interscholastics, the Cetrulo, and the Public School Championships. Continuing on under Coach Lou Bankuti at Columbia Bruce won the National Under 19 title as a freshman as he developed into the top sabreman in U.S. college fencing.

A team leader and Co-Captain in his senior year, Bruce's three year varsity record in dual meets was 73-10 and led Calumbia to a 25-5 mark and three Ivy League crowns. Soriano was named to the All-Ivy team all three years. As impressive as this record was, Bruce really moved into high gear in the two big college championships each year.

Soriano's three year IFA record was 33-2 in the team event and 14-2 in the individual finals. Columbia won the sabre team and overall championships in 1972 and Bruce took individual titles in 1970 and 1971 and placed second in 1972.

In the NCAA's, Soriano scored three straight clear cut wins with an overall mark of 66-3. He led his team to a tie for first in 1971 and second and third the other two years. A popular as well as a highly respected competitor Bruce was named Sabreur of the Year all three years in addition to being named to the All-American team by virtue of his competitive performances.

In recognition of Soriano's unequalled contribution to the Columbia team, he received



Bruce Soriano

the James Murray award as the Noble Fencer on the team an unprecedented three times.

The next fencing challenges must obviously come at the national and international levels. With limited international so far Bruce did round of eight at the 1971 M. event. His future performance will depend on how fencing can be worked into the college curriculum that will hopefully include a medal. Meanwhile however, Bruce So Columbia can look back with honor as his remarkable accomplishments in the college fencing record books.



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## CORNELL EDGES BRANDEIS 91-90 TO WIN N.I.W.F.A. CHAMPIONSHIP AT PENN STATE

### Twenty Eight Colleges Compete, Largest Entry to Date; First Women's All American Team Named

#### TOURNAMENT REPORT

by Jeffrey Tishman

The 44th NIWFA Championships were held at Pennsylvania State University on April 7-8. Once again a record number of schools participated; this time 28. The association welcomed new members from Radford College (Va.), Randolph-Macon College (Va.), Madison College (Va.), Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Pa.), and Rhode Island College (R.I.). These new members reflect the continued growth of the NIWFA into a national organization.

Brandeis University led by a single point over Cornell and William Paterson College when the first day ended. But Cornell edged out Brandeis 91-90 for their fifth team title since 1930, and the first for Coach Raoul Sudre. William Paterson finished third with 86 victories.

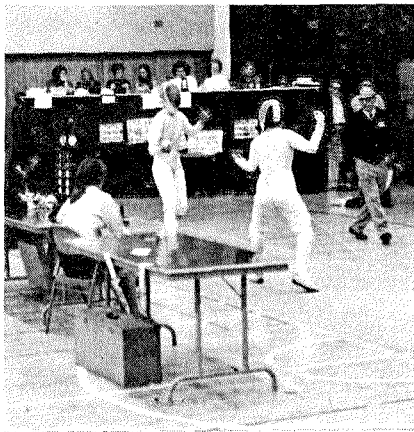


photo by Gradkowski

At the finals of the individual event in the NIWFA Championships; Peggy Walbridge (left) vs. Kathy Stevenson, both of Cornell; Ralph Goldstein directing.

In the individual championship Ruth White of N.Y.U. won her second straight title with an undefeated record in the final. Her only loss in the tournament occurred during the team round; a 4-2 setback against Nikki Tomlinson of Brooklyn College. Peggy Walbridge of Cornell was runner-up and Nikki Tomlinson was the bronze medalist.

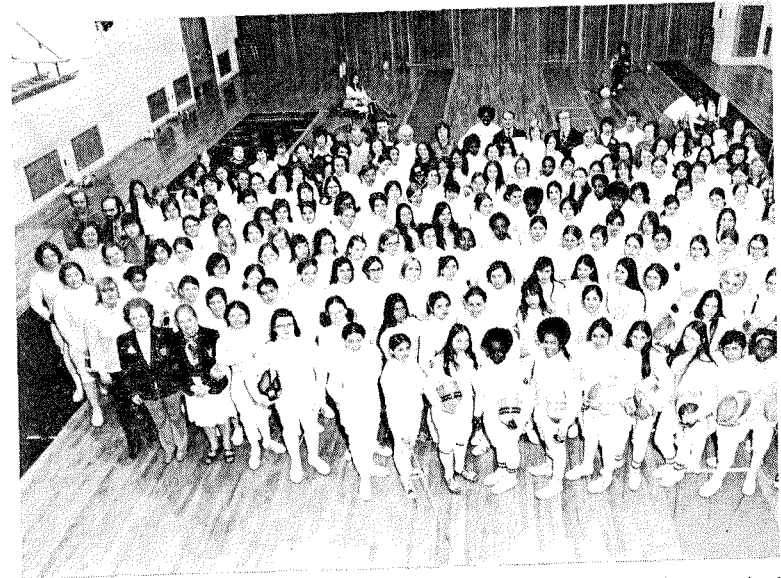
Penn State provided extraordinary facilities and personnel for the tournament. Fourteen strips, including eight of copper, were in two adjoining gyms with a common public address system. Beth Alpin, the host coach, arranged for both a timer and scorekeeper to man every strip. In most cases these were graduate students and faculty members of Penn State who offered their services both days of the event.

Both the coaches and officials reception and the awards banquet were held in the Nittany Lion Inn, an excellent facility on campus and convenient to the fencing site.

The ceremonial sword emblematic of Coach of the Year went to Raoul Sudre of the winning team. Evelyn Terhune, coach of Farleigh-Dickenson University (Teaneck, N.J.), and a former Olympian, received the Founders Meritorious Service Medal. The Mildred Stuyvesant Fish Cup went to Cornell for its team victory, with medals to the first four finishers in the team and to the first six in the individuals; all presented by Mrs. Julia-Jones Pugliese, coach of Hunter College and the first NIWFA champion.

An innovation at this year's awards banquet was the naming of an **All-American Team**. The following fencers were selected to the first and second teams:

**First Team** - Kathy Stevenson, Cornell; Nikki Tomlinson, Brooklyn; Peggy Walbridge, Cornell; Ruth White, N.Y.U.



Just before the battle started. One hundred and forty six fencers from twenty six across the United States, with thirty three coaches and officials pose for a photo in one of the gymnasiums at Penn State University. The two day round robin fenced 1512 bouts to determine a champion and an additional pool of nine girls for the individual championship. An exhaustive time was had by all.

**Second Team** - Debbie Cinotti, Barnard; Dee Falato, William Paterson; Jeannine Lynch, William Paterson; Arell Schurgin, Brandeis.

The results follow:

#### FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Cornell University
2. Brandeis University
3. William Paterson College
4. Brooklyn College
5. Penn State University
6. New York University
7. Farleigh-Dickenson Univ. (Teaneck)
8. Ohio State University
9. Barnard College
10. Hunter College
11. Montclair State College
11. Radford College
13. Rutgers University
14. Trenton State College
15. Jersey City State College
16. City College of New York
17. Lehman College
18. Pratt Institute
19. Randolph-Macon College
20. Drew University

21. Madison College
22. Douglass College
23. St. John's University
23. Rhode Island College
25. Buffalo College
26. Indiana University of Pennsylvania
27. Caldwell College
28. Pace University

#### INDIVIDUAL FINALISTS

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 91 | 1. Ruth White, N.Y.U., 8-0;                            |
| 90 | 2. Peggy Walbridge, Cornell, 6-2;                      |
| 86 | 3. Nikki Tomlinson, Brooklyn, 4-4;                     |
| 80 | 4. Dee Falato, William Paterson, 3-5 (22 t.r.);        |
| 77 | 5. Jeannine Lynch, William Paterson, 3-5 (26 t.r.);    |
| 76 | 6. Arell Schurgin, Brandeis, 3-5 (27 t.r.);            |
| 75 | 7. Debbie Cinotti, Barnard, 3-5 (27 t.r.);             |
| 72 | 8. Michele Philipchuck, City College of New York, 1-7. |

#### ELECTRICAL POW

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## SPECIAL MEETING

April 13, 1972; N. Y. Athletic Club

(Ed. Note: As the Special Meeting of the AFLA which was to consider important changes in AFLA By-Laws and procedures was not held, we here publish for our readers the following minutes.)

Present were Norman Lewis, executive vice president; Stephen Sobel, vice president; William J. Latzko, secretary; Peter Tishman, treasurer; Irwin Bernstein, Burton Moore, Patricia Flynn, James Flynn, Connie Latzko, Ralph Goldstein, Richard Gradkowski and 36 members by proxy.

Before convening the meeting, the chairman noted the following conditions:

1. The second notice was mailed in the January/February issue. It was established that about 1,100 names were not on the mailing list, and, of these, it is estimated that 600-700 were voting members who were, therefore, not given proper notice.

2. The wording on the second notice proxy was incorrect, confusing the proxy, and thus invalidating it.

Under the circumstances, the chairman ruled the meeting was not properly constituted and was therefore declared defective.

Because of this, the matters could not be acted upon and will have to be resubmitted according to the By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Latzko  
Secretary

## CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE

All contributions for American Fencing should be typed double spaced, on one side of the paper only, and with wide margins. This will enable our linotypist to see better and save his precious eyesight. Please be sure to include the byline of the author and to leave plenty of space for a headline. Notices of competitions should be sent in well in advance, preferably three months ahead of time or at the beginning of the season.

## THE FENCING LIFE— ITALIAN STYLE

by Sandy Smith

(Ed. Note: Mrs. Sandy Smith teaches physical education at Monmouth College, Long Branch, New Jersey. Part of her duties include the teaching of fencing and sponsorship of the Fencing Club. This research on the development of FIS fencing schools was partly supported by a Creativity Grant awarded by Monmouth College.)

The Centro Internazionale Estivo di Zocca is located high in the Italian mountains southwest of Bologna. From this high vantage-point the Italian fencing masters command a unique perspective of the development of their young fencers, for each summer they conduct special training sessions for the boys and girls who travel up the mountain to Zocca.

Originally, the Federazione Italiana Scherma founded this fencing camp to provide supervised training for the future Olympic and World Championship competitors that would represent Italy. From 1960 to 1964 the camp was in Pievepelago, then was moved to Zocca to accommodate its growth. Foreign students were accepted in 1965 and the camp has grown in international status since. In the years since 1965 young fencers from Chile, Peru, Yugoslavia, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, England and the U. S. have arrived to improve their skills under the tutelage of the Italian masters.

At Zocca the students enjoy a six-day schedule which provides daily contact with all the masters and a daily lesson with one assigned master. The typical day's schedule is:

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Exercises on the sports field
- 9:30 Free bouts in the fencing room
- Alternate days - swimming, basketball, horseback riding or tennis
- 12:00 Lunch and Siesta
- 3:15 Swimming
- 4:30 Individual lessons
- 7:30 Dinner
- 8:00 Recreation - TV, movies, ping pong, or free time
- 10:00 Bedtime

Three sessions of twenty day conducted every summer with an of about 150 students per session the fencing masters the staff include young university physical education who function as camp counselors the exercise periods, swimming sports activities. Also, there is nurse, an armorer, and various tive officers. The school is self-although it is administered by the Federazione Italiana Scherma at Roma.

The students are divided into three for instruction. The youngest, age are taught the basic fundamentals fencing. Ages 12 to 14 make up the mediate skill group and those ability, ages 15 to 18, receive epee instruction as well as foil. They are patient with the foreign students are demanding in skill performance them speak a second language students are assigned accordingly.

During the camp session, competition organized for both team and individual participation. Each country represented selects a team of its best members the tournaments an international although these national rivalries at during the tournaments, the competition conducted with good sportsmanship no residual bitterness between the

This past July, I attended the session at Zocca and found that the hospitality is warm and most courteous Lancia made every effort to tain the foreigners by providing space away from camp to the surrounding side. We were taken to Riccione Adriatic coast to spend the day as the city and to participate in a fencing gala. Everywhere we traveled Italian people were friendly, curious anxious to ask us about our country about our impressions of Italy.

The opportunity to experience the way of life is a delightful adjunct obvious enjoyment of learning the Italian style.

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## SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

by William J. Latzko

(Ed. Note: We have requested League Secretary William J. Latzko to comment upon the distribution of AMERICAN FENCING, as the Secretary's office is responsible for the League membership mailing list and for this distribution.

A substantial number of members experienced difficulty in getting the recent issues of AMERICAN FENCING magazine. The editor requested that the problem be explained to the membership.

Members are entitled to the remaining issues of the volume during the season for which their dues are paid. In order to process the mailing, the member's dues must be received by the Secretary of the League on or before the closing date for copy of each issue. These dates are published under the masthead.

The magazines are printed, bound, labeled and mailed from Terre Haute, Indiana, by our printer. The list of names was formerly maintained by the Columbia Record Club (in return for obtaining mail test data). Last year this arrangement terminated and a new list maintenance service was needed. Several services were interviewed, but the one recommended by Chaba Pallaghy (because of his connections with them) gave us the lowest price. This was accepted by the League and the League Counsel drew up an agreement.

Unfortunately, this service was not as satisfactory as we hoped. Mailings such as the annual billing were late. Communications problems occurred, causing further delay, with the November/December issue for instance.

At first, it was thought that the problems were due to starting a new system. Columbia's service had been available with none of these problems. When, however, we received the bill for the January/February issue labels, and were billed for about 1,000 less members labels than our count indicated, we were greatly concerned. The list maintenance service was to provide membership listings, with which we could have checked our files. We never received these. The service did, at the Secretary's request, forward to

him a case of IBM cards (about 12,000), containing all the names they had on file. From these we dug out the current members and created a list. Comparison against our records disclosed 1197 members who apparently did not get the January/February issue.

The 'missing' names were primarily memberships received in November and December. Arrangements were made at once to send the last two issues to these members and should be received by them by May. Effective steps are being taken to assure better service in the future.

Olympic Training Camps will be held at four locations in the United States, July 15 to August 15, before the team leaves for Munich. AFLA members and coaches are invited to participate in these camps. For further details write to the person in charge of the camp. They are as follows:

University of Colorado at Boulder — Mr. Joseph Dramise

Cornell University — Mr. Raoul Sudre  
University of Notre Dame — Prof. Mike DeCicco

Princeton University — Mr. Stanley Sieja

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The Board of Directors will meet during the weekend of the Martini-Rossi Tournament, May 26-28, 1972. Please send any agenda items to the Secretary at once. They should be in the form of a motion with a brief explanation.

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The result of the Mail Ballot that the division hosting the National Championship Tournament provide for the travel expenses of the National Officers to attend are:

Eligible to Vote: 92  
Votes Cast: 43 (46.7% of the total)  
Votes in favor: 13  
Votes against: 30

The motion is defeated.

### STOP THRUSTS

The stop hit must arrive before the attacker has initiated the final movement of his attack,, if it is to be allowed as "in time".

## ON FENCING FRENCH

by Arthur W. Lane

It's hard enough to endure directors who can't function passably in their own language. And when they try to make the same errors in French! The solution to our eternal mess is no longer two-fold, it's three-fold.

Now, I don't propose doing away with French. It's here, and we'll have to use it when appropriate. I only wish people would devote the same effort to learning it that they waste in arguing about the rules they have't read. The basic problem in the use of what French we know is the same old mix of fencers and officials.

So now that we have a three-fold problem to handle we should simply acknowledge that we must produce three solutions. The first is for you, the fencer. Don't just fence according to right-of-way. In terms of real weapons this is idiocy, for the goal in swordplay is to hit **without** being hit **at all**. So aim to make one-light hits only. Anything else is just a fall of the dice, a gamble with the average director. And you're not

gambling! You'll be a far better the long run if you adopt this at

Second, for you, the official: a verbose yikkity-yak. Know the l enough to function efficiently. A decision firmly, without public t conscience, and move on. Use hu you can, for it is a good tool; but it to death. Keep things moving.

Third, for the new problem, linguist: do more than just lear substitutes for the words you kno enough grammer to know the diffe tween **touché** and **la touche**. (Th are actually pronounced and used ly!) You should aim for the abilit course extemporaneously in Frencl difinitions of **remise**, **reprise**, and **ment**, and on the difference be **trouppement** and a **dérobement**. Yo be able to do in French what you, rector, should be able to do in Engi is, make a short analysis of a phras confused opinions from your jud then enlarge on your previous ar make sense out of what those idi they saw. In other words: really spec as well as you think you fence.

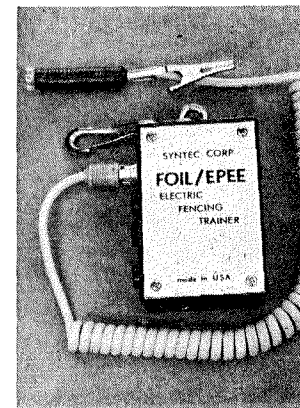
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## 75th IFA CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Irwin Bernstein

Columbia won its first three-weapon championship since 1965 with a come from behind performance by the foil and sabre teams. Navy placed second with the best balanced team and Pennsylvania edged defending champion NYU for third.

Pennsylvania compiled a spectacular 32-4 epee mark to take a big early lead in the overall competition. Columbia, however, followed with a one point victory in foil after a climactic head-to-head match with Navy in the final round to finish the first day tied in the overall race with NYU in third place, 7 behind Pennsylvania and 5 behind Navy. Then in sabre the Columbia trio produced an overpowering performance, winning 19 bouts in a row enroute to a 33-3 title winning record.

New champions were crowned in all three individual events. Richard Lawrence of Princeton was a surprise winner in the foil as he won his first 4 bouts to finish one ahead of three opponents. In sabre Jeff Tishman of NYU dethroned two time champion Bruce Soriano of Columbia by defeating Soriano 5-2 in their final bout and then repeating by 5-3 minutes later in a fenceoff. Navy's Peter Solecki, who was runnerup in an epee fenceoff a year ago, won the title when he defeated Brooke Makler of Pennsylvania by 5-4 in a second fenceoff after both had emerged with 2-1 records from a four way fenceoff for first place.

The Georges L. Cointe Award for sports-

manship was presented to Pennsylvania epee-man Ernesto Fernandez.

### TEAM STANDINGS

	Foil	Epee	Sabre	Total
1. Columbia	28	20	33	81
2. Navy	27	26	25	78
3. Pennsylvania	23	32	20	75
4. NYU	26	22	26	74
5. CCNY	20	22	16	58
6. Army	16	19	22	57
7. Princeton	21	18	17	56
8. Yale	17	17	18	52
9. Cornell	15	16	16	47
10. Harvard	10	13	21	44
11. Penn. State	10	8	11	29
12. MIT	14	6	7	27
13. Rutgers	7	15	2	24

### INDIVIDUAL FINALS

**Foil:** 1. Richard Lawrence, Princeton, 4-1; 2. James Bonacorda, NYU, 3-2; 3. Gary Pepper, Columbia, 3-2; 4. Marty Lang, NYU, 3-2; 5. Alan Sadowsky, Pennsylvania, 1-4; 6. Bob Berger, Columbia, 1-4.

**Sabre:** 1. Jeff Tishman, NYU, 4-1. Bruce Soriano, Columbia, 4-1; 3. Tom Losonczy, Columbia, 3-2; 4. Dave Huntoon, Army, 3-2; 5. William Rose, Navy, 1-4; 6. George Bartos, Columbia, 0-5.

**Epee:** 1. Peter Solecki, Navy, 3-2, 2-1 in fenceoff; 2. Brooke Makler, Pennsylvania, 3-2, 2-1 in fenceoff; 3. Ernesto Fernandez, Pennsylvania, 3-2, 1-2 in fenceoff; 4. George Weightman, Army, 3-2, 1-2 in fenceoff; 5. Daryl Taylor, Pennsylvania, 2-3; 6. David King, Navy, 1-4.



## Pointed Comment . . .

### SCHEMING AND WRESTLING OVER FENCING

by Jack Keane

From the pamphlet: **The National Training Scheme**, by C. L. de Beaumont, President Amateur Fencing Association of Great Britain.

"The National Training Scheme was instituted at the instigation of Mr. de Beaumont, on January 25, 1949.

Professor Roger Crosnier was appointed the first national fencing coach for Great Britain. Together with Mr. de Beaumont he established the line on which amateur coaches would be trained and the examinations for teaching certificates.

In 1954, Professor Crosnier returned to France and Professor R.J.B. Anderson was appointed national coach. Owing to the growth of the scheme a second national coach was appointed on 1st October 1967 and Professor Anderson became the senior national coach.

In 1959 the advanced teaching certificate was introduced and has been recognized by the British Academy of Fencing, the professional governing body, as equivalent to their standard for a provost master.

A considerable number of coaches trained under the scheme have become successful professional masters.

A senior training scheme with monthly meetings under the national coaches, groups together internationals and selected senior and junior fencers at each weapon for advanced competitive training.

The senior national coach unusually accompanies the team to major world championships.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: The Olympic Wrestling Training Camp will open here

exactly four weeks before the Olympics under the direction of Coach Bill Farrell.

A total of thirty men, three in each class, have been invited. All travel the camp, plus return fare has provided, plus costs of housing and \$3 a day pocket money.

The camp is the culmination of a AAU-USOWC four year plan, under with four year Tenures, to bring a greater share of Olympic medallic

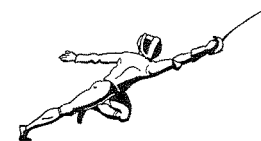
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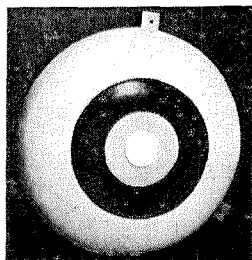
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## CORNELL TEAM TO TOUR EUROPE

by Gill Paszek

When the nearest competition is two-hundred miles away, a fencing team must either take to the road or be contented with the mediocrity of intra-squad practice. Cornell University's fencers are proving themselves to be vigorous supporters of the former alternative.

During their winter vacation last January, the team journeyed within the eastern United States as far south as North Carolina, meeting eleven teams en route. This year an ambitious fund raising campaign allowed the expanded squad to tour the Midwest for seven days. The Big Red fencers drove nearly 2,500 miles in rented station wagons and competed with fourteen schools in four states. Cornell's retinue included complete varsity, Junior varsity, and women's teams. The women, who were unofficially ranked top team at the National Christmas Invitationals, won all nine of their meets, losing only five of eighty-nine bouts.

These trips are not part of the official season and therefore receive no financial backing from the university. To make the annual tours possible, the team is carrying out a massive money-raising campaign. Enthusiastically engaging in this effort, team members have undertaken an assortment of projects. Example of their esprit de corps: cleaning up Cornell's football stadium. The entire team (women included!) spent a Sunday morning sweeping the inevitable post-game litter out of the stands. Three truckloads of paper and beer bottles went to the dump, and \$300 went to the team. The Cornell Fencing Club was founded to earn money for the trips by collecting dues and sponsoring events like the Cornell Open fencing tournament, a novice tournament, and (incongruously) a Roller Derby. Alumni gifts, rental of equipment, to the theater Arts department and donations from a demonstration meet added to the club's treasury. Although the campaign raised enough to pay for transportation and lodging on the Midwest trip,

team members had to buy meals out of their own pockets. An even more ambitious drive will be necessary to defray costs of the European tour, for which projected expenses are \$500 per person.

Since no college team has ever undertaken a similar tour, the job of planning Cornell's European trip is immense. The tentative itinerary includes Morocco, France, and England. An international tournament in Morocco will be postponed three weeks so Cornell may compete with teams from Portugal, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, and other Mediterranean countries. As originally scheduled, the tournament would be over before Cornell arrived. The Big Red will spend most of its time in France, fencing teams from universities and clubs in the Paris area. Teams from all over the United Kingdom and Ireland will meet Cornell in London.

Although the European tour is a project of no small magnitude, past experience on the Southern and Midwestern trips has convinced the Cornell team that such an undertaking is well worth the work involved. Exposure to different fencing styles and techniques on the U. S. trips has taught them much, and they expect even more experience on the European odyssey.

Cornell's head coach, Raoul Sudre, says of his students' travels, "The only way for the U.S. to get better is to expose young people to international fencing, not necessarily in the Olympics or World Championships, but by fencing the Europeans at the developmental stages of their fencing as well." Sudre, who was coach for the U.S. at the 1970 World Master's Tournament, has instilled this conviction into his team.

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## KANSAS DIVISION

by Kay Hill

The second annual Kansas City Open was hosted by the Kansas Division at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. This tournament is our entry to the Midwest Section Circuit and is held to service fencers from both coasts as well as the Mid-west.

The results were:

**Epee:** 1. Karlson, UMKC; 2. Richards, Modern Pentathlon; 3. Carter, Un-attached.

**Women's Foil:** 1. Richert, KC Metro; 2. Hill, KC Metro; 3. Wolfe, UMKC.

**Foil:** 1. Dillard, KC Metro; 2. Carter, UMKC; 3. Adams, KC Metro.

The second quality event that the Kansas Division hosts was held at Kansas University, "The Kansas Open"

The results were:

**Sabre:** 1. Klier, Illinois; 2. Mercer, KC Metro; 3. Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.

**Women's Foil:** 1. Hannon, UMKC; 2. Stanley, St. Louis, Mo.; 3. Dechant, KU.

**Foil:** 1. Carter, UMKC; 2. Christman, KU; 3. Mercer, Metro.

**Epee:** 1. Karlson, UMKC, 2. Carter, UMKC, 3. Mercer, Metro.

A four weapon team invitational tourna-

ment is held in the late fall in Division. Fencers from surrounding invited to attend the "Central P. tional."

The results were:

1. Metro A: Boe, Mercer, Richert, Ar
2. U.M.K.C. Bennett, Carter, Hannon
3. K.U.: Begert, Rathbun, Dechant, C

The season opener four weapon was held at Washburn Topeka, Kansas.

The results were:

**Women's Foil:** 1. Richert, Metro; UMKC; 3. Bradley, Wichita. Muller, UMKC. Metro.

**Epee:** 1. Anger, Metro; 2. Muller, Metr UMKC.

**Sabre:** 1. Boe, Metro; 2. Hill, Metr UMKC.

The Kansas Division Autumn T

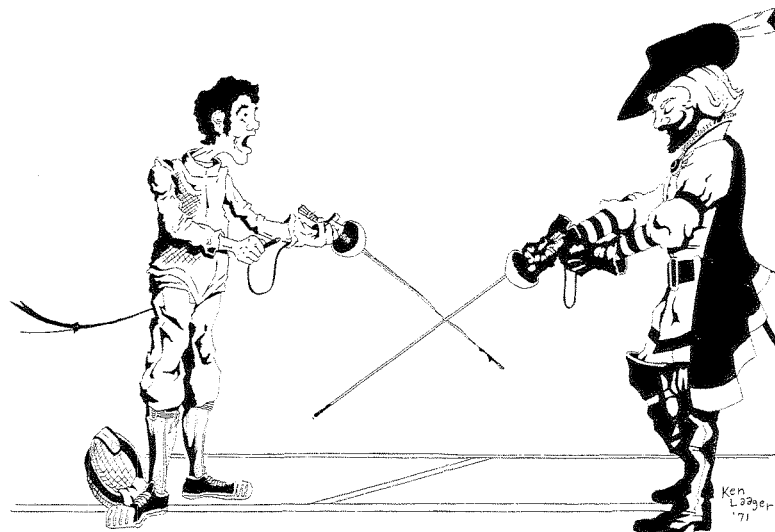
Results were:

**Foil:** 1. Tony Carter, UMKC; 2. Cl UMKC; 3. Kiehl Rathbun, KU.

**Sabre:** 1. John Klier, Illinois; 2. Mc KU, 3. Steve Carson, Metro.

**Women's Foil:** 1. Kathy Richert, Metr Metro; 3. Janet Bradley, Wichita.

Three un-classified tourname been held.



## Letters to the Editor

Editor -  
American Fencing Magazine  
Mr. Goldstein:

We have been working this year to increase the AFLA membership in the Western Washington Division. It is with some alarm that we have come to realize that while we have been trying to build membership, the National Administration has seemingly been working to make membership meaningless. One of the best selling points of an AFLA membership is the subscription to **American Fencing** that supposedly accompanies it. This year we personally have received only three issues of **American Fencing**. Several of the members of our division have complained of missing various issues. Today, we learned that two members, since early last fall, had never received any issues of the magazine. I'm becoming afraid to inquire whether other members are receiving theirs. We'll probably find out next fall by the number of members who don't renew their memberships.

It's bad enough that these members have paid for and are entitled to a magazine which they don't receive, but they are also refused any say in the running of the AFLA because the proposed amendments to the By-Laws were sent out only in **American Fencing**, which they are not receiving. I certainly hope that the National Election Ballots won't be sent out in the same shoddy manner. We may have a small division, but we do have the right to some say since we pay our dues and adhere to the AFLA Rules.

While I'm on the subject, it's also disconcerting that several of us have never received membership cards, including the Secretary and Chairman of our division. This presents a serious problem when competing in an AFLA competition outside our division. I assume that several of our new people have not received Rules Books since they have not received membership cards. What is the point of an AFLA membership, if a new fencer, who especially needs it, does not receive a rules book?

I hope this problem will be dealt with soon. In the meantime, please forward 6 copies of each issue of **American Fencing** that has been issued since September 1971. I would like to see that some of these people finally receive their deserved issues.

**Diane E. Rulien,  
Michael W. Jaross  
Western Washington Division**

**Ralph Goldstein  
American Fencing  
Dear Sir:**

In response to your editorial note on page thirty of the January/February issue I feel tempted to write an Editor for about the first time.

Not only have I never received at all the November/December issue, but this Issue No. 3 has not arrived until today, March 24th.

I have today written Messrs. Osborne and Latzko about the missing issues (there have been others recently), but the lateness of this third issue is especially troublesome in connection with the rest of that same page thirty.

Item C and D are explained as C-Dues Structure Change, and D-Additional Membership Category, but the proxy for the special meeting shows C-Organizational Changes and D-Changes in the method of amending the By-Laws. These two things do not match up at all, and I feel that any proxy voted in these conditions is subject to grave question.

Unfortunately there is no possible time left for another normal mailing to correct what seems to be an error of some sort, but I do hope it will not be left in the present sad state. I have no idea what change in the present method of amending the by-laws may be contemplated, but I object to having it changed without my knowledge!

**Very truly yours,  
L. W. Dickerson  
Cincinnati, Ohio**

**The Editor  
American Fencing  
Dear Mr. Goldstein,**

The enclosed was written and is being sent out to many with the hopeful intent of publication. Obviously those who wrote and signed this article felt they had something to say, now we need your help in finding an audience to share our views. We are requesting that this be published in the next issue of **American Fencing**, if possible. Thank you very much for your consideration.

**Respectfully,  
Sandy K. Gangstead  
La Crosse, Wisconsin**

The following was written by women who participated in the Chicagoland Open held April 1, 1972 at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. The original copy of the petition is held by Mary E. Clancy - University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse. Perhaps this publication will enlighten those who have been consciously or unconsciously oblivious to women's present status in fencing and sports in general.

We, the undersigned, would like to call attention to the areas of concern listed below. This petition is presented in the spirit of good fencing in the hope that in the future, these problems will be rectified:

1. There was inequity on bout strip assignments. The women were assigned the rubber strips, most of which had machines with no elevated lights. The men fenced only on metal strips with elevated lights.
2. No women served as directors, in the first round, even for the women's bouts. Many rated women directors had byes the first round and would gladly have appreciated the experience.
3. No attention was paid toward assigning fencers from the same club and/or division to different pools. The result was that many traveled up to 600 miles to fence opponents they

regularly fence almost d attention was called to th marks were made as "I'r get rid of the women" an this, women's lib?" A fair would these remarks have if the men had expressec concern?

4. There was inequality in the directors. The top-rated m directed the men, leavin ienced men directors for i
5. Many times directors were the middle of the bout.

**Signed:**

Charlotte Remenyik - Ill. Div.  
Anne P. Muren - Wis. Div.  
Nancy Bridenthall - Wis. Div.  
Sandra Katz - Ks. Div.  
Kit Boesch - Wis. Div.  
Kathryn E. Richert - Ks. Div.  
Jean Dechant - Ks. Div.  
Karen Feriberg - Ohio Div.  
Robert Nical - Ks. Div.  
Rose Hannon - Ks. Div.  
William L. Landahl III - Ks. Di  
Denise DeValerio - Ill. Div.  
Mary Boesch - Wis. Div.  
Mary Vlasity - Wis. Div.  
Sandy K. Gangstead - Wis. Div.  
Jean Wilcox - Ohio Div.  
Diane Smalley - Ks. Div.  
Janis McDonald - Ks. Div.  
Debbie Wolfe - Ks. Div.  
Mary E. Clancy - Wis. Div.  
Jean Stoudt - Ohio Div. Chicago  
Karen Nichols - Ill. Div.  
Jill C. Trimar - Ohio Div.

**Mr. Ralph Goldstein  
American Fencing  
Dear Ralph:**

Read your comment on page January-February, 1972 **American** which arrived today.

Newspapers certainly can't pr they don't receive. Your next questi be why the wire services refused to

Nationals. After all, this is certainly not the first year they've refused to do so. Have you ever tried to find out what happened in the 1970 Nationals in the press in, say Dallas or Chicago? Or the results of the 1969 Nationals if you lived in Boston? You can't, even by telephoning the wire services. I know because I've had friends in all three places try.

The New York Times covers the Nationals when they are in New York. The San Francisco Examiner, the Oakland Tribune, the Berkeley Gazette and three television stations covered the Nationals in Berkeley. Including two feature articles, and two newspaper personal interview period. In fact, the stringer for Sports Illustrated in this area got his results from the Tribune because he couldn't get them on the wires. Jeff Tishman called them in regularly—that is to say a couple of times a day.

Perhaps when the day comes that fencing becomes a truly national sport, instead of one practiced in certain enclaves, then the wire services will be calling us to get the results, instead of vice versa. And I hope that that's what we're all working for.

**Yours very truly,  
Harriet King  
San Francisco, Cal.**

**The Editor  
American Fencing  
Dear Mr. Goldstein,**

I sent the following letter to Mr. William Latzko, Secretary of the AFLA, and I kind of hope you'll put it in the magazine for everyone to see and think about.

**Thank you  
John Myrden  
Wildwood, New Jersey**

**Mr. W. J. Latzko,  
My Very Dearest Sir,**

While paging through the present issue of **American Fencing** (Jan./Feb.) I came across the enclosed "Proxy Vote for the Special Meeting". I then proceeded to read the parts

of the proposals that were up for question, and then to read the actual voting slip which I am sending. When I reached the part that read "Please sign here (I hereby certify . . . my 21st birthday . . . to vote)" I was literally appalled, mad, and dumbfounded . . . **SIMULTANEOUSLY.**

Whose idea was it to present a rule like that, if it is a rule, and do you think the rule should hold for the 18, 19, and 20 year olds? At the present time when the 18, 19, and 20 year olds are permitted to vote in national elections, why should the AFLA discriminate against the said block of people and not allow them to vote, or is it that the kiddies are too young to understand what they are voting for (I thought the legal phraseology was laid on a little thick).

How about one simple argument? We pay dues, how come we can't vote? I am sending in this vote and arguing for other fencers of my age to do so also.

At this meeting, would you be so kind as to raise the question I have posed to you.

**Your humble Servant,  
John Myrden**

(Ed. Note: Our young reader's interest is well taken but it is our impression that the AFLA is incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, and that our voting regulations must therefore conform to these laws. However, this certainly seems to be a matter for further exploration.)

**The Editor  
American Fencing  
Dear Ralph,**

Reading Jeff Kestler's letter in the last issue of **AF** I had the uneasy feeling that I'd seen it all before, and then it hit me: it reads like a grad student's sociology paper!!! You know, the kind that tries to build up a big controversy where none exists and then winds up asking whether there's a problem to begin with. But being the dirty rotten male chauvinist sexist rat-fink that I am, I can't resist giving my own views - which, obviously, is precisely what Jeff had in mind.

First, the epee-sabre bit. So women may not fence epee or sabre. So what? Do they want to? Those of my acquaintance do not.

Next, the men-vs-women in competition angle. Here the assumption seems to be that women want to fence men, but the dirty old men just won't let 'em. Male oppression. Well, has anyone asked the ladies?

As for the comparison between shotput and fencing, it just won't hold water. Putting the shot pits women against shot - not woman against man. And yes, women do compete in the roller derby and TV wrestling and swimming and jai-alai and barroom brawling, but does the fact that they compete automatically mean that they should compete against men?

Finally, the male ego vs male protection commercial. I confess that in 20 years of casual fencing I've beaten; and been beaten by righthanders, lefthanders, blacks, whites, yellows, two-armed fencers, one-armed fencers, two-eyed fencers, one-eyed fencers,

Catholics, Protestants, Jews, atheists, those older than I, tho than I, both men and women - effects whatsoever. But on the c no court in the land can make r woman in an official competition! fencing bout is a fight, not a soci- once that mask closes, even Rac doesn't stand a chance as far a cerned. And yes, I do proudly c chivalrous regard for women — a their anatomy, either.

Jeffrey baby, chicklib doesn't to do their fighting for them; understand it, they abhor cond male chauvinist protectionist pigs.

**Dick Oles,  
Maryland Division**

"Why, Then the World's mine oyst which I with sword will open"

Act II, Scene II  
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## Coaches Corner

### COACHES' CLINIC

by Raoul Sudre

At the time of the International Fencing Camp (July 15 to August 13), a Coaches' Clinic will be run simultaneously.

The Clinic will cover such material as teaching techniques, individual and group lessons, basic and advanced theory. Also, practice teaching at all levels will be possible with the availability of all kinds of levels of students present at the camp, including Olympic Team personnel. Technical work on equipment, repairs and mounting of weapons will be studied.

Cost of the Clinic will be \$150 one week, and \$200 for two week sessions, - \$300, three weeks, \$400, four weeks; this includes room and board.

Anyone interested should send their application with a \$50 deposit, and short resume of their experience and what they are interested in studying particularly to:

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5 Westwood Knoll  
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### FENCING COACH AVAILABLE

Jan Rozycki, a member of the Polish Silver medal Foil team at the Tokyo Olympics (1964) seeks a post as a fencing coach. Mr. Rozycki has had over fifteen years of experience in international fencing and coaching. He also has a degree in Fine Arts from the Warsaw Academy, and has had a number of one-man shows, in various countries. He can be contacted c/o A. Gorczynski, 960 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10021.



Archie E. Simonson

### COACH BECOMES JUDGE SIMONSON WINS ELECTION

by Richard Gradkowski

Archie E. Simonson, a practicing attorney in Madison, Wisconsin, for twenty years, Head Fencing Coach at the University of Wisconsin, and former President of the National Fencing Coaches Association of America, has been elected Judge of the County Court for Dane County, Wisconsin.

Simonson, a father of three, said he would probably have to resign from his long time job as coach when he takes office in January. Active both in NFCAA and AFLA affairs, Archie has earned a reputation for hard work and dedication to fencing. Our congratulations to him along with regrets at losing a valuable sparkplug for our sport.

### QUICKIE QUIZ

What is the maximum permissible diameter of a foil guard?; (see page 38, Paragraph 208 of the 1970 Rule Book).

### NORMAN C. ARMITAGE

Norman C. Armitage, a vice president to the textile firm of Deering Milliken Inc. and one of the greatest fencing champions in modern competition died Tuesday, March 14, at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He was 65 years old.

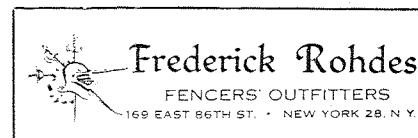
After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University in 1927, Mr. Armitage stayed on for two more years to earn additional under-graduate degrees in science and chemical engineering. In 1937 he obtained a law degree from New York University and, two years later, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, specializing in patent law.

But before, during, and after his formal training in science and law, Mr. Armitage spent much of his time fencing, his specialty being saber. He won the national championship 16 times and was runner up on nine occasions. Mr. Armitage probably participated in more Olympic Games than any other American athlete - from 1928 through 1956. In the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki and in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, he was the standard bearer for the United States in the Opening ceremonies.

AMERICAN FENCING extends its condolences to his family and many friends.

### ALEXI NIKANCHIKOV

We are distressed to learn of the tragic death of Alexi Nikanchikov of the Soviet Union Epee team. A World Champion in 1966, 1967, and 1970, he was noted for his classical Epee style and perfect gentlemanly deportment on and off the fencing strip. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family and many friends.



### CLEVELAND INVITATI

by Ilona Kadar

The sixteenth annual Cleveland Tournament with a total of 130 held Saturday and Sunday, Jan and 30th at Cuyahoga Community

#### RESULTS WERE:

**Foil:** 1. R. Nagorney, Salle Kadar: 2. Mich. F. A.: 3. J. Gilchrist, Cin.; Kestler, Salle Kadar.

**Epee:** 1. D. Cantillon, Mich. F.A.: 2. Salle Kadar: 3. J. Rice, Columbus: 4. Lex. Ky.

**Sabre:** 1. W. Goering, Mich. F.A.: 2. Sally Kadar: 3. J. Campoli, Battle Foxcroft, Canada.

**Women's Foil:** 1. H. Erossy, C.M. Kowalewski, Salle Kadar: 3. S. Takas: 4. A. Susel, Clev. F.F.

**The Gilman Meet-Foil/Epee:** 1. D. Mich. F. A.; 2. J. Zygoleski, Mich. James, Clev. F.F.; 4. J. Seich, Salle K

**Sabre Inv.:** 1. D. Edwards, St. Louis; street, Chicago; 3. W. Espinosa, Sadiz, Columbus.

**Women's Foil:** 1. J. Staudt, O.S.U.; Clev. F.F.; 3. J. Kowalewski, Salle Saurer, Pl. Hls. Penn.

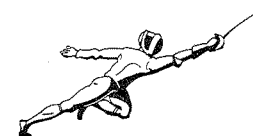
#### THREE WEAPON TEAM COMPETITION

**Sabre:** 1. Salle Kadar No. 1. - F. Nagorney, A. Kestler 2. Clev. F.F. McCormick, M. Schultz, K. Krall; 3. No. 1 - W. Duane, B. Brakeman, G. Clev. F.F. No. 2. R. Kassuff, B. Raine

**Women's Foil:** 1. Salle Kadar No. 1 weski, L. Veneskey, C. Dobbins; 2. No. 2 - R. Shoham, I. Kadar, M. Bas F.F. No. 1 - A. Susel, S. Gereby, E. Salle Kadar No. 3 - B. Strauss, K. W. man.

**Men's Foil:** 1. Salle Kadar No. 1 - A. Nagorney, B. Nagorney - 2. Clev. H. James, W. Reith, D. Phillips; 3. No. 2 - E. Sosman, T. Willis, G. Pie Com, Col. - T. Darden, Harrison, V

**Epee:** 1. Salle Kadar No. 1 - J. Seich R. Redding; 2. Salle Kadar No. 2. - B. Brakeman, M. Davids 3. Clev. F.F. Krall, L. Jones, J. Bambrick 4. Clev 2. - D. Hart, R. Godic, D. Pucci.



## NEW JERSEY DIVISION

by Pat Florio

**Collegiate Foil:** 1. Rey Gonzalez, Pr. U; 2. Gabe Hauer, NCE; 3. Jacob Hayward, SHU.

**Collegiate Epee:** 1. Mark Farley, Pr. U; 2. Russ Fisher, WPC; 3. Bob Brady, SIT.

**Collegiate Sabre:** 1. Bill Kessler, Pr. U. 2. John Norris, SHU; 3. Stan Kalish, WPC.

**Women's Under-19:** 1. Debbie Cinotti, Barn; 2. Janice Kovatch, FCHRC; 3. Jeannine Lynch, WPC.

**Three Weapon Team:** 1. Princeton Univ. 2. N. J. Composite 3. Indian Hills.

**Women's Open Team:** 1. Santelli Composite; 2. SMA; 3 Jersey City Fencers.

**Foil Team Qual & Div Champ:** 1. Princeton Univ. 2. SFS-A; 3. SFA-B.

**Women's ABC:** 1. Denise O'Connor, SS; 2. Tanya Adomovich, FC; 3. Averil Genton, FC.

**Epee Team Qual & Div. Champ:** 1. Columbia Composite; 2. Princeton Univ; 3. SFA.

**Women's Novice Foil:** 1. Bridget DiFalco, WPC; 2. Willie Gramlich, WPC; 3. Ilona Maskel, FCHRC.

**Sabre Under-19 Qual. Rnd. & Div. Champ:** 1. Ed. DeVivo, NYU; 2. Mike Sheridan EC; 3. Nick Rizzitello, Rut. N.

**Foil Under-19 Qual. & Div. Champ:** 1. Mike Malkenthin, Ram; 2. Tom Boutsikaris, Barr; 3. Paul Martino. EC.

**Epee Under-19 Qual. & Div. Champ:** 1. Mark Farley, Pr. U; 2. Tony Popciak, St. John's; 3. Lee Shelley, Pingry.

**Women's Under-19 Qual. & Div. Champ:** 1. Iza Farkas, HAAC; 2. Debbie Cinotti, Barn; 3. Lu Ann Silverstro, Ram.

**Epee N. A. & Nat'l Qual:** 1. Dan Wigodsky, Pr. U; 2. Rey Gonzalez, Pr. U; 3. Richard Coll, FC.

**Women's N. A. Qual:** 1. Carolyn Chesney, SS; 2. Denise O'Connor, SS; 3. Jay Reid, SS.

**Foil N.A. & NAT'L. QUAL:** 1. Angelo Devito; 2. Mike Faulkner, SEA; 3. Mike Gaylor.

**Girls' H.S. Team Championship:** 1. Ramapo H.S. 2. Ridgefield Park H.S. 3. College H.S.

**Sabre N.A. & Nat'l. Qual:** 1. Tom Lasoczny, NYAC; 2. Bruce Soriano, Col; 3. Jeff Tishman, NYU.

**Boys' Under 15:** 1. Paul McDonald, BT; 2. Tom Boutsikaris, unatt; 3. Dom Fletcher, Ram.

**Girls' Under 15:** 1. Afi Vari, Haac; 2. Lori Sobel, WPJ; 3. Elke Kristo-Nagy, FCHRC.



**Women' Nat'l. Qual. & Div. Champ:** 1. Carolyn Chesney, SS; 2. Emily Grampone, SFA; 3. Debbie Cinotti, Barn.

**Girls' H.S. Championships:** 1. LuAnn Silverstro, Ram; 2. Iza Farkas, N. Bruns; 3. Bronn Epperly, RP.

**Women's Unclassified:** 1. Sue Terpak, JCFC; 2. Rita Korponay, HAAC; 2. Bronn Epperly, RP.

**Foil Champ:** 1. Rick Lawrence, Pr. U; 2. Rey Gonzalez, Pr. U; 3. Mike Maulkner, SFA.

**Epee Open:** 1. Mark Farley, Pr. U; 2. Lou Gilbert, WPC; 3. Ed Fellows, IH.

**Sabre Open:** 1. Cal Schlick, unatt; 2. Dave Uffelmann, Pr. U; 3. Miklos Benedek, EC.

## THE GEORGES COINTES MEMORIAL OPEN

by Richard Kerr

The first annual George Cointes Memorial Tournament, held at Cornell University on April 15 and 16, 1972, drew sixty entrants. As only nine sabremen entered, one large pool was held, and when the dust had settled Laszlo Szerenyi of the Washington fencers Club emerged the victor, undefeated. With one loss was John Koltai of the University of Buffalo, and Andy Levy of Cornell copped third with two losses. The fact that Cornell has again emerged as a power in women's foil is testified to by the large turnout in this field. After three rounds Carol Eskesen of Salle Santelli had earned top honors, All-American Peggy Walbridge of Cornell held second place, and Susan Seiller made her trip from Kentucky all the more worthwhile by taking the third spot.

On Sunday the epees and foils were locked in combat. As with sabre, one large pool was held among nine entrants. The first place award went to Ken Torino of Cornell, who was ably supported by teammates Alan Petroff in second place and Douglas Herz in third. The pool results were tightly bunched. Men's foil had a larger turnout, (20) and Gerard Shaw of SUNY-Binghamton lasted the three rounds to take first. Second went to Michael Conlon of Eisenhower College, and Ira Sanders of Cornell secured third place.

## BLUEGRASS ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Fran Stoltz

The Bluegrass Annual Championships were held in Louisville, Ky. February 5-6. In the four weapons held there were 77 entries.

### Results:

**Foil:** 1. Bill Seiller, Ky. 7-0; 2. E. Wotring, W. Va. 6-1; 3. Greg Treitz, Ky. 5-2; 4. B. Miller, U. of K, 4-3; 5. Porter, U. of K. 3-4; 6. K. Stevenson, Ky., 5-2.

**Women's Foil:** 1. P. McMann, Ohio, 5-0; 2. S. Seiller, Ky. 2-3; 3. M. Tremain, Ohio, 2-3; 4. P. McKnown, Ohio, 2-3; 5. G. Thayer, Ky. 2-3; 6. Klinger, Ill. 2-3.

**Sabre:** 1. D. Edwards, Mo. 7-0; 2. B. Seiller, Ky. 6-1; 3. Muller, Ind. 4-3; 4. Ibanez, Ohio, 4-3.

## SOUTH JERSEY DIVISION

by John Lillback

The pinelands of South Jersey have been resounding with the clash and clang of foil, sabre and epee as we try to establish our new divisional championship trophy holders. John Lillback has donated, in addition to the four ancient swords, appropriately engraved for the four champions in foil, epee and sabre and women's foil, two gilded foils for the Under-19 boy's and girl's Foil champions.

**Women's Under-19:** 1. Julia Miller, CCC. 2. Nelda Seidel, CCC. 3. Denise Potenza, BT. 4. Francine Reader, RVF.

**Under-19 Sabre:** 1. Winton Napier, CCC. 2. Rick Simone, BT. 3. Jeff Shkoluk, BT. 4. Paul McDonald, BT.

**Sabre:** 1. Augustin de la Llave, MC. 2. John Myrden, CCC. 3. Paul Riendeau, CCC. 4. Winton Napier, CCC.

**Epee:** 1. John Myrden, CCC. 2. Rick Simone, BT. 3. Glenn Reinhardt, CCC. 4. Bill Olivero, CCC.

**Under-19 Epee:** 1. Rick Simone, BT. 2. Jeff Shkoluk, BT. 3. George Schietinger, MHS. 4. Joe Terrill, RVF.

**Women's Dry Foil:** 1. Nelda Seidel, CCC. 2. Donna Grischbowsky, BT. 3. Eileen Dwyer, BT. 4. Denise Potenza, BT.

**Dry Foil, Open:** 1. Dave Howell, RVF. 2. Bob Barden, MC. 3. Bruce Gerstein, MC. 4. John Myrden, CCC.

**Women's Open Foil Team:** 1. Composite: Julia Miller, CCC; Nelda Seidel, CCC; Ruth Modica, RVF. 2. Brick Twp: Joann Potenza, Donna Grischbowsky, Denise Potenza. 3. RVF: Francine Reader, Mary Crawford, Pat Modica.

**Epee:** 1. B. Matheson (USMPT), Ohio, 6-1; 3. B. Taylor, (USMPT) 4-; (USMPT); 4-3 5. Drum, (USMPT), 2-UofK, 2-5.

The Kentucky Under 19 CF were held in Louisville, Ky. on In Women's Foil Susan Seiller w for the fifth consecutive year.

The first through fifth place make up the under 19 team that sent Kentucky Mid-West fencing Results:

**Women's Foil:** 1. S. Seiller, Salle Co Reinitz, Ballard H. S.; 3. Genie Thc Fran Stoltz, SHA; 5. Alice Mitchell, **Foil:** 1. John Harkess, Ballard H Treitz, Ballard H. S.; 3. K. Stevenson, 4. Mark Wolff, Seneca H. S.



photo by

The Saber team of the Fencers Club of York Athletic Club for the Metropro Team Championship. The event was a four man team; sixteen bout match 1 is the second time the Fencers Club h title, the last time being 1950. The len between the Fencers Club's victories underscored by this: The last time Stephen Kaplan, the youngest membr contingent, was less than three months Front row: (l. to r.) - Robert Dow (t to score four victories) and Maestro C Back row: (l. to r.) - Robert Blur Kaplan, and Paul Apostol.



## OLYMPIC FENCING COMMITTEE REPORT

by William J. Latzko, Secretary

The Olympic Points for 1972 events are as follows: **For the 1972 Sectionals:** Points are awarded based on the place won in the finals and the number of "A" ranked fencers among the first six finalists.

Place Won	Number of A's in First 6 Finalists						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
2	11	13	15	17	19	21	23
3	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
4	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
5	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
6	7	9	11	13	15	17	19

**For the 1972 Nationals:** Points are awarded on the place won in the finals.

Place	Points
1	250
2	230
3	210
4	190
5	170
6	150

The selection of the Olympic Team will be based on the points accumulation since 1970 as follows: The first three places are to be selected solely on the basis of accumulated points, the last two places are also to be selected on the basis of points accumulated unless, in the judgment of the Committee, the selection of another candidate would make a stronger contribution to the team. In exercising its discretion, the Committee will consider a certified temporary illness or injury at the time of the trial or a significant international performance.

The Committee has determined that the training of four weeks is mandatory for those selected to the Olympic Team, unless for good cause shown, the captain allows a lesser training schedule, with a minimum of each weekend or equivalent time during the training period. Four training camps have been established in the United States: The University of Colorado at Boulder, Notre Dame University, Princeton University and Cornell University. The camps will be active from July 15, 1972 through the middle of August. The Committee is considering a set of rules covering the deportment and discipline of the Official Party (Team Members and Officials). It is proposed that all members be furnished with these rules and then give their written agreement to abide by them.