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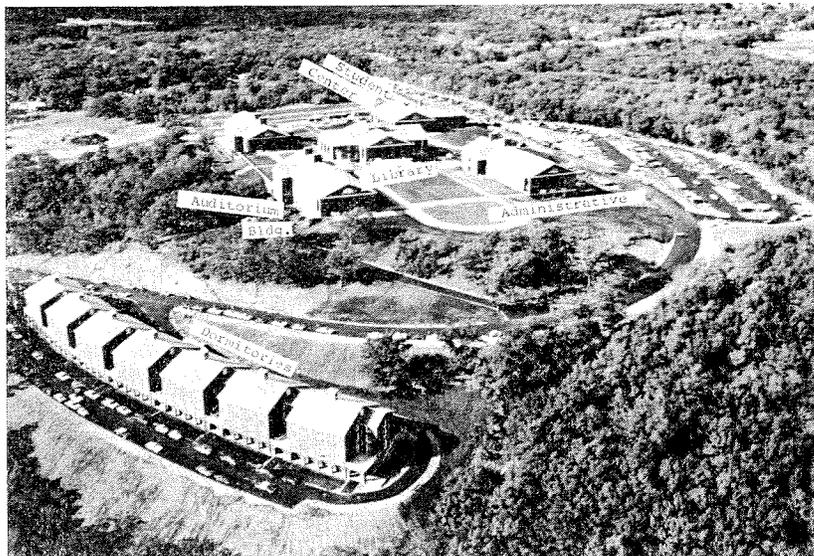


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An aerial view of Bentley College at Waltham, Massachusetts, where the U.S. National Championships will be held from July 1 to July 8th. The bucolic campus will have available dormitories less than a hundred yards from the site of the actual competition. Qualifiers for the Nationals are urged to make their reservations early with the form provided in this issue.

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EDITORIAL

The Nov./Dec. issue of American Fencing was prepared and at the printer sufficiently early to make the required Nov. 30th mailing date.

This issue had a number of important items in it, and it was our earnest hope that we could get the magazine to our readers on time.

We were advised, shortly after the mailing was to have gone out, that alleged difficulties with the mailing list made it necessary to greatly reduce the size of our edition (from 6,615 to 2,500 copies). Also, the situation seemed such that the reduced mail-

ing would take longer to get to our readers.

We felt that, instead of waiting so long, it would be best to print up the same quantity of copies as the Sep./Oct. issue (6,515) and send these out to those readers.

In this way, most AFLA members could have received the magazine before Christmas. Any new members could have received it in a subsequent mailing. We therefore recommended this course to the Policy Board.

The majority of the Policy Board agreed with our recommendation and we expected it to be followed. However, we were shocked to learn that this decision was changed.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this has caused our readers.

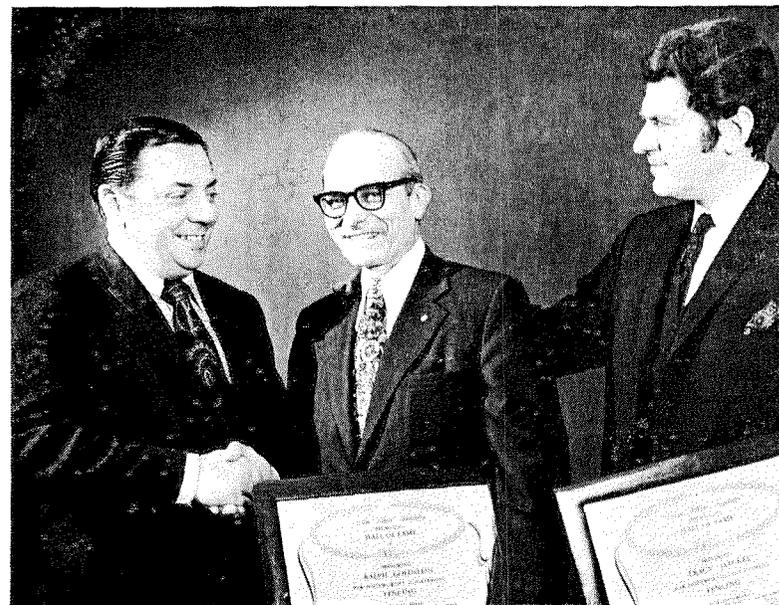


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Ralph Goldstein, editor of American Fencing, receives the famous Helms Hall of Fame Award for his many distinguished services to fencing. The award was presented jointly by Michael DeCicco, of the National Fencing Coaches Association of America (left) and Alan Miles Ruben, President AFLA. The award was made at the January 29th executive committee meeting of the AFLA, he New York Athletic Club. AFLA President Ruben also holds the Helms Award presented post hure Tracy Jaeckel, famous U.S. Epeeist, at the same meeting.

HELMS HALL OF FAME AWARDS

by Richard Gradkowski

The nationally known Helms Hall of Fame Awards of the Helms Foundation were presented by NFCAA President Michael DeCicco and AFLA President Alan Miles Ruben to Ralph Goldstein and Tracy Jaeckel at the January 29th meeting of the Executive Committee of the AFLA. The purpose of the Award is to honor those persons who have made a distinguished contribution to sports.

Ralph M. Goldstein, our Editor, was honored for his many services to fencing ranging from being 1960 Olympic Team Captain (Rome) to Foreign Secretary of the AFLA. Ralph has been an active fencer and diligent supporter of fencing for many years, and in his capacity as editor of American

Fencing magazine expects to continue efforts for the sport.

Tracy Jaeckel, who passed away on August 8th, 1969, was for thirty five years a fencing epeeist. In 1932 he was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team that won a Bronze medal in Los Angeles. He was Foreign Secretary of the AFLA for many years and also on the bout committee of the Pan Am Games.





Pointed Comment . . .

THE NATIONAL COACH

by Jack Keane

If there is one topic guaranteed to produce stone silence or searing argument amongst any representative assembly of American Fencers, it is the idea of "The National Coach."

There: It's said. Out in the open at last. In print. The National Coach. The man who coaches the other coaches, as it were.

Why is this thought a bete noir in the councils of American Fencing? What are the reasons more positive action has not been taken to either prove or disprove the validity of the idea in relation to American conditions?

Once the subject has been gotten into, everyone is going to be pleasantly surprised about how quickly the task can go. Why? Because the leaders of American Fencing **already** pick a national coach, in effect, every four years.

But, these selections for Olympic and Pan American spots are too often based on smudgy criteria.

We need to do it differently. And for that we need a reappraisal, which can have agonizing aspects.

There should be one goal and one goal only: to produce excellence through a broad based system of development of both coaches and competitors.

Fencing must increase, everything else (and everyone) must diminish.

Preliminarily, here is what one will probably see:

1. Four broad areas of coaching influence
 - a. Scholastic
 - b. Collegiate
 - c. Club
 - d. International
2. A laissez faire situation that finds

purported "coaches" securing positions at schools — even major ones — on the basis of sketchy or devious credentials. (How is the school to really know?)

3. Disastrously limiting knowledge in certain geographical areas fostered by a chauvinistic (but comfortable) interpretation of the rules of fencing. (A big reason fine athletes are often bewildered about what happens to them at a nationals, for instance.)

4. An unclear relationship between the National Fencing Coaches Association and the AFLA leadership.

It is this last point that deserves the closest scrutiny.

For ultimately we must answer the big question: **regardless of who is developing the fencers**, who is developing the coaches?

And not only train them but provide the correct basic input of technique through proper pedagogical methods that an athlete can carry with him when he graduates to higher levels of coaching.

There is more than one man now teaching fencing in America who exults in the claim that he "taught himself" everything.

Some of these men are suprisingly proficient. Others are caricatures.

We need a broad based system of coach development.

It should stem from a clear idea of what is needed to take us to an Olympic Gold Medal.

It is not a question of money. Money is already being spent, and wasted.

It is a question of all of us accepting what needs to be done so that fencing may progress in an orderly and predictable manner instead of the haphazard and fitful way that it has.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

by Richard Gradkowski

Unable to reach a majority vote until the last minute the Nominating Committee of the AFLA, headed by Dr. Daniel Bukantz, has selected the following slate as their official nomination for next year's AFLA officers:

For President: Chaba Pallyghy
Executive Vice President: (no selection)

Vice Presidents:

Janice Romary, Pacific Coast
Spencer Johnson, South West
Ronald Brown, South East
William Goering, Mid West
Carla Richards, North Atlantic

Secretary: Irwin Bernstein (declined)

Treasurer: Peter Tishman

Three candidates were considered for the post of Executive Vice President; Emily Johnson, Norman Lewis, and Steve Sobel. Both Emily Johnson and Steve Sobel had previously indicated that they would not accept this nomination.

Irwin Bernstein has also declined the nomination of the committee in favor of running for secretary on a slate headed by Steve Sobel for president. Sobel and Bernstein will run by petition, as will Emily Johnson for president and Tom Ahern for secretary on her slate.

We are also advised that Bill Goering will run for Executive Vice President on the slate headed by Chaba Pallyghy, as will Ralph Zimmerman for Secretary both by petition. This will leave a vacancy in the nomination for Mid West Vice President.

AFLA members are reminded that the coming special meeting of the AFLA (April 13th) will consider the elimination of the post of Executive Vice President in favor of a proposal to have two Vice Presidents, and also to reinstate the post of Foreign Secretary. In addition, if the realignment of the North Atlantic Section is approved, that VP will be eliminated and replaced by three others.

Readers of American Fencing should note

that we plan to carry full detail shifting political situation in our r and have made provision for all c to express their views fully in these

SENIOR SPORTS INTERNATIONAL INCLUDES FENCING IN 1972 GAMES

by Fred Rayser

Fencers, age 35 and up, will be to participate in the 3rd Annual World Championship Games to be Los Angeles in June.

The Games are hosted by Seniors International, an organization devoted to promoting participation in sports for normally in the "retirement" age. A 22 sports will be represented. Many fencing, will appear for the first time the 1972 Games.

Sabre and Women's Foil will be held 24th, with Foil and Epee, June 25th Los Angeles Athletic Club, 7th and in downtown Los Angeles. The competition is AFLA sanctioned.

Awards will be made by age group 5-year increments from 35 so long as there are at least four competitors in each. All competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

For information and entry forms stamped, self addressed envelope to **Sports International, Mutual of Omaha Suite 302, 5225 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.** Deadline for entries is July 1, 1972.

MARTINI ROSSI POSTPONED

Because of organizational difficulties the Martini-Rossi International Tournament has been postponed this year until the late end in May, (May 26, 27, 28). The Green Competition (for Ladies and will be held on the following week June 3 and 4.

A TEN POINT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFLA

by Chaba M. Pallaghy

Within the past ten years, fencing in America has literally grown by leaps and bounds. Never before in the history of American fencing has there been such a display of interest and participation.

In the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, approximately 100 high schools are offering fencing classes as part of their curriculum. Also, there is a tremendous upsurge of fencing activity manifesting itself in the Chicago and Los Angeles/San Francisco regions. Both of these areas are ripe for building and promoting fencing and a concerted effort should be made to enhance our sport in these territories.

This desire to learn the art of fencing has also spread to many high schools and colleges in other areas of the United States. The increased popularity is supported by the fact that the "under 19 championships", on a national, sectional and divisional level, represent some of the best attended competitions.

According to a recent survey, American manufacturers of fencing equipment are presently selling to nearly 200,000 fencers throughout the country. If you consider everyone who is interested in fencing and also those actively participating, the total could easily exceed 500,000. In consideration of these statistics, the fact that we have less than 4,000 AFLA members, indicates that we have only skimmed the potential membership of this organization.

Accordingly, the role of the next President of the AFLA will not only be challenging, but also crucial. In view of this, I am deeply honored that the nominating committee of the AFLA has selected me to run for this esteemed office. I am confident that my broad experience in both fencing and business will assist me to successfully fulfill the duties of the office of the President of the AFLA.

My belief is that the President of the League should approach and uphold his obligations with dignity, integrity and honesty.



CHABA M. PALLAGHY

He should be present at major domestic and international competitions; he should be able to delegate authority and involve himself most diligently with top level decisions. Most importantly, he must achieve a position of respected leadership. His contacts, both domestic and international, should increase the prestige of American Fencing and raise the esteem of the office of the President to the AFLA. Hence, it is my intention if elected to the position of President of the AFLA to serve in accordance with and abide by these principles.

If the League is to sustain and prevail among fencers in the United States, we must focus upon building the backbone of any organization its "membership". Active, not passive membership should be the keynote of this drive. This will be the criteria for the success of the AFLA.

An obvious route for the achievement of this goal will be to support the divisions, which represent the foundation of the League. Supporting the divisions necessitates improving communications and the services offered to them. In close proximity to increased support of the divisions, sectional activities should also be developed and improved. This will eventually reflect itself on the divisional

level. Interest obtained on the sectional level will ultimately increase participation from the divisions, thereby assuring a greater voice to the membership in League affairs.

Another avenue for the development of the AFLA will be the formation of a central membership committee whose primary function will be to increase league membership and obtain the application from nearly all fencers in the country for League acceptance and admission.

In order to assure the success of this membership drive, a program outlining the details and stressing the close cooperation between the sections and divisions again becomes a major factor. The particular problems of each division will have to be considered and progress will be made where it conforms to the best interests of each unit.

A centrally originated membership drive can only succeed if close cooperation can be achieved at the local level. Membership from fencers and those interested in participating may be solicited from high school and college students, adult and other group organizations and supporters who have relatives and friends in fencing.

Activities which must originate on a national level, should also be designed to draw the interest and active participation from the various sections and divisions.

It is, of course, extremely important that a concentrated effort be made to raise funds for the overall enhancement of fencing. Funds obtained should be channelled back into the areas from which they originate in order to improve fencing in those particular sections and also gratify the contributor in seeing the results of his benevolence.

Olympic participation is essential to the progress of the AFLA. Exposure, public support and the training of current and new fencers for Olympic competition is important for the success of the American fencers at the games. Therefore, the creation of a four year program in preparation for the 1976 games in Montreal will be necessary. The creation of a fair and equitable system of selecting Olympic participants will be made a reality to all members who qualify.

Another area of concern is the hemisphere. It is essential that the leadership of the AFLA in the hemisphere be assured. We should to balance and promote our prestige at all levels. However, it is that the substance of our prestige primarily achieved by our result strip.

Therefore, in order to achieve national recognition, it will be that we develop and improve the domestic fencing. Accordingly, a good example is that of Commur where quality fencing has developed popularizing the sport.)

To properly guide and direct the central administration should role of leadership similar to the Federal Government. Such a role doubtedly increase the ability of the to provide and increase essential members. For example, the publication AFLA, American Fencing, should on a more frequent basis and the of information should be current.

In order to achieve the program above, the League finances on a level must be improved. As I have said this can be attained through increased membership, and by obtaining special League activities and by instituting financial policy.

When the development of fencing is discussed, the question of fencing is of extreme importance. Fencing is which cannot develop without Hence, the role of these coaches, in and outside the League, must be examined. We must seek closer cooperation with League coaches and those coaches of the League should be solid membership. Also, a closer relationship should be established with the NCA Forces and other fencing oriented nations.

The numerical increase in fencing ultimately require and necessitate ability of qualified fencing masters.

there are not enough teachers. Every effort should be made towards the establishment of a fencing masters school or development program. The effort made in this respect by the National Fencing Coaches Association should be examined and preferably brought within the framework of the AFLA.

The task facing the President of the AFLA is enormous. It is a job that is interdependent upon the cooperation and assistance of others, and requires the support of all fencers.

I am confident that fencers in the United States realize this and are conscientious about and willing to support their sport, their League and their President. All I ask is that we unite and work towards one goal, "The success of fencing!"

As the official nominee of the Nominating Committee of the AFLA for the office of President of the AFLA, I would like to summarize for you the ten point program which I have just elaborated upon:

- (1) Increase League membership.
- (2) Improve communications with League members.
- (3) Improve services to League members.
- (4) Re-organize League to promote closer affiliation between the AFLA administration, the Divisions and the Sections.
- (5) Improve financial condition of League.
- (6) Establish a just and equitable selection system for National, International, Pan-Am and Olympic team representation.
- (7) Create a four year preparatory program for the 1976 Olympics.
- (8) Maintain and increase international recognition.
- (9) Establish closer cooperation nationally with the NCAA, Fencing Coaches Association and other fencing oriented organizations.
- (10) Establish a systematic program or school to develop fencing masters.

As you may recall, I previously stated that "active and not passive membership should be the keynote of our drive." If this can be accomplished, then the overall success of our League can be virtually assured.

This integral and vital aspect for the development of the AFLA can only be achieved with your support, participation and desire to see American Fencing enhanced. This **must** be a cooperative venture.

JACK DALTON

by M. Betlem

Jack Dalton belonged to the middle generation of a three generation fencing family. Now Jack's son Steve is continuing in the family tradition.

Ontario fencers, remember Jack as an enthusiastic promoter of the sport. It was largely through Jack's efforts that the 1967 World Fencing Championships were awarded to Montreal, Canada.

His concern for the future of the Canadian fencing was expressed in his active support and promotion of a Youth Programme. His untimely death occurred while Canada had a team participating, for the first time, in the 1971 World Youth Championships in South Bend, Indiana. As Chairman of the Team Selection Committee, he had been closely involved in making the arrangements for this team's participation.

He passed away April 12, 1971. May we offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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WHY TOM AND I ARE RUNNING

by Emily B. Johnson

Tom and I believe that there must be drastic changes made in the way the AFLA is run if fencing is to take its rightful place as a national sport.

Fencing does not belong to a little "In" group. It belongs to all of us no matter where we live. It is time that we all got involved. It is time for new ideas and new faces. To achieve this the headquarters of the AFLA must be moved from the east coast.

The national officers should represent different areas of the country. Authority and responsibility should not be concentrated in the hands of a few. A Board of Directors meeting should be held at every Nationals as well as on each coast and in other sections of the country. We are not interested in establishing a new "In" group.

The officers should be accessible to the membership. If I am elected president I pledge that I will remain throughout every national competition and will be available to talk to anyone - except when I am actually competing. Every letter will be read and promptly answered. Every idea will be considered on its merit alone. The Board of Directors and the entire membership will be kept informed of everything that goes on.

Our first priority is to increase our membership and to raise the level of fencing in this country. We should not spend our limited resources sending teams to World Championships and other international competitions, we should use them to support fencing at the local level particularly among the younger fencers and, if feasible, in bringing a few top European fencers to this country to compete in competitions held throughout the United States. This helps everyone.

Of the estimated 200,000 fencers in the United States less than 7,000 belong to the AFLA. Why? Because 193,000 fencers feel the AFLA has nothing to offer them. We must try to persuade them to join and to continue as members. How? I have heard a great variety of suggestions - as a sample,



EMILY B. JOHNSON

teaching aids in all fields of brochures in such diverse fields as weapons and directing - AFLA jack cial medals procured by the natic and sold to local divisions at a disc list is far too long to repeat here. to know what will make the AFLA to a high school and collegiate well as to the casual non-competitiv You have ideas. Share them with

We need more coaches. We v enough coaches when they can make quate living. We must work closely Coaches Association and with the We have to try to get organization: the Scouts and Boys Clubs and g interested in fencing. We must get involved who cares so that by wo gether we can make fencing what be.

We must work to promote fencing AFLA. Lets ask our fencers who wo verstiging to plan a campaign.

We need money. I pledge that I accept any AFLA funds for travel until we have doubled our memb would rather use that money for a Olympic training. We should set u ent classes of associate membership

seldom donate more than the amount requested. We should send fencers who do not renew their membership several reminders instead of forgetting them and perhaps ask them to become associate members if they are no longer competing. We should solicit funds not only from individuals but from foundations and governmental agencies. This should be carefully planned. (One excellent argument is that fencing is a socially acceptable outlet for aggression and violence.)

Tom and I and our supporters throughout the country are bubbling with ideas - I have only touched on some of them. We are willing to work to make the AFLA what it should be. Can we handle the job?

We are running as a team.

Tom Ahern, running for secretary, is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and has been fencing since 1959 in all three weapons. He is a computer specialist and his wife is a systems programmer. She would work as corresponding secretary. Everything possible will be done on the computer - they will do the programming free and will be able to get computer time at the least expensive rate. We can get membership cards, rule books and other similar material out on time and can even aid the division secretaries by sending them such items as extra address labels and division membership lists.

I, Emily Johnson, running for president, am an attorney at law working in a judicial capacity for the State of California. I have been Chairman of the Northern California Division, sponsors of the 1971 Nationals, for

two years. I have had a lot of business experience. As a fencer I am rated Class A. I was the Assistant U.S. team captain at the World Championships in Cuba and have attended the 1968 and 1964 Olympic Games.

We feel we are well qualified.

We cannot run with a full slate because of the proposed change in the position of vice-president to be voted on in April.

If you have any immediate questions or want any further information please contact Tom Ahern, 2525 San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek, Ca 94958. I will be fencing in Europe Leaving the U.S. on April 8th. I'll be back May 10th and I'll be happy to talk to anyone or answer letters on my return. (Address: 1250 Ellis #11, San Francisco, Ca 94109)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION

by Bea Couchman

Sabre Open: 1. C. Fuertes, FSF; 2. M. Marion, SdN; 3. G. Clovis, LAAC.

Open Women: 1. S. Armstrong, WEFC; 2. M. Mitchell, WEFC; 3. N. Clovis, LAAC.

Foil C: 1. C. Jones, SdN; 2. D. Sinkola, FSF; 3. S. Lowey, FSF.

Epee Open: 1. K. Christie, Mori; 2. D. Roth, Letterm. 3. M. Lipton, FSF.

Foil Open: 1. J. St. Clair, LAAC; 2. J. Elliott, Mori; 3. L. Goldberg, LAAC.

Foil Team Open: 1. Mori (Okawa, Elliott, Varadi, Goldberg); 2. FSF (Fuertes, Sinkola, Nordlight); 3. LAAC (St. Clair, Conway, Fallesen).

Epee Team Open: 1. Mori (Elliott, Goldberg Christie); 2. FSF (Fuertes, Lipton, Johnson); 3. LAAC (Barden, Luna, McGee).

CONTESTED ELECTIONS - A BURDEN or an OPPORTUNITY

by Steve Sobel

Did the choice of seven people on the National nominating committee necessarily represent the desire of American fencers? It could - but I don't believe it did. Up to one week before their mandated reporting deadline they were divided among three candidates (one of whom was a member of the nominating committee). Under pressure of a deadline they compromised on a choice. If the august committee felt there was more than one candidate worthy of consideration, then should not the membership of the AFLA be given a choice? Although a contested election is expensive, both to the AFLA and to the candidates, and it creates many problems, nevertheless there are only two alternatives: a rubber stamp approval by the entire AFLA membership to a decision of compromise reached under pressure of a deadline, or following our democratic tradition, a choice of candidates available to all voting members of the AFLA from which to pick their next president. For me the decision was clear. In the sincere belief that the slate of the nominating committee is not representative of the desires of the AFLA membership at large, I am heading an alternative slate. Irwin Bernstein who declined to accept the Secretarial nomination of the committee, as I declined to be considered for the position of Executive Vice President, will run as secretary on my slate only, thus preserving to all fencers their right to a choice for their next President.

Although the office of President pays no salary it does require considerable time, personal sacrifice and expense. However, the importance of the job and its responsibilities (as stated in the President's column of the last issue of American Fencing) means it requires a fencer who commands respect, has substantial experience in AFLA operations; has demonstrated significant responsibility; a person who can provide the league with leadership and work well with other members. The President must be a person of character, a person with a reputation for integrity which will inspire confidence with-



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STEPHEN SOBEL

in the AFLA and outside of it. He n the ability to exercise authority ir with regard to appointments on the merit, casting personal friendshi HOW DOES STEVE SOBEL MEASUR

1. EXPERIENCE IN AFLA OPERA COMPETENCE AS AN ADMINIS He has served the league in all i administrative posts: Vice Presiden man of the North Atlantic Section; of the national executive committe of directors, olympic games commit U. S. Directors Commission. He f chairman of the N.J. Division (196 chairman of the National rules c (1966-1968), and chairman of the nominating committee (1968). His s an administrator is not of recent or has continued for well over ten years tive as well as appointive positions.

2. A FENCER WHO COMMAND SPECT: He is presently an active co and has been so over the past 24 ye 1948. He was NCAA and IFA sabi pion (1954), on three all American c fencing teams (1952, 1953, 1954), ber of the United States internatio tary team (CISM at Wiesbaden,

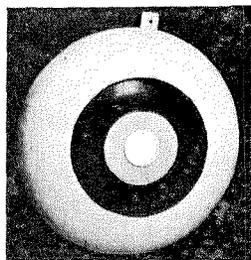
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1958), a competitor in the World Championships (Paris 1957) and Britannia Shield championships (London 1957). He was nationally ranked in 1970, North Atlantic finalist in 1970 and 1971, and presently N.J. sabre champion for the past several years. First and foremost, he is a fencer. He understands fencing and the problems of all fencers, which includes the newcomers and youngsters who may not be around for the finals of the National championships or the Martini Rossi Internationals, but who, in years to come, if developed, properly, will be our National champions and olympic fencers. He has the respect of fencers as a competitor, an official, and an administrator. Last year he served as chairman of the IFA bout committee at West Point. His opinion is sought on questions of rules, tactics and policy. He is a member of a fencing family with a daughter (age 13) already competing in AFLA events, a son (age 7) anxiously awaiting his turn, and a wife who lives a life filled with fencing obligations - competitive, administrative and family.

3. INTEGRITY, CHARACTER and RESPONSIBILITY: Being an attorney by profession, he was required to pass a "character and fitness" test for admission to the bar in both New York and New Jersey. The principles of fairness, justice and integrity have guided him in his occupation, his life and his fencing. Although the nominating committee was considering him among three candidates (one of whom was a member of the nominating committee) he believed it was unethical to "seek" the nomination, and perhaps to his detriment, refused to campaign for votes, write letters to committee members, or do anything else but submit a resume of his fencing background to the chairman. He truly represents the common fencer, having been nominated NOT by a select committee of seven fencers, but by seventy five fencers from at least three divisions, as required by the Constitution. He can state unqualifiedly that if elected he will enter the office of the President with no prior commitments, promises or agreements.

Not being a politician, but yet being required to conduct an election campaign, he intends to conduct it according to ethical

standards and principles. For him, the end does not justify the means. As a competitor he has won and lost bouts; as an administrator he has made decisions, popular to some yet unpopular to others; but throughout his fencing career in all aspects, he has maintained his integrity. Similarly, he may win or lose this election, but whether he is president or just an ordinary life member of the AFLA in September 1972, he intends to have at that time, and at all times, the same reputation for honesty and integrity which he has carefully earned over the years.

FUTURE PLANS: This section should not be taken as a campaign platform, or as criticism of prior administrations. Fencers expect no golden promises, and he offers none. However, a voter, to make an intelligent choice, must know which candidates have an awareness of problem areas, and what their plans are for them.

1. A MORE REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION: Fencers on the West coast, and in all areas of the United States must receive the same fair shake as those on the East coast, which includes the opportunity to attend meetings in their area, and to have their views represented at all meetings, and on all levels of the national administration. Student and College members are entitled to the same consideration for development programs and funds as the international competitors. Those over eighteen who enjoy the U.S. constitutional right to vote in public elections should be restored to the right to vote in the AFLA as well. There should be more board meetings, at more convenient times and places, with a minimum of time devoted to committee reports which can easily be presented in writing. Routine items should be referred to committees, and the time of the board should be reserved for careful consideration of the important national issues.

2. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: We must increase the revenues of the league, and preserve our limited funds by reevaluating expenditures. Development of better international fencers will be achieved by a more restrictive use of the funds domestically, rather than large expenditures for en-

tire International teams. A \$2,000 AFLA expense here provides only 20 individuals with \$100 each, less than 20% of the out of pocket costs of the trip.

3. AFLA-COLLEGE COOPERATION: Careful consideration is required to preserve the harmonious relationship between the AFLA and college fencing. This requires a President who has a working relationship with the college coaches to encourage their continued participation in the AFLA administration, and their students' participation in AFLA competitions. Throughout the years Steve has established such a relationship with all coaches, the women in the NIWFA, the men in the NCAA, and the high schools as well. This is crucial to prevent the general apathy prevalent in other sports from spilling over into fencing.

4. OLYMPIC TEAM CAPTAIN: In the past it has been a tradition for the AFLA president to serve as Captain of the Olympic Team, and in evaluating the candidates many

people consider this an imposition. While Steve believes that he has the administrative experience and qualifications to serve as President, he also believes that others with Olympic competitive national organizational experience and qualifications to serve as team captain and common sense are more than historical precedent in this conclusion is that the team captain should not always be the president, and it wouldn't.

Space limitations in an article permit only superficial treatment of selected issues. I feel I am the best qualified candidate for the office of President, and I have therefore submitted my nomination for your consideration and permit me to study any and all prior issues. As in the past, while I do not expect a favorable response, I do expect a careful and impartial consideration of the fencing problem of any fencer.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Alan Miles Ruben

The Unfinished Business of the League

The task of building the League and through it, American Fencing, never ends. Each succeeding Administration can only hope that they have added in a positive fashion to what has gone before.

In my fourth and final year as your President I want to share with you some of the as yet unrealized goals of our organization which must be left to my successor to attain. Ranked in order of priority they seem to be the following:

Executive Director

As a volunteer society we are dependent upon the free time and uncompensated efforts of our members to administer our affairs. But as we grow in size and functions the demand upon our officers, particularly the secretary, overreach their capacity. The volume of correspondence from the membership increases daily. Responses are often late and occasionally a slipup occurs. Mistakes in billing and magazine mailing sometimes happen. Communication from time to time leaves something to be desired. The answer to these very real problems is not to be found in complaining about the individuals who serve us. Rather it is to be found in professionalizing our administration with a substantially full time Executive Director. Every other major sports organization has a paid staff.

For this purpose I have asked Vice-President Lewis to head up a recruitment committee charged with the duty of (1) estimating the cost of employing such a director, hiring adequate secretarial assistance and renting suitable permanent League offices; (2) making recommendations as to how this may be done and (3) identifying possible candidates for the post of Executive Director.

Restructuring our Governing Body

For at least a generation the League has operated with a phantom Board of Directors.

Meetings invariably bring out the same few diligent chairman and divisional directors, often just barely a quorum. Attempts to move League meetings to other sites than the New York metropolitan area have not proven successful. Directors meetings at the time of the National Championships, for example, in Miami and Los Angeles, while giving the opportunity to host division officers to attend, have not resulted in a large representative turnout. So long as directors must attend meetings at their own expense it is unreasonable to expect that results will be any different in the future. With the membership on the Board expected to go over the one hundred mark, it is perhaps just as well from the standpoint of a feasible policy-making process that there is not a full turnout.

Several alternatives are possible. First, we could adopt a system of proportional voting. Under such a plan only the chairman of each Division would be a member of the Board. However, his vote would be weighted in accordance with the membership of the division he represents. While such a system would cut down somewhat on the number of possible directors it would do nothing towards encouraging participation of outlying fencing regions. Secondly, we could require that the Board consist of only the sectional vice-presidents in addition to the national officers. Presumably it would be possible to support the attendance of this small number of regular meetings. Finally, we could devise a method for electing members of the Board by vote of the entire membership of the League. Cumulative voting rights might be desirable to promote the interests of the smaller fencing centers.

Initiating Fencing in High Schools and Junior Colleges

At a time when schools and colleges are looking for ways to cut down on expenses rather than increase them, it is difficult to persuade administrators to undertake new programs. Yet the growth of our sport depends in large measure on how successful we are in introducing fencing to the youth of this country through school clubs and teams.

Recent experience in Cleveland and elsewhere suggests that the schools will cooperate in a program under which the AFLA undertakes to train volunteer teachers in the fundamentals of fencing instruction and supplies basic equipment for a first year "start-up" effort. Planting the seed of new fencing centers in this fashion may require as much as \$2500 in development monies for each school system. The League budget should give priority in the future to supporting well prepared plans to inaugurate scholastic fencing.

Additional support at both the Divisional and the National level will have to be given to the age-group fencing program, capped by a strong and independent Under-19 National Championship.

Finally, the growth of the two-year junior and community college institution offers a fertile field for the introduction of fencing. This is an area which we must also be prepared to underwrite start-up programs.

Development of Coaches

Virtually all of the internationally recognized fencing masters in the United States are reaching the age where a limiting not, an expansion, of their activities is indicated. While we have made important progress in increasing the number of teachers able to offer instruction at the elementary and intermediate levels, there is still a dearth of younger professionals qualified and experienced to teach for internationalists. It seems to me time to develop our facilities for the preparation of fencing coaches through the establishment of a National Fencing Academy offering regular courses and housed perhaps at a university noted for physical education resources. This ambitious project might well be undertaken in cooperation with the National Fencing Coaches Association of America.

Improving International Performance

The major lack of our best fencers is not ability of training. Rather, the lack is of adequate international experience. If we set as a League goal excellence in international

performance then we must be estimating the costs of achieving it. If we were to support a program of four fencers in each weapon a group to attend major tournament practice at recognized clubs, we prepared to allocate \$8,000 to each year for this purpose. In a recent year the Board of Directors saw that international travel from our country is not tireless.

Fencing as a Lifelong Sport

This year the AFLA was invited to the National Lifetime Sports Open. Our new affiliation brings home that large numbers of our members are not for competitive medals or to join an international team but rather to love the sport and enjoy the excitement of the golf club, the swimming club and the club have already taken their place of family entertainment. Why not have a fencing club?

And ?

These are the areas that seem to be most pressing for attention in the future. They need not be, of course, in that order of priorities. But if the League is to drift, if it is to capitalize upon the opportunities, then goals must be set and understood. The formulating and carrying out of alternative objectives should be done in membership deeply. Perhaps then the most important goal is the most important goal.

CHAMPIONSHIP

"Championship" is the name given to a competition held to determine the best of the best team in each weapon for a specific region, for a specific period of time.

TOURNAMENT

"Tournament" is the name given to competitions held at the same place and for the same reason.

1973 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW

by Richard Gradkowski

The next World University Games will be held August 15 to 25, 1973 in Moscow. The U. S. Collegiate Sports Council Fencing Committee, chaired by Archie Simonson, has set up the following method of selection at its January meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

The team will be selected after the Final tryouts which are scheduled to be held at the time of the AFLA Nationals in Tucson, Arizona. The fencers will be invited to participate in the Final tryouts on a point basis arising from their participating in the following tournaments in 1972 and 1973.

1. AFLA Nationals
2. Martini-Rossi Invitational
3. Chicagoland Open
4. Other competitions to be designated later.

Points to be awarded for 1972 are as follows:
Class A Tournament:

1. Top half of final, 9 points
2. Bottom half of final, 6 points
3. Semi final, 3 points.

Class B. Tournament:

1. Top half of final, 6 points
2. Bottom half of final, 4 points
3. Semi final, 2 points

Martini-Rossi Tournament:

1. Round of four, 13 points
2. Round of eight, 9 points
3. Round of sixteen, 6 points
4. Round of 32, 3 points

In the year 1973, all point values above will be doubled. It should be noted that entry to the AFLA Nationals is limited to those qualifying through divisional qualifying rounds and that entry to the Martini-Rossi is limited to those invited to compete.

At the time of the AFLA Nationals in Tucson, the USCSC Fencing Committee will meet to select the 15 contestants in each weapon for the final tryouts then to be held. Twelve of these contestants will be selected upon a point basis, plus three at the committee's discretion. At the conclusion of the

tryouts, the committee will select the squad for the World University Games. If five are selected, the top four will be chosen on the results of the final tryouts with one other selected by discretion of the committee. If the squad is limited to four, three will be selected on the results of the final tryouts and one at the discretion of the committee.

To be eligible for this event a fencer must meet the following standards:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America
2. Be at least 17 and not more than 28 years of age on January 1, 1973.
3. Must be a matriculated student pursuing degree studies at a college or university, or must have been accepted to such studies at a college or university.

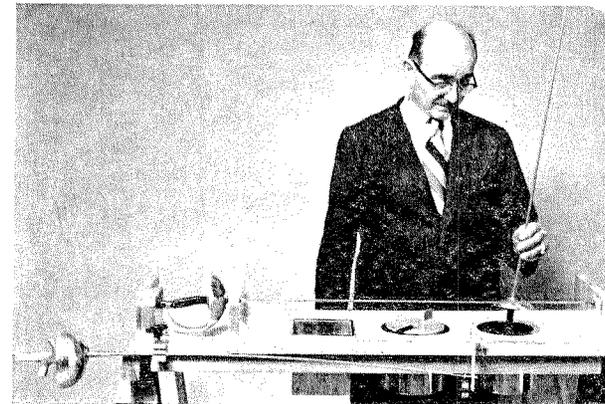
All interested persons should contact chairman Archie Simonson, 16 North Carroll Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705 for the required form of intent to be a competitor. The next meeting of the USCSCFC will be on April 15, 1972 at the New York Athletic Club, at 2:00 p.m.

HARMONIE INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

The Harmonie International Tournament will be held on April 22 and 23 in Toronto, Canada. All weapons will be fought. Inquiries should be directed to Rowland Griffin, 77 Québec Avenue, Toronto, 161, Ontario, Canada.

The Wheatland Open will be held May 6 and May 7 in Saskatoon. Contact Warren McKay, 325 Champion Cres, Saskatoon, Canada.

Vancouver will be the site of the Pacific International Tournament on June 3 and 4. For further information write Derek Tunber, McKensie Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.



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HIGH SCHOOL FENCING

by Herbert Gee

Galileo High School of San Francisco won the girls foil team and girls foil individual championships for the third consecutive year. Both team and individual competitions were very closely contested during this tenth season of San Francisco Bay Area high school girls fencing. South San Francisco High School was the excellent host of the girls individual tournament held on Dec. 11, 1971.

TEAM: 1. Galileo, San Francisco; 2. Granada, Livermore; 3. Lincoln, San Francisco; 4. South San Francisco, South San Francisco; 5. Gompers, San Francisco; 6. Clayton Valley, Concord.

INDIVIDUAL: 1. Dolores Hong, Galileo; 2. Maren Larson, Lincoln; 3. Marvillee Yee, Galileo; 4. Cathlina Li, Gompers; 5. Kristine Lam, Galileo; 6. Nikki Sterios, Lincoln; 8. Carol Slice, Granada.

COINTE MEMORIAL

The George Cointe Memorial Open will be held on Saturday April 15th and Sunday April 16th at the Teagle Hall of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Saber will start at 1 p.m. and Women's Foil at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Epee will start at 10 a.m. and Foil at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Entry fee is \$4.00 and should be sent to the Cornell University Fencing Club.

GULF COAST DIVISION

Frank's Memorial Sabre: 1. R. Shelby, FCH; 2. E. Abbott, Ind.; 3. J. Flores, Ind.

Mixed Handicap Foil: 1. A. Snyder, FCH; 2. M. Ytterburg, Rice U.; 3. V. Hurley, Ind.

Beaumont Open Foil: 1. R. Hurdley, Ind.; 2. J. Blaylock, Rice. U.; 3. M. Ytterberg, Rice. U.

Beaumont Open Foil: 1. R. Hurley, Ind.; 2. J. 2. N. Abbott, Ind.; 3. Susan Rhodes, Lamar U.

Beginners Foil: 1. M. Cisneros, Rice. U.; 2. Andrew Johns, Rice. U.; 3. O. Cox, Bridge City.

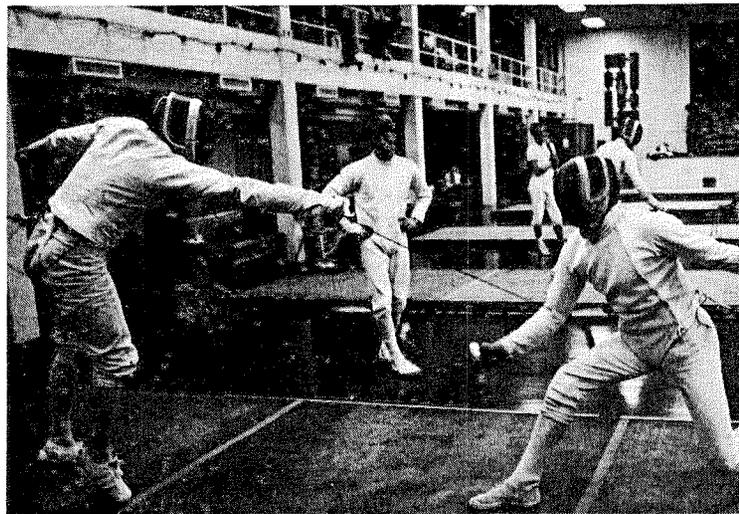
Beginners Foil, Women: 1. B. Akin, Rice, U.; 2. P. Patnesky, JCC; 3. S. Rhodes, Lamar U.

Novice Foil: 1. M. Ytterburg, Rice U.; 2. J. Blaylock, Rice. U.; 3. J. Flores, Ind.

Novice Foil, Women: 1. B. Akin, Rice, U. 2. S. Rhodes, Lamar U.; 3. Herrington, Sam Rayburn H.S.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In the Nov./Dec. issue of American Fencing the schedule of the 1972 Nationals listed the Annual Board of Directors Meeting for 3 p.m. and the Board of Directors Meeting for 4 p.m. of Friday July 7th. Inasmuch as these times would probably conflict with the fencing of the Epee Team and the Under-19 Saber, we have been requested by League Secretary William J. Latzko to advise our members that these times will be changed.



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Leslie Bleamaster (U.S. Olympic Team 1964) stop thrusts against James Fox of Great Britain at the Tenth Annual Modern Pentathlon Tournament, held at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

10th ANNUAL PENTATHLON TOURNEY

by Roland Koch

The 1972 US Modern Pentathlon Open Invitational hosted 26 members of the Mexican national fencing team, Finnish national champion Risto Hurme, English Pentathlon team member Jim Fox, US fencers Paul Pesthy, Bob Beck, Leslie Bleamaster, and a field of strong Pentathlon entries such as Bill Matheson, and Loren Drum. In all, over 140 fencers from around the world boosted the field of fencers to the largest in the ten year history of this tournament.

The men and women's foil competition began simultaneously Saturday morning on five elevated platforms to the post service club at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and ran smoothly through to the final. A highlight of the weekend was the reception-buffet held that evening at the training center's fencing salle, complete with music, comestibles, and a local magician.

The following day, the epee tournament began with an intensity which indicated the fervor which would pervade the competition

for the remainder of the day. The fencer in the Cszizar remarked that he was basically stronger in the Penney, and after the first round. The final victor was determined by a battle between Pesthy and Hurme who received single losses in the final. Pesthy won the foil-epee overall the two day competition.

As a final note, the Modern Pentathlon always looking for good fencers with a run-swim background to train at the training center with our civilian pentathletes. Anyone interested in the Olympic event of riding, fencing, swimming, and running should contact the Director of Development, US Modern Pentathlon Training Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. 78234. Requests for information of any age will be answered.



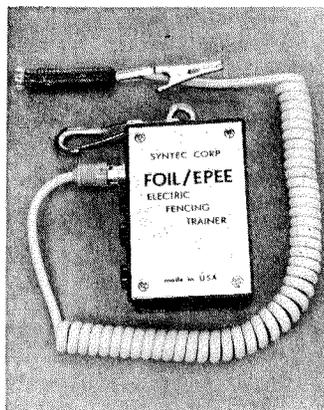
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Letters to the Editor

The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Mr. Goldstein,

A New Jersey high school coed sues to gain permission to try out for the boys' tennis team; the New York Court of Appeals orders the hiring of a female baseball umpire; a school-girl is admitted to the little league pursuant to court order. The issue of sexual equality has found its way into the arena of athletic competition. Perhaps it is time to question and reevaluate certain fundamental premises almost universally accepted in our own sport.

The composition of the modern sport of fencing differentiates between men and women in the following manner:

- 1) Women may not fence epee or saber.
- 2) Women may not compete in men's competitions. (By the same token, men may not compete in women's competition.)

If women can throw the shot put or take part in the Roller Derby why shouldn't they be able to fence epee or saber or compete with men if they so desire? Does the answer lie in a chivalrous regard for the female anatomy or is the real concern resolved for the male ego? In fact is there any problem at all? I do not profess to have the answers to these questions, and I am not urging women fencers to go out and burn their chest protectors, but I feel this question should be raised and discussed further in these columns.

Yours very truly,
Jeffrey L. Kestler,
New York, N.Y.

The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Mr. Goldstein,

Jack Dalton was widely known as an enthusiastic supporter and promoter of fencing. In the year immediately prior to his death his energies were directed particularly toward

encouraging younger fencers and thus investing Canada's future.

To maintain Jack's goals the Canadian Fencing Association has established a Jack Dalton Memorial Fund which is specifically designed to support the Youth Development Programme of the Association.

Monies donated to this Fund will form the principal which will be invested; the accrued interest will be used directly to assist young fencers.

The Canadian Fencing Association has pledged to make this fund a meaningful memorial to Jack Dalton. To fulfill such an aim the Association will conduct an annual drive to increase the capital of the Fund.

Please send your contributions (no matter how small) to M. Betlem, 328 Glen Road, Toronto, Ontario.

Make cheques payable to the "Canadian Fencing Association" and indicate clearly that it is for the Jack Dalton Memorial Fund.

Yours sincerely,
M. Betlem,
Toronto, Canada

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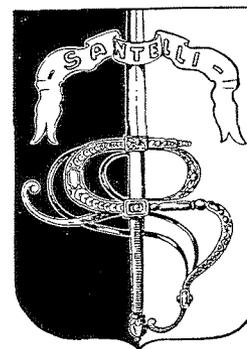
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NEW JERSEY DIVISION

by Pat Florio

- Women's Novice:** 1. Alice Kenny, Rut. N ;2. Mary Ann D'Angelo, B'klyn Col.; 3. Carol Pesco, WPC.
- Open Epee:** 1. Dan Wigodsky, Pr. U; 2. Rey Gonzalez, Pr. U; 3. John Bowen, SFA.
- Open Foil:** 1 John Nonna, NYFC; 2. Rey Gonzalez, Pr. U; 3. Mike Faulkner, SFA.
- Open Sabre:** 1. Csaba Gall, NYAC; 2. Bob Dow, NYFC; 3. Paul Apostol, NYFC.
- Women's Open:** 1. Denise O'Connor, SS; 2. Emily Grompone, SFA; 3. Ann O'Donnell, SS.
- Women's Prep:** 1. Mary Ann Coppolino, Unatt; 2. Mary Belloff, SHU; 2. Peggy Hedges, NHRHS.
- Women's Classified:** 1. Rita Korponay, HAAC; 2. Anna Nowell, WPC; 3. Debbie Gunther, WPC.
- Open Epee:** 1. Bruce Kinter, MSC; 2. R. Kraukowski, SIT; 3. Russ Fisher, WPC
- Open Sabre:** 1. Jeff Tishman, NYU; 2. Steve Sobel, Col. Alum.; 3. Pete Steiner, HFFC.
- Women's Open:** 1. Carolyn Chesney, SS; 2. Denise O'Connor, SS; 3. Emily Grompone, SFA.
- Open Foil:** 1. Bishko, SFA; 2. John Nonna, FC; 3. James Canvin, FC.
- 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.
- H. S. Championship:** 1. Tom Boutsikaris, Barr; 2. Rich Petretti, Ram; 3. Paul Martino, EC.

- High School Champ. Sabre:** Bill She Walter Kalish, Ram; 3. Miklos Be
- High School Champ, Epee:** 1. Ed F Tim White, Ram; 3. Joe Depoto,
- Women's Under-19:** 1. Debbie Cin Janice Kovatch, FCHRC; 3. Je WPC.
- Three Weapon Team:** 1. Princet (Gonzalez, Farley, Baker); 2. 1 (Van Schwedler, Flynn, DeVore); 3 (Trapani, Fellows, McKay).
- Women's Open Team:** 1 Sante (O'Connor, O'Donnell, Grompone (Dancz, Koch, Young); 3. Jers (Gannon, Terpak, Vollkommer, Ga
- Foil Team:** 1. Pr. U (Gonzalez, Law 2. SFA (Bishko, Signorelli, Titus) (VonSchwedler, Cummings, Faulker
- Women's ABC:** 1. Denise O'Connor, Adamovich, FC; 3. Averil Genton,
- Epee Team Qual. & Div. Champ:** 1 C posite (Bernstien, Irvings, Haselko (Farley, Gonzalez, Calkins); 3. Flynn, Nann).
- Women's Novice:** 1. Bridget DiFal Willie Gramlich, WPC; 3. Ilona M
- Sabre Under-19 Qual. Rnd. & Div. 1** DeVivo, NYU; 2. Mike Sheridan, Rizzitello, Rut-N.



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AMENDMENTS TO 1972 FENCING NATIONALS RULES

by **Carla-Mae Richards**

The 1972 National Fencing Championships will be hosted by the New England Division at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, July 1st thru July 8th, 1972. **WHERE TO FILE:** Send all entries to **Alyce Smetana, 18 Kerna Road, West Roxbury, MA 02132.**

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DIVISIONS & FENCING CLUBS: For added color at the site of the Nationals the New England Division would like banners from Divisions through-out the country as well as large replicas of club insignias. We would appreciate receipt of material by June 1st. All materials will be returned at the close of the Nationals. Send all materials and inquiries to: **Elaine Jennings, 62 Catherine Drive, Peabody, MA 01960.**

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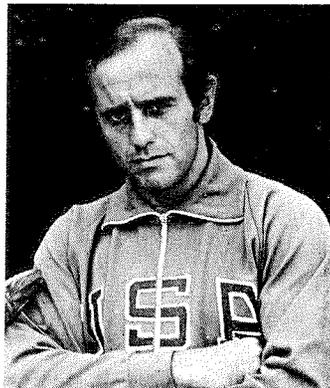
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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

by **Carol A. Grant**

Foil C: 1. Morton Glasser (Conn.); 2. Jack Mullarkey (Salem); 3. Mike Asherman (MIT).

Epee Open: 1. L. Rohlin (Harvard); 2. Carfagno (Richards); 3. J. Mullarkey (Salem).

U-19 Sabre: 1. P. Brand (Richards); 2. C. Hulswit (CCHS); 3. P. Reed (CCHS).

U-19 Foil: 1. M. Sullivan (Salem) 2. Charles (Unatt.) 3. E. Mullarkey (Salem).

U-19 Women's Foil: 1. A. Saxentian (CCHS); 2. C. Spinale (Salem); 3. E. Korzeb (Salem).

Novice Foil: 1. R. Loomis (WPI); 2. R. Loomis (WPI); 3. McFadden (Boston).

Novice Women's Foil: 1. A. Shurgin (Brandeis); 2. J. Sudikoff (Boston); 3. Keyes (WPI).

U-19 Epee Championship: 1. C. Jennings (Salem); 2. E. Mullarkey (Salem); 3. M. Sullivan (Salem).

U-19 Sabre Championship: 1. P. Brand (Richards); 2. G. Rutledge (Harvard); 3. C. Hulswit (CCHS).

N. E. Women's Team Championship: 1. Salle Richards (Ecob, Katz, Rie); 2. Brandeis (Keel,

Ellerby, Shurgin); 3. Salem Y (Korz T. Hopkins, N.).

N. E. Sabre Team Championship: 1. (Cetrulo, Carfagno, Brand); 2. Ha Valenzuela, Rutledge); 3. MIT (Huang, Jakob, Carroll).

N. E. Foil Team Championship: 1. (Carfagno, Keller, Weiner, Rubin); 2. (man, Froeman, Lazaris); 3. E Mullarkey, J. Mullarkey, E.).

N. E. Epee Team Championship: 1. (Carfagno, Weiner, Wextler, Rub Y (Bozek, J. Mullarkey, Jennings); (Grant, Jacoby, Raudseps, Colkins;



NORTH ATLANTIC SECTION REALIGNMENT

by Jeffrey Tishman

The last North Atlantic Championship will be held in Buffalo, New York, on May 6-7, 1972. Beginning the following year, the section will be divided into three as yet unnamed sections.

The southernmost of these sections will include the following divisions: Delaware, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Western Pennsylvania, South Jersey, Maryland, Washington, and Virginia. The northernmost section will include the following divisions: Connecticut, New England, Long Island, Western New York, and Hudson-Berkshire.

The two remaining divisions in the North Atlantic Section; Westchester and West Point, will join the Metropolitan Division to form another section.

"It has not yet been determined whether the name 'North Atlantic Section' will be retired after this season," commented the Sectional Chairman, Steve Sobel, of New Jersey. The North Atlantic Section held its first championship in 1955 in Philadelphia.

HUDSON-BERKSHIRE DIVISION

by G. T. Gallagher

The recently reactivated Hudson-Berkshire Division is going strong in this, its first season. It is, in fact, overdue after ten years of rest. Ten New York counties - Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Green, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Ulster, and Berkshire in Massachusetts are included in the Hudson-Berkshire Division.

Starting with a modest twelve fencers in September, the Division now has over fifty enrolled members - not bad at all. In all, six clubs are represented. These are - Albany State Fencing Club (SUNY), Albany, NY; Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Dutchess Fencers Club, Poughkeepsie, NY; Kingston Fencers Club, Kingston, NY; Rensselaer Fencing Club, (RPI), Albany, NY; New Paltz State Fencing Club, New Paltz, NY.

MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Mid West Championships will be held at the Kellogg Gymnasium of Battle Creek Community College on May 20 and 21, at Battle Creek, Michigan. Entries should be sent to Howard Hayden, 24925 Mound Road, Warren, Michigan.

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