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WE GET LETTERS

(Editor's Note: The following excerpts were addressed to other members of our organization, who thought them of enough interest to share with AMERICAN FENCING.)

November 24, 1981

Dear Eleanor,

I just came back from Panama where I spent six months. I was asked to train the Panama team to go to arquisimeto in Venezuela for the Bolivarianos Games, but after two months of training we were confronted with the problem that we did not have a place to train. It was a familiar problem that we fencers always faced, unless we do like I did in Pittsburgh, open my own club in my own house . . . I promised I will be back in January to train the fencers for the Central American & Caribbean Games. I wish I can go to California again, but I spent all my money I made in the United States while working in here, building a house in Playa Coronado, Panama. I have a lot of plans with the fencing over there. We have a beautiful Country Club in that Playa Coronado and I have started the promotion of fencing in there and it has been accepted with great pleasure . . . So now with my check (for dues) enclosed here, I shall receive my card for the coming year, right?

— Hi to my friends over there — Stella Saurer

9 November 1981

Dear Ralph,

Greetings from Sunny Queensland.

To comment on the Australian Fencing Scene without exposure to all areas partaking is unwise and incomplete, so I won't do that. Generalities are equally odious, so all I can do at this point is to comment on what I have seen personally.

Australia, country-wide has about 700 active fencers. Some you may recall from the earlier days. Charles Stanmore, Sydney, a 1950 Olympian, is president of the AAA (Australian Academy of Arms) and is active with the Univ. of Sydney in New South Wales. New South Wales, Victoria (Melbourne area), Canberra (Australian Capitol area), Queensland (Brisbane area) and Perth Western Australia) are the major centers of fencing activity, with the majority of fencers (and most major competitions)

residing in the Sydney-Melbourne area. Distance is the factor here. (Not only just the fencing "distance") (They are fencing much too close in all 3 weapons).

The AAFF (Australian Amateur Fencing Federation) is the national governing body, with each State (there are six) having it's own State organization.

In the Brisbane area, the dominant figure is one John Humphries, Olympic epeeist from 1956, 1960 (he bunked with Dave Micahnik during training sessions). The activity is sporadic with the major clubs being Queensland Postal Institute Swords Club, Fencers Club of Brisbane (taught by a young woman, Helen Elais), the Univ. of Qu. FC, Lang Pk, Police Boys Club, Enoggera Youth Club, Gold Coast FC, and Camelot Club. I am the only Master in the State, since visiting masters from the BAF prefer to be active in the southern areas.

Of passing interest, most fencing instruction is by amateurs-competitive fencers, and they are still using the techniques from 1950s (shades of Joseph Vince). There is no modern literature except what I have (Lukovitch, Chas. Selberg, etc.) and they are gradually becoming indoctrinated by the more modern practices of Czajkowski, et al — via Lillback.

I give lessons to all of the above groups, trying to round out their knowledge and procedures. Where the most help is needed is in the holding of competitions and the presideing and judging thereat. I believe that your Fencing Officials Commission, with Bill Goering as head, has put out a manual, guidelines, training aids, etc. in training officials. This would be most helpful to us in Queensland. If you could use your good offices to supply me with some or all of the above, it would be greatly appreciated — and raise the level of officiating in Queensland. The national body has no such info on hand or available. Copies of the FIE rules book have to come from England and are scarcer than hen's teeth. Many things are very hodgepodge (hotch-potch, they say here) but they are grasping at any and all straws for help — somewhere there is a light at the end of the tunnel for the fencers in Australia — British masters are starting to come over . . . but there is a long way to go. . . . That's about all for now, Ralph.

Cheers.

— John Lillback

In between meetings I caught a few glimpses of the fencing at the Junior Olympics and was impressed with the skill of many of our junior fencers. Judging from the cheery comments and the general air of mostly unjustified self-satisfaction most of those present felt the same way. There has been a noticeable improvement over the last few years which I think is due, in part, to the effect of holding Under 16 Championships. The facilities were excellent and the competition ran very smoothly.

I owe Micki Conte, Sam Chervis, George Kolombatovich and the Los Angeles Division a vote of thanks. If I tried to include the names of everyone who helped I would run out of space.

There is something very special about the Junior Olympics. There is an ambience, an esprit de corps, a shared love for the sport that makes them unique.

At the Board of Directors meeting there were a few matters of general interest considered.

At last we will have a permanent office of the USFA. The Board approved a move of our headquarters to Colorado Springs, the headquarters of the USOC. We will have a free room and use of their computer along with many other benefits. The move of the routine functions of the secretary's office will take place after the Nationals and will be firmly in place by next August.

Bernie McGovern was appointed "Director of Information." He is the Chairman of the Central Florida Division and closely involved with the publication of "the fencing news." Since he is a newspaperman himself he is very knowledgable about publicity, public relations and the like. If you are interested in working in this field for the USFA please write him at 2107 Marianna Street, Tampa, Florida 33612.

As you may remember, the Board voted to suspend the Under-19 Championships at the Nationals for this year. The matter was put on the agenda because we will have to decide whether to reinstate them or not in 1983. The Board agreed to table

by Emily Johnson



this until the June meeting of the Board. I urge all of you to consider this carefully and communicate you to members of the Board.

The Board agreed that the USFA could present a new image and merchandizing perhaps reap a benefit for the USFA. The Cavalie tinue as our logo until a new one selected.

A number of proposed logos submitted most of them by professional fencers, who gave of their time and effort for the love of the sport. A committee set up to review all of the logos and to select not less than two than four for final selection by the June meeting. The ones in it will be posted at the Nationals.

The Olympic Fencing Commission pointed Anthony Gillham as Director National Coaching Staff. The Coaching Staff deals not only with coaches who accompany our athletes also with coaches at all levels. It is our hope that we help beginning coaches perfect their skills and that we share towards a more unified set of techniques. The National Fencing Association has indicated a strong interest in working with the USFA for mutual benefit. This will be the subject of a later issue of American Fencing.

The Portland Project is going to be a benefit. This will be the subject of a later issue of American Fencing.

I regret to have to tell you of the passing of two stalwarts of the fencing world, Sobel was the Treasurer of the USFA for many years. He was a delightful person and will be sorely missed. The USFA tends its condolences to his son and the rest of his family.

Curt Ettinger was a fine competitor and great friend of fencing. An article about him by Ralph Goldstein appears in the magazine. The USFA tends its condolences to his family.

RESULTS NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT

MEN'S FOIL

CIRCUIT #1: Michel Alaux
97 Entries, Dec. 13, 1981

1. M. Marx	13. B. Vauls
2. J. Bukantz	14. B. Giasson *
3. G. Nonomura	15. P. Lewison
4. J. Tichacek	16. M. Harris
5. G. Massialas	17. L. Blair *
6. E. McNamara	18. D. Crable
7. D. Blayney	19. J. Biebel
8. M. McCahey	20. J. Nonna
9. M. Smith	21. P. Bennett
10. P. Schmidt	22. L. Rocheleau *
11. E. Wright	23. R. Petretti
12. J. Bonacorda	24. A. Bosco

CIRCUIT #2: D'Asaro Open
90 Entries, Jan. 10, 1982

1. G. Mascialas	13. J. Biebel
2. G. Nonomura	14. H. Hambarzumian
3. J. Bukantz	15. P. Burchard
4. M. Smith	16. J. Shamash
5. D. Blayney	17. N. Hankla
6. M. Marx	18. J. Tichacek
7. E. McNamara	19. D. Rainford
8. D. Crable	20. M. Harris
9. P. Barcelo	21. P. Gerard
10. N. Rosario	22. S. Yoshinaga
11. P. Des Georges	23. P. Schmidt
12. M. Dale	24. D. Miller

NEW STANDINGS according to better of
1st 2 events + F.I.E.

1T M. Marx	100
1T G. Massialas	100
3T J. Bukantz	92
3T G. Nonomura	92
5T J. Tichacek	84
5T M. Smith	84
7. D. Blayney	80
8. E. McNamara	76
9T M. McCahey	68
9T D. Crable	68
11. P. Barcelo	60
12T P. Schmidt	56
12T N. Rosario ##	56
14T P. Des Georges	52
14T E. Wright	52
16T J. Bonacorda	48
16T M. Dale	48
18T J. Biebel	40
18T B. Vauls	40
20. H. Hambarzumian	38

21T P. Burchard	36
21T P. Lewison	36
23T M. Harris	34
23T J. Shamash	34
25. N. Hankla	30
26. D. Rainford	26
27. J. Nonna	24
28T P. Bennett	22
28T P. Gerard	22
30. S. Yoshinaga	20
31. R. Petretti	18
32T A. Bosco	16
32T D. Miller	16

WOMEN'S FOIL

CIRCUIT #1: Michel Alaux
77 Entries, Dec. 5, 1981

1. D. Waples	13. C. Cogswell
2. V. Bradford	14. H. Cormier *
3. J. Angelakis	15. S. Monplaisir
4. I. Ducharme *	16. L. Clark
5. J. Ellingson	17. T. Hurley
6. S. Moriates	18. I. Hayes
7. S. Steiner *	19T H. Konecny
8. A. Metkus	19T D. Stone
9. M. Phillion *	21. D. Basinger
10. K. Bilodeaux	22. M. Madon
11. T. Burton	23. C. McClellan
12. I. Maskal	24. L. Volkhommer

CIRCUIT #2: D'Asaro
63 Entries, Jan. 9, 1982

1. J. Angelakis	13. D. Stone
2. C. Bilodeaux	14. I. Maskal
3. D. Waples	15. D. Russell
4. M. Miller	16. I. Ducharme *
5. E. Cheris	17. T. Burton
6. R. Botengan	18. P. Walbridge
7. S. Moriates	19. J. S-Faulkner
8. V. Bradford	20. M. Nagy
9. M. Phillion *	21. K. Torres
10. H. Cormier *	22. H. Konecny
11. J. Ellingson	23. M. S-Verhave
12. M. Madon	24. C. L-Handelman

NEW STANDINGS according to better
1st 2 events + F.I.E.

1. J. Angelakis	140
2. D. Waples	100
3T C. Bilodeaux ##	92
3T V. Bradford	92

5. M. Miller	84
6T E. Cheris	80
6T J. Ellingson	80
8T R. Botengan	76
8T S. Moriates	76
10. A. Metkus ##	68
11. T. Burton	52
12T M. Madon ##	48
12T I. Maskal	48
14T C. Cogswell	40
14T D. Stone	40
16T S. Monplaisir	36
16T D. Russell	36
18. L. Clark	34
19. T. Hurley	30
20T I. Hayes	28
20T P. Walbridge	28
22. J. Faulkner	26
23. H. Konecny	25
24. M. Nagy	24
25T D. Basinger	22
25T K. Torres	22
27T C. McClellan	18
27T M. Verhave	18
29T C. Handelman	16
29T L. Volkhommer	16

= Under-20 Fencers

MEN'S SABRE

CIRCUIT #1: Kadar

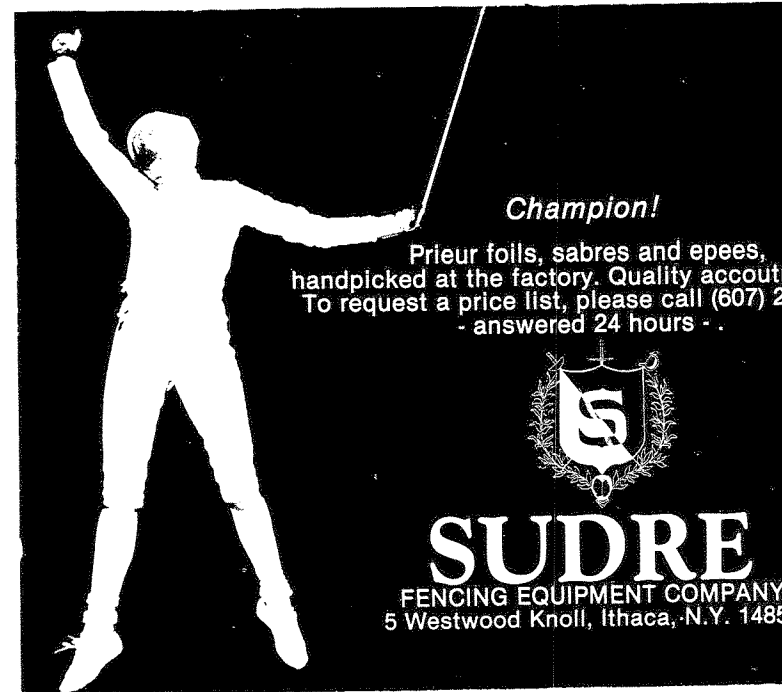
75 Entries; Dec. 19, 1981

1. P. Westbrook	13. W. Yu
2. P. Reilly	14. S. Leh
3. J.P. Banos *	15. V. Fer
4. C. Marcil *	16. E. Ho
5.P. Ott *	17. C. Ga
6. F. Nagorney	18. P. Frie
7. R. Maxwell	19. G. G.
8. S. Mormando	20. Y. Sol
9. M. Sullivan	21. J. Ma
10. J.M. Banos *	22. W. Be
11. E. Secunda *	23. L. Pin
12. J. Glucksman	24.F. Mor


CIRCUIT #2: Pillar

63 Entries; Jan. 17, 1982

1. P. Westbrook	10. J.M. I
2. E. House	11. S. Mc
3. J. Glucksman	12. V. Fe
4. A. Orban	13. M. Le
5. S. Lekach	14. P. Ot
6. P. Reilly	15. M. St
7. E. Secunda *	16. R. Ma
8. G. Bartos	17. J.P. E
9. S. Blum	18. T. Lo



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CIRCUIT #2: *Continued*

19T P. Friedberg	22. D. Anthony
19T W. Yung	23. W. Balk *
21. G. G.-Rivas	24. L. Pinkus

* = Canadian fencers.

NEW STANDINGS

based on better of first two events

1. P. Westbrook	100
2T E. House	92
2T P. Reilly	92
4. J. Glucksman	88
5. A. Orban	84
6. S. Lekach	80
7. F. Nagorney	76
8. R. Maxwell	72
9T S. Mormando	68
9T G. Bartos	68
11T S. Blum	60
11T M. Sullivan	60
13. W. Yung	40
14. C. Gall	30
15T P. Freidberg	28
15T T. Losonczy	28
17. G. Gonzalez-Rivas	26
18. Y. Sohn	24
19. J. Marotta	22
20. D. Anthony	20
21. L. Pinkus	18
22. F. Morea	16

MEN'S EPEE

CIRCUIT #1: Csiszar
95 Entries, Dec. 6, 1981

1. R. Marx	13. R. Hupp
2. P. Schiffrin	14. C. Hanson
3. R. Nieman	15. J. Melcher
4. L. Shelley	16. G. Kocab
5. J. Moreau	17. J. Elliott
6. T. Glass	18. R. Washington
7. G. Losey	19. M. Mroczyk
8. D. Perreault *	20. D. Adams
9. M. Dessureault *	21. R. Frenson
10. R. Stull	22. W. Reith
11. J.M. Chouinard *	23. W. Dragonetti
12. H. Farley	24. G. Thoreson

CIRCUIT #2: Pentathlon
68 Entries, Jan. 23, 1982 -

1. G. Losey	8. P. Pesthy
2. D. Adams	9. S. Rotrigwicz
3. L. Shelley	10. R. Hurme
4. R. Marx	11. J. Elliott
5. R. Nieman	12. J. Moreau
6. G. Masin	13. V. McGovern
7. P. Schiffrin	14. T. Glass

15. B. Driggs	20. D. Chew
16. C. Michaels	21. D. Ramirez **
17. A. Messing	22. H. Cain
18. M. Ytterberg	23. J. Wahren
19. R. Stull	24. D. Wells

* = Canadian Fencers

** = Mexican Fencer

NEW STANDINGS according to better of
1st 2 events + F.I.E.

1T R. Marx	100
1T G. Losey	100
3T P. Schiffrin	92
3T D. Adams	92
5T R. Nieman	88
5T L. Shelley	88
7. J. Moreau	80
8T T. Glass	76
8T G. Masin	76
10. P. Pesthy	68
11. H. Farley	62
12. S. Rotrigwicz	60
13T R. Stull	56
13T R. Hurme	56
15. J. Elliott	52
16T R. Hupp	40
16T V. McGovern	40
18. C. Hanson	38
19T J. Melcher	36
19T B. Driggs	36
21T G. Kocab	34
21T C. Michaels	34
23. A. Messing	30
24T R. Washington	28
24T M. Ytterberg	28
26. M. Mroczyk	26
27. D. Chew	24
28. R. Frenson	22
29T H. Cain	20
29T W. Reith	20
31T W. Dragonetti	18
31T J. Wahren	18
33T G. Thoreson	16
33T D. Wells	16

CORRECTION

In our Jan/Feb 1982 issue, on page 8, under Results of the Csiszar Epee, Peter Schiffrin was erroneously listed as representing Salle D'Asaro. It should be noted that, during the school year, Mr. Schiffrin represents San Jose State University.

FOOTWORK EXERCISE COMBINATIONS

by Davic

The purpose of these exercises is to promote balance, smoothness and continuity of movement. Since changes of direction are vital to the tactics of modern fencing, most of the exercises have some back-and-forth characteristic. The technically correct execution of each motion is mere mechanical drill. Rhythmic changes are implicit in the tactical application of fundamental movements. Therefore, many of these exercises set a basic rhythm, then add a variation and perhaps an additional variation. The execution of each exercise should be at a rather normal competitive pace, not mechanically slow nor metronomic.

If the smoothness, balance, pace and rhythm of the exercises are achieved, then the continuity from movement to movement or from sub-sequence to sub-sequence will be made easy. Each movement must be completed so as to constitute a proper physical preparation for the next movement. There must be no need for extra steps or regathering of balance, no delay in moving from one action to the next. Corrections, if any, must be made while in motion.

It will help to reinforce the need for continuity and will help generate a natural bout rhythm if you fantasize an opponent who either causes you to move or who follows your movements. It is possible to imagine that many of these exercises are real bout situations which result in your gaining a momentary distance-balance advantage and thereby scoring a touch. Therefore, it is a useful corollary exercise to imagine the blade work which you might reasonably employ along with each set of foot movements. It is like wise useful to imagine what foot and blade movements a hypothetical opponent might be making.

This list of exercises is obviously not all-inclusive. The reader is encouraged to devise others, according to the mobility requirements of the game for which the fencer is training.

EPEE

M = Mechanical Drill

T = Tactically applicable

These exercises are to be performed 5

times each, **with continuous** throughout the 5 repetitions:

M — 1. Balestra - lunge - recove - lunge - recover; 2 balestras - cover; 2 advances - lunge - rec treats . . . (continue)

M,T — 2. Lunge - recover; lunge lunge - redouble - redouble lunge - recover; lunge - recov redouble - fleche - recover . . .

T — 3. 3 retreats - fleche - rec treats - fleche - reprise fleche . . . (Continue)

M — 4. Lunge - recover - retrea recover - retreat; lunge - recove retreat - fleche - recover - 2 re (Continue)

M,T — 5. 2 retreats - fleche fleche; 2 advances - fleche - re - recover . . . (Continue)

M,T — 6. Fleche - 2 retreats; fle treats; fleche - reprise - fleche . . . (Continue)

T — 7. Balestra - fleche - recove - retreat - balestra - fleche - rec treats - fleche - recover . . . (C

T — 8. Retreat - retreat - bounc jump back - lunge recover; retri - bound - bound - jump back - cover.

T — 9. Advance - lunge - recove jump back - fleche - recover - 3

T — 10. Retreat - fleche - rec treats - fleche - recover - 3 retré - recover - advance - fleche.

T — 11. Lunge - recover - retri recover - 2 retreats; lunge - fals lunge - recover - 2 retreats.

M,T — 12. Fleche - recover; fleche - recover; 2 advances - cover; 3 advances-fleche (run i **tinuous** forward movement fr strip to the other.

M — 13. Jump back; jump bac jump back - 2 retreats; jump b treats. Jump back; retreat - jur retreats - jump back; 3 retré back.

M — 14. Retreat - fleche - recov fleche - redouble fleche; 2 retré recover; 2 retreats - fleche fleche (run it out).

SABRE

These exercises are to be performed 5 times each, with **continuous** movement throughout the 5 repetitions:

M — 1. Balestra - lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover; 2 balestra - lunge - recover; 2 advances - lunge - recover; 4 retreats . . . (Continue)

M,T — 2. Balestra - lunge - forward recovery; balestra - lunge - forward recovery; . . . (Continue)

T — 3. Balestra - lunge - recover - retreat; 2 balestras - lunge - recover - 2 retreats - fleche - recover - 3 retreats . . . (Continue)

T — 4. 3 retreats - fleche - recover; 3 retreats - fleche - recover; 3 retreats - fleche reprise - fleche - recover . . . (Continue)

M,T — 5. Lunge - recover - retreat - fleche - recover - retreat; lunge recover - retreat - retreat - fleche - recover - 2 retreats . . . (Continue)

M,T — 6. 2 retreats - fleche - reprise fleche; 2 advances - fleche - reprise fleche - recover . . . (Continue)

T — 7. Balestra - fleche - recover; balestra - fleche - recover; balestra - 3 retreats - fleche - recover . . . (Continue)

M — 8. Retreat - retreat - bound - bound - jump back - lunge - recover; retreat - retreat - bound - bound - bound - jump back - fleche - recover.

T — 9. Retreat - fleche - recover - 2 retreats - fleche - recover - 3 retreats - fleche - recover - advance - fleche.

T — 10. Advance lunge - recover - retreat; advance - lunge - 2 retreats; advance - lunge - false recovery - fleche - recover - 2 retreats.

M,T — 11. Fleche - recover; advance - fleche - recover; 2 advance - fleche - recover; 3 advances - fleche (run it out) **Continuous** forward movement from one end of strip to the other.

T — 12. Long advance - 3 short advances - lunge - recover; long retreat - 3 short retreats - retreat - fleche. Long advance - 3 short advances - 2 retreats - fleche.

FOIL

These exercises are to be performed correctly 5 times each, with **continuous** movement throughout the 5 repetitions:

M — 1. Advance - retreat; lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover - retreat; 2 advances - lunge - recover - 2 retreats; 2 ad-

vances - fleche - recover - 3 retreats . . . (Continue)

M — 2. Balestra - lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover; 2 balestra - lunge - recover; 2 advances - lunge - recover; 4 retreats . . . (Continue)

M,T — 3. Lunge - recover; lunge - recover lunge - redouble - redouble - recover; lunge - recover; lunge - recover; lunge - redouble - fleche - recover . . . (Continue)

M,T — 4. Balestra - lunge - recover - retreat; 2 balestras - lunge - recover - 2 retreats - fleche - recover - 3 retreats . . . (Continue)

M — 5. Balestra - lunge - fleche - recover; balestra - lunge - redouble - recover . . . (Continue)

T — 6. Short lunge - recover - 2 retreats - lunge - recover; short lunge - recover - retreat - fleche - recover . . . (Continue)

M — 7. Balestra - lunge - recover; balestra - lunge - forward recovery. Balestra - advance - balestra - lunge - recover . . .

M,T — 8. Advance - advance - lunge - redouble - redouble - recover. Retreat - retreat - bound - bound - jump back lunge - recover - bound - jump back - fleche - recover.

T — 9. Advance - lunge - recover - retreat - jump back - fleche - recover - 3 retreats.

T — 10. Lunge - recover - 2 retreats, lunge - recover - 2 retreats; lunge - false recovery - lunge - recover - 2 retreats.

T — 11. Advance - lunge - recover - retreat; advance - lunge - recover - 2 retreats; advance - lunge - false recovery - lunge - recover retreat.

T — 12. Advance - retreat; false advance - retreat - jump back - lunge recover. Advance - retreat; long advance - 2 short advances - lunge - recover.

BEGINNERS

These exercises are to be performed 5 times each, with **continuous** movement throughout the 5 repetitions:

1. Lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover; 2 advance - lunge - recover; 3 advances - lunge - recover. Lunge - recover; lunge - recover - retreat; lunge - recover - 2 retreats; lunge - recover - 3 retreats . . . (Continue)

2. Advance - retreat; lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover - retreat; 2 advances - lunge - recover - 2 retreats; advance fleche - recover - 3 retreats . . . (Continue)

3. Retreat - lunge - recover; advance - lunge - recover; 2 retreats - lunge - recover; 2 advances - lunge - recover . . . (Continue)

4. False advance - 2 retreats - lunge - recover; retreat - false retreat - advance - lunge - recover . . . (Continue)

5. Lunge - recover; advance lunge - recover - retreat, advance lunge - recover - retreat; advance - lunge - false recovery - lunge - recover - 2 retreats.

6. Jump back; jump back - retreat - jump back - 2 retreats; jump back - 3 retreats; jump back; retreat - jump back; 2 retreats - jump back; 3 retreats - jump back.

DEFINITIONS

"Fleche-recover"

Fleche to hit, (crossing step) but, rather than precipitate balance and "run it out", regain balance and go en garde in one further tempo, i.e., as the original front foot is replaced on the floor in front of the crossing foot of the fleche.

"Bound"

A hopping maneuver to the rear, during which the legs and body maintain en garde orientation. The rear leg is extended backward in the air as though beginning a retreat, but it is not placed on the floor. The front foot drives backward, then is pulled rapidly back under the body so that it can repeat a powerful thrust to the rear several times without the rear foot having been placed on the floor. Bounding ends by landing on both feet in en garde position.

"False advance"

A tactical movement designed to save half a tempo in inviting an attack and retreating from it. The front foot moves forward a short distance, the balance shifts slightly forward and the knee flexes normally as the foot is placed on the floor. Rather than follow forward, however, the rear foot moves backward as in a retreat, and the front foot then follows the rear foot backward into a normal en garde leading to further footwork.

"False retreat"

A tactical movement designed to save half a tempo in drawing the opponent into an advance and then closing distance as he steps forward. The execution is simply the reverse of the false advance.

"Redouble"

A continuation of an attack, without going to the en garde position. For exercises the term means "by lunge to be executed by bringing the rear the lunge forward a short distance (forward recovery) and stabbing it back and down into the floor. At the instant lifting the front foot and kicking into the second lunge. Generally, the lunge will not be of maximum length the second one will be full length.

"False recovery-lunge"

A tactical movement designed to trap an opponent who comes forward to follow back as you recover from a lunge. Recovery from lunge normally begins by lifting the toes of the front foot, driving thrust from the front leg and flexing the knee to allow the body to move all the way back to the en garde position. In the recovery the toes are raised, the rear thrust is begun, and the front foot is off the floor. However, the rear foot flexed only slightly and then suddenly extended driving the fencer back from the lunge. The blade action is a change of line (reprise) to hit, but not direct, if the opponent is open comes forward.

In the Italian school this action has been called "APPUNTATA" and is certainly not new to fencing.

"False-recovery-fleche"

A tactical movement similar in purpose to the false-recovery-lunge. However, the conclusion of the "recovery" movement the front foot is slammed down in its present withdrawn location, so that the body thrust forward past the front foot creating the balance for the front drive into the fleche.



WEDDING BELLS

Our congratulations to Grace (Acyer) and Paul Anderson, who were married on January 9th of this year at the home of Dernel Every. A number of their loving friends were present.

THE 1982 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Irwin Bernstein

In December 1981, the United States Olympic Committee formally approved funding for its Sports Medicine Council Special Projects. Fencing was included among the 5 sports to conduct 1982 projects. As reported earlier in 1981, our project will take place at the JF Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey and will utilize the services of Bob Narcessian, the Center's outstanding expert. USFA leadership will be provided by Irwin Bernstein, Project Coordinator, Jack Keane, Technical Director, and Dr. Marius Valsamis, Medical Director.

In view of the heavy competitive schedule during the first half of the year, the project will be limited to 2 or 3 weekend sessions during that period and then will accelerate in the Fall. An initial group of 16 to 20 athletes has been selected from among the top ranked senior and junior fencers residing in the northeast. As the project continues, we will in-

clude a weekend at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs where extensive sports medicine support facilities have been established.

Among the elements planned for the project are biomechanical analysis (including computerized study of films), physiological testing, psychology lectures, individual training prescriptions, and a variety of other techniques designed to give the participants help with their own conditioning and training while developing generalized approaches to selecting and training fencers for elite competition. All the data gathered during the project will be shared with the other USOC sports groups through the centralized Sports Medicine Information Services at Colorado Springs.

We are very proud to be a part of this ambitious new effort.

The quality of fencing skill of our Junior fencers keeps rising. Many people, including coaches and directors, remarked that the 1982 Junior Olympic Championships, held in Los Angeles on February 13—15, exhibited the best Junior fencing they have seen to date.

Wilbur Wheeler, Northern Ohio, captured the plaudits of the audience with the style in which he defended his Under 16 Foil title. His club-mate Kevin Hunter, surprised everyone by winning the Under 20 Epee, after placing second to Scott Jacobs, New Jersey, in the Under 16 event. Nestor Rosario, Metropolitan Division, had to defeat his old rival, Demetrios Valsamis, to win the Under 20 Men's Foil, while Caitlin Bilodeaux, New England, carried off first honors in the hotly contested finals of the Under 20 Women's Foil. Michael Lofton, Long Island, led the field in a very fine Under 20 Sabre finals and Kevin Small, Northern California, captured the Under 16 Sabre. Molly Sullivan, New England, defeated Jessica Yu, Central California, in the final elimination of the Under 16 Women's Foil. All in all, each event had some classy fencers.

Our thanks to the hard-working directors, to the Bout Committee, Sam Cheris, George Kolombatovitch, Jerry Schneider, and to the Organizing Committee, Micki Conte, for a well-run competition. Special thanks are due to some key sponsors: American Fencers Supply, Fencing Times, and Santelli.

The complete results:

U-16 Men's Foil — 45 Competitors

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. W. Wheeler, N. Ohio | 16. D. Kinhan, Ore |
| 2. M. Phillips, Minn | 17. J. O'Neil, N.E. |
| 3. C. Shelton, N. Tex | 18. A. Smithline, S. Calif |
| 4. Jm. Orvos, N.J. | 19. C. O'Loughlin, S. Calif |
| 5. I. Madrid, Mich | 20. E. Yewell, Ind |
| 6. T. Saddrudin, Ore | 21. A. Weber, L. Is |
| 7. P. Clemens, N. Ohio | 22. A. McWhinney, Ariz. |
| 8. M. McGinnis, W. Pa | 23. J. Delisle, Ill |
| 9. Ja. Orvos, N.J. | 24. D. Dudinski, N.E. |
| 10. S. Jacobs, N.J. | 25. G. Goodstein, S. Calif |
| 11. C. Edwards, N.J. | 26. S. McHugh, N.J. |
| 12. C. Owen, N. Ohio | 27. C. Demarval, C. Calif |
| 13. B. Eastman, S. Calif | 28. B. Wooley, S. Calif |
| 14. G. Lande, Mich | 29. D. Durham, Okla |
| 15. T. Guerra, Louisa | 30. T. Potoczniak, Tex G. Coast |

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| 31. D. Atkins, S. Calif | 39. M. Sensor, Ind |
| 32. D. Varon, So. Cal | 40. T. Garguilo, C. Cal |
| 33. T. Molesmi, In. Emp. | 41. D. Guntermann, In |
| 34. B. Bitto, Westch. | 42. D. Hollibaugh, In. I |
| 35. C. Newman, C. Or. C. | 43. S. Streiffer, Wisc |
| 36. D. Miller, No. Cal. | 44. R. Palmer, Okla |
| 37. N. Rios, No. Cal. | 45. E. Vega, Ariz |
| 37. D. Azar, Ill. | |

U-16 Epee — 24 Competitors

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| 1. S. Jacobs, N.J. | 13. S. Quaid, Ill |
| 2. K. Hunter, N. Ohio | 14. E. Yewell, Ind |
| 3. D. Lewin, N. Calif | 15. D. Varon, S. Calif |
| 4. J. Orvos, N.J. | 16. D. Hitchcock, Tx C |
| 5. T. Griffie, Ind | 17. D. Durham, Okla |
| 6. J. Orvos, N.J. | 18. M. Lipton, N. Tex |
| 7. M. Phillips, Minn | 19. W. Burkhardt, Ind |
| 8. K. Struve, Mich | 20. A. Weintraub, Mich |
| 9. B. Wooley, S. Calif | 21. K. Polley, N. Tex |
| 10. D. Dudinski, N.E. | 22. R. Baluyut, Mich |
| 11. W. Curik, Ill | 23. J. Purple, Minn |
| 12. B. Eastman, S. Calif | 24. T. Molesmi, In Emp |

U-16 Sabre — 31 Competitors

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| 1. K. Small, No. Cal. | 16. R. Richer, No. Cal |
| 2. R. Kamper, N.J. | 17. P. Saccio, L. Is. |
| 3. N. Faroudja, No. Cal. | 18. R. Domolky, N.E. |
| 4. S. Szegfu, Louisiana | 19. Z. Szegfu, Louisiana |
| 5. C. Owen, No. Ohio | 20. J. Ewton, No. Tex. |
| 6. P. Clemens, No. Ohio | 21. E. Vega, Ariz. |
| 7. R. Cottingham, N.J. | 22. J. Purple, Minn. |
| 8. J. Abbey, N.J. | 23. J. Hoffman, Mich. |
| 9. G. Ross, N.E. | 24. V. Gempis, Ind. |
| 10. M. Cramer, So. Cal. | 25. D. Atkins, So. Cal. |
| 11. M. Lipton, No. Tex. | 26. E. Penn, So. Cal. |
| 12. D. Varon, So. Cal. | 27. J. McElgin, Phila. |
| 13. D. Guntermann, Ind. | 28. J. McNully, Ill. |
| 14. D. Azar, Ill. | 29. P. Smith, C. Cal. |
| 15. M. Kim, Mich. | 30. B. Wooley, So. Cal |
| | 31. A. Potoczniak, Gu |

U-16 Women's Foil — 30 Competitors

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| 1. M. Sullivan, N.E. | 18. S. Karlagin, So. Ca |
| 2. J. Yu, Cen. Cal. | 19. A. Gibson, Cen. C. |
| 3. G. Rossman, L. Is. | 20. N. Lehrhaupt, N.J. |
| 4. E. Garfield, Ore. | 21. M. Jones, No. Okla |
| 5. C. Weber, L. Is. | 22. K. Perkin, Metro. |
| 6. W. Thomas, N.J. | 23. P. Fox, Tex. G.C. |
| 7. K. Karlagin, So. Cal. | 24. C. Keogh, Louisar |
| 8. S. Mangon, So. Cal. | 25. Herrenhoefer, Bo |
| 9. D. Pratschler, N.J. | 26. K. Ladenheim, N. |
| 10. J. Hall, N.E. | 27. G. Elliot, Louisiana |
| 11. C. Marcus, So. Cal. | 28. C. Woytowicz, Ill. |
| 12. A. Vinopal, N.J. | 29. S. Goldstein, Mich |
| 13. K. Kralicek, Ore. | 30. K. Kowalski, No. C |
| 14. M. Jones, No. Ohio | |
| 15. L. Phares, Tex G.C. | |
| 16. R. Ament, Capito! | |
| 17. A. M. Barreda, N.E. | |

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U-20 Epee — 58 Competitors

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| 1. K. Hunter, N. Ohio | 30. A. Alonzo, L. Is |
| 2. R. Mellen, Ind | 31. B. Tassi, Va |
| 3. G. McMullen, Capitol | 32. J. Haugh, Ore |
| 4. N. Blevin, C. Calif | 33. C. Higgs-Couth, N.E. |
| 5. B. Storm, Capitol | 34. G. Petranek, N.E. |
| 6. R. Brown, N. Tx | 35. C. Hill, Columbus |
| 7. J. Pitt, N.J. | 36. P. Mellen, Minn |
| 8. C. Mortensen, Capitol | 37. K. Williams, Ore Coast |
| 9. A. Yuffa, Colo | 38. D. Miller, Ore |
| 10. A. Quaroni, Ind | 39. T. Gillham, Wisc |
| 11. J. Wahren, Tex. G.C. | 40. M. Iacampo, N.J. |
| 12. R. Pohl, Minn | 41. M. Wolf, L. Is |
| 13. K. Smith, Ill | 42. D. Meyers, N. Car. |
| 14. R. Kohn, Louisi | 43. P. Gamble, Mich |
| 15. M. McBride, N.J. | 44. S. Cockchram, Okla |
| 16. M. Kravitz, S. Calif | 45. P. Marcus, S. Calif |
| 17. M. Spiess, Ill | 46. L. Rosenberg, Metro |
| 18. D. Lewin, N. Calif | 47. R. Bandeen, N. Calif |
| 19. G. Appleton, Wisc | 48. L. Desmarais, Ark |
| 20. A. Stein, Westch | 49. M. Dessornes, S. Calif |
| 21. G. Dimaggio, S. Calif | 50. E. Sheets, Colo |
| 22. M. Costigan, Ind | 51. D. Baxter, Mich |
| 23. E. Babitsky, Metro | 52. Z. Johansen, In Emp |
| 24. J. Urban, N.J. | 53. N. Trujillo, Louisi |
| 25. C. Boehm, N.J. | 54. T. Sullivan, Ind |
| 26. G. Bragg, N. Calif | 55. C. Cooney, Ind |
| 27. B. Evans, Capitol | 56. M. Duskin, Gulf Coast |
| 28. C. Worrell, Phila | 57. R. Purple, Minn |
| 29. A. Feldman, Phila | 58. C. Rawn, Huds-Berk |

U-20 Sabre — 51 Competitors

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| 1. M. Lofton, L. Is | 27. D. Peltz, S. Calif |
| 2. R. Wilson, Westch | 28. R. Vitale, N.J. |
| 3. D. Powell, N.E. | 29. J. Viveros, Metro |
| 4. A. Kogler, Mich | 30. D. Carney, Ind |
| 5. J. Edwards, St. Louis | 31. P. Clemens, N. Ohio |
| 6. M. Janis, Ind | 32. C. Owen, N. Ohio |
| 7. M. Dasaro, C. Calif | 33. D. Campoli, Cen. Fla |
| 8. J. Duffie, Phila | 34. D. Sullivan, Ind |
| 9. J. Grinzayd, Georgia | 35. C. Bradfield, N. Tex |
| 10. D. Donadio, N.E. | 35. D. Cook, Columbus |
| 11. G. Zilbersteyn, S. Calif | 37. C. Shelton, N. Tex |
| 12. V. Fowkes, W. Penn | 38. M. Martin, Columbus |
| 13. J. Ames, N.J. | 39. B. Hearn, S. Calif |
| 14. D. Franco, Pied | 40. J. Vester, Ill |
| 15. K. Small, N. Calif | 41. K. Reidbord, Louisi |
| 16. N. Kagan, Calif Or. Coast | 42. J. Bodnick, Louisi |
| 17. W. Krouthamer, L. Is | 43. C. Rawn, Huds-Berk |
| 18. L. McCullough, N.C. | 44. J. Wehrhahn, Phila |
| 19. D. Plante, N.J. | 45. C. Hallenberg, Ill |
| 20. M. Higgs-Couth, N.E. | 46. Z. Johansen, In Emp |
| 21. J. Barreda, N.E. | 47. N. Fardudja, C. Calif |
| 22. T. Kroeten, Minn | 48. L. Desmarais, Ark |
| 23. B. Capin, W. Penn | 49. J. McElgin, Phila |
| 24. D. Jensen, S. Calif | 50. P. Saccio, L. Is |
| 25. D. Mazure, N.J. | 51. P. Smith, C. Calif |
| 26. L. Silveri, N. Calif | |

U-20 Women's Foil — 67 Competitors

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| 1. C. Bilodeaux, N.E. | 9. M. Hayes, N.J. |
| 2. A. Reeves, Wisc | 10. I. Hamori, Louisi |
| 3. M. Madon, S. Calif | 11. C. Bosco, Conn |
| 4. J. Rachman, N.E. | 12. R. Samet, L. Is |
| 5. A. Metkus, N.E. | 13. K. Coombs, S. Calif |
| 6. L. Piazza, L. Is | 14. G. Schmidt, Va |
| 7. M. O'Neill, N.E. | 15. M. Wichick, L. Is |
| 8. H. Valkavitch, S. Tex | 16. S. Wasserman, Columbus |

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| 17. M. Sullivan, N.E. | 34. J. Westrick, Mich |
| 18. I. Hayes, Phila | 35. L. Brownstein, N.J. |
| 19. H. Taylor, S. Calif | 36. M. Shiltz, Ind |
| 20. Jes. Yu, C. Calif | 37. M. Moore, Va |
| 21. T. Malmstrom, Colo | 38. D. Pratschler, N.J. |
| 22. N. Anderson, Louisi | 39. A. Gruenbaum, Metro |
| 23. S. Hill, Conn | 40. L. Clark, Va |
| 24. Jon Yu, C. Calif | 41. L. Lenau, Fla. G. Coast |
| 25. S. Kass, N. Colo | 42. C. Urban, Ill |
| 26. F. Wall, S. Tex | |
| 27. N. Luoma, Minn | |
| 28. S. Hammon, Phila | |
| 29. E. Murphy, Lett | |
| 30. E. Garfield, Ore | |
| 31. G. Weisgerber, Ill | |
| 32. C. Daniel, S. Calif | |
| 33. C. Remenyik, Ohio | |
| 34. J. Westrick, Mich | |
| 35. L. Brownstein, N.J. | |
| 36. M. Shiltz, Ind | |
| 37. M. Moore, Va | |
| 38. D. Pratschler, N.J. | |
| 39. A. Gruenbaum, Metro | |
| 40. L. Clark, Va | |
| 41. L. Lenau, Fla. G. Coast | |
| 42. C. Urban, Ill | |

U-20 Men's Foil — 85 Competitors

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| 1. N. Rosario, Metro. | 45. S. Jacobs, N.J. |
| 2. D. Valsamis, Metro. | 46. A. Goldstein, Mich. |
| 3. D. Miller, Ore. | 47. B. Seltzer, In. Emp. |
| 4. C. Balestracci, Har. | 48. D. Sherrick, Mich. |
| 5. W. Wheeler, No. Ohio | 49. D. Ramirez, Metro. |
| 6. V. Rayzman, Metro. | 50. G. Petritti, N.J. |
| 7. M. Weeks, Phila. | 51. D. Campoli, Cen. Fla. |
| 8. K. Mooney, So. Cal. | 52. J. Kirk, Hud. Berk. |
| 9. D. Cheu, Ill. | 53. R. Brown, No. Tex. |
| 10. Van der Velden, W. Wash. | 54. M. Higgs-Coul., N.E. |
| 11. A. Rosabi, N.C. | 55. Sawasdikosol, N. Cal. |
| 12. C. Higgs-Coul., N.E. | 56. R. Kohn, Louisiana |
| 13. D. Franco, Pied. | 57. J. Palmer, L. Is |
| 14. M. Fedor, Colo. | 58. P. Olson, Minn. |
| 15. T. Argy, Ill. | 59. M. Roque, Metro. |
| 16. E. Scheets, Colo. | 60. G. Vance, So. Cal. |
| 17. R. Mellon, Ind. | 61. C. Grady, Ind. |
| 18. T. Gillham, Wisc. | 62. p. Patchen, Wyo. |
| 19. E. Cheu, N.J. | 63. L. Wilson, Conn. |
| 20. A. Thorogood, Phila. | 64. B. Eastman, So. Cal. |
| 21. M. Naranjo, Phila. | 65. B. McGinnis, W. Pa. |
| 22. M. Pohl, Cal. Or. C. | 66. C. Davidson, Ariz. |
| 23. P. Marcus, So. Cal. | 67. A. Kogler, Mich. |
| 24. M. Watson, So. Tex. | 68. H. Bases, Westch. |
| 25. A. Fieldman, Phila. | 69. J. DeMarque, Conn. |
| 26. K. Hunter, No. Ohio | 70. T. Sadruddin, Ore. |
| 27. C. Blatz, Colo. | 71. C. Harkness, Cen. Cal. |
| 28. G. Petranek, N.E. | 72. M. Medler, Ore. |
| 29. C. Rawn, Hud. Berk. | 73. R. Ho., Ind. |
| 30. J. Wiseman, Colo. | 74. W. Jones, Westch. |
| 31. Z. Johansen, In. Emp. | 75. P. Eklund, Kan. |
| 32. M. Calkins, Cal. Or. C. | 76. J. Bodnick, Louisiana |
| 33. M. Phillips, Minn. | 77. M. McBride, N.J. |
| 34. D. Sinkkonen, No. Cal. | 78. G. Ambrose, Conn. |
| 35. D. Sherman, Cen. Cal. | 79. T. Kroeten, Minn. |
| 36. M. Levitas, N.J. | 80. G. Goodstein, So. Cal. |
| 37. A. Yuffa, Colo. | 81. H. Ramirez, So. Cal. |
| 38. J. Young, Westch. | 82. E. Brauhut, Cen. Cal. |
| 39. C. Shelton, No. Tex. | 83. C. Cobos, So. Cal. |
| 40. C. Funai, Ind. | 84. D. Nelson, So. Calif. |
| 41. L. Silveri, No. Cal. | 85. L. Desmarais, Ark. |
| 42. J. Burg, Wisc. | |
| 43. S. Cockchram, Okla. | |
| 44. P. Begun, Columbus | |

** C. Liacouras, Phila, excluded for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Men's Foil: Nestor Rosario
Demetrios Valsamis
Daniel Miller
(Alt) Chris Balestracci

Sabre: Michael Lofton
Russel Wilson
John Edwards
(Alt) Michael D'Asaro, Jr.

Women's Foil: Caitlin Bilodeaux
Michele Madon
Andrea Metkus
(Alt) Sarre Reeves

Epee: Kevin Hunter
Bentley Storm
Greerson McMullen
(Alt) Robert Mellen

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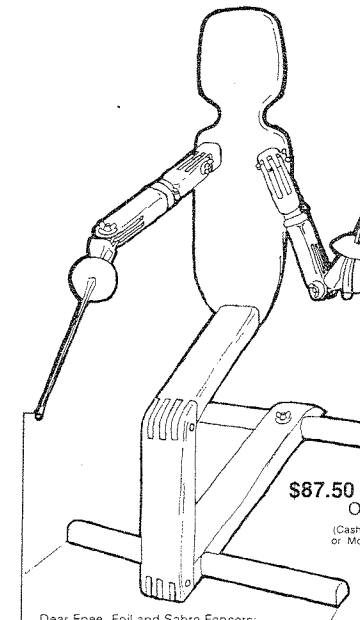
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Mr. Guido Malacarne of Italy and Mr. Rudolph Karpati of Hungary will attend the 1982 USFA National Championships at George Mason University and present a 'Directors' Clinic for the benefit of all interested fencers and officials. This clinic is scheduled for the evening of 29 May at a site to be announced at the tournament. These two respected international officials are both members of the FIE Directors Commission and have given assurances

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IN MEMORIAM

Curtis T. Ettinger, 1901 - 1981

On January 6th, while on a winter vacation with his family, in Innsbruck, Austria, Curtis T. Ettinger, 80, died of acute heart failure. He is survived by his wife Lily, daughters Dianda Kloevokorn and Pamela Schwer and four grandchildren.

Last May, when Curt sent me his letter to be included in American Fencing with our recollections of Mike deCapriles, he enclosed a page from the Spring 1964 Law Center Bulletin with suggestion that I use it to write his obituary when the time came.

It has come all too soon.

Curt was one of the quiet unsung heroes of our sport. He had a delightful sense of humor and a sharp wit. His contribution to fencing in this country included training many candidates for Olympic teams from 1948 to the present. He was on the Directeur Technique at the Munich Olympics in 1972 and helped to officiate in national and international competitions all his adult life.

The following is taken from the Law Center Bulletin:

"Oldest 1963 Graduate, A Famous Fencer, Passes Bar Exam"

"The oldest graduate of the class of June 1963, Curtis T. Ettinger, took and passed the December bar examination two

weeks after his 62nd birthday. Mr. Ettinger had been the youngest member of his class when he received his doctorate in law from the University of Vienna in 1924."

"After a highly successful period at the Austrian bar, Mr. Ettinger left his native country at the time of the Anschluss and practiced law in Paris until the collapse of the French Government. He came to United States in 1941 and immediately volunteered for military service. In 1943, he won first prize (\$1,000) in an Army-wide essay contest on American foreign policy; and upon discharge went into the import-export business. Some years later he studied law in the evenings at Fordham, but travel commitments prevented him from completing the course. Then, in 1962-63, he enrolled at New York University on a full-time basis and qualified for his LL.B. degree with a highly creditable average.

"Ettinger was Austrian foil and sabre champion a dozen times, an Olympic semi-finalist, and a member of every Austrian international team from 1922 to 1937."

This loss to our sport is irreplaceable.

By Ralph Goldstein

CHERRY BLOSSOM OPEN

Will be held on April 24th and 25th at the Main Campus Gym of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. All four weapons will be fenced. Men's foil and epee are North American Circuit events. Awards will be given to all finalists and two perpetual trophies — the Maxine Mitchell Perpetual for women's foil, sculptured by Maxine Mitchell, and the Eduardo Mangiarotti Perpetual for men's epee, sculptured by Phyllis Micahnik — will be awarded the winners.

Closing time for check-in:

Saturday, April 24	Sunday, April 25
Men's Foil 8 a.m.	Epee 8 a.m.
Sabre 12 noon	Women's Foil 12 noon

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BY Tedmund W. Pryor

Have you ever considered the idea of spending a year fencing in Europe? In Europe you can fence where fencing is the best in the world, in clubs where world champions train, and in tournaments where the competitors are French, German, Italian and Russian. You can fence with the best fencers, argue with the best directors, and train with the best coaches. And you can forget about winning any medals for a while. Few experiences could do more for your development as a fencer.

I have recently come back to the States after spending almost a year fencing in France. This article contains some advice on how you could arrange a similar experience. I chose to go to France because I wanted to learn French and I wanted to live in Paris. Therefore, my information is confined to France. If there are readers who have information about fencing in other countries, I leave it to them to write a follow-up article.

The most difficult part of the trip is deciding when you can afford to take a year off to spend in Europe. I think that inertia is the main reason why more Americans don't make such a trip. An important part of a young person's education can be the year that he or she spends living in a foreign country.

There are four times in your life when a year abroad makes sense. The first is in high school through an exchange program. The problem is that few individuals in their mid-teens are prepared to go that far from home for that long. The second is between high school and college. This can be an ideal time, particularly for someone who can't bear the idea of going on with school, and for whom the extra year of maturity could help. The third is during college with a junior year abroad program. This is really the ideal time because you don't have to take time away from your education and because the university organizes the trip which makes the logistics much easier. The fourth is the time I took which is just after graduating from college but before the harsh realities of career and family set in.

The time of year to go is late August or early September to coincide with the fencing season. The French coaches are very aware of the overall season and they like to train a student over the period of a season. If you arrive mid-season, they won't put real effort into you until the start of the next season. Another reason for leaving in September is to give yourself the summer to take a language class. The combination of several weeks of intensive French followed immediately by the trip to France is the ideal way to get started learning the language.

A major obstacle is deciding how you can afford the trip. I used a summer's earnings plus the proceeds from the sale of my pick-up truck and I left Europe a year later with as much money as I had originally taken. The secret was in living cheaply and earning enough there to pay for expenses as I went. If you are willing to live like a Spartan and work at any job that is available, then you probably don't need to leave with more than \$1,000 and a plane ticket.

Work permits are very difficult to get, and obtaining one is almost out of the question. Thus, the jobs that are available to you are limited to those which are basically on the fringes of the job market. The most convenient is an au pair job, and in Paris these are easily obtainable. A common arrangement is for a family to provide room and board and a stipend of about \$100 per month. In return you must work two to three hours a day in the house or with the children. It's not for everyone, but it is easy. Other possibilities include tending bar, painting apartments, working as a secretary, picking grapes, or teaching English. If you have friends living in France, contact them as soon as you are sure that you are going. They are by far your best source of jobs.

Finding a place to live is not as hard as it might seem. Again, an au pair job is ideal because you can move right into a furnished room and you have the advantage of having a ready-made family available to help you settle in. Hotels and hostels are easy to find, but the cheapest are about six

to ten dollars per day which is enough to drain your capital quickly, particularly when staying in one means that you will have to eat out most of the time. Apartments are as easy to find in Paris as they are in any big city which is to say not very easy. The fact that your language skills may not be very good when you first arrive only makes matters more difficult. I was able to find a small apartment through a friend that was comfortable and cost only \$85 per month.

The Council on International Education Exchange has a representative on most college campuses and would be a good place to start for advice on work or housing. The Centre d'Information et Documentation Jeunesse is located in Paris near the Eiffel Tower and seems to be in existence for the sole purpose of finding foreigners good jobs and nice apartments. Once you arrive, it is the first place to go for either.

After you have settled into Paris, (and been to Montmartre, the Louvre, and the Champs Elysees), you will be faced with a decision that is more difficult than you might think — choosing the club that you want to fence with. The problem is that, while there are several very good clubs to choose from, there is tremendous animosity between the clubs, and once you choose to fence with one, you exclude yourself from all the others. You can change clubs, but not without creating bad feelings.

The principal clubs to fence with are the Institute National des Sports et l'Education Physique, the Racing Club de France, V.G.A. St. Maur, C.E. Melun, and the Paris Universite Club. The INSEP is located on the edge of Paris and is a world famous sports academy where France's national team members of all sports have the opportunity to train and to pursue their academic education in combination. It is also an academy for sports coaches who come from many parts of the world to study their respective sport. Only France's best fencers are allowed to train at the INSEP and only national class American fencers are allowed to fence there. If you qualify, special arrangements must be made with the help of the USFA before you leave.

The Racing Club is the most famous of the Paris clubs and is the most popular with expatriates. Their facilities include

fourteen electric strips, a fine dining room and a bar. The fencing is actually much larger and very exclusive space that has facilities for basketball, polo, swimming, and squash others. About \$200 a year cover fees, a locker, and two lessons from France's most respected club. Their members include several world champions and many world fencers.

The V.G.A. is located near the edge of Paris, and has one of the best facilities of the group. They have fourteen electric strips and a swimming pool. They also field very strong teams in sports other than fencing.

Melun has produced many of France's great champions but is located miles outside of Paris, which is difficult if you are living in the city. If you can't work and housing in the town or then the club might be the best of it.

I fenced with the P.U.C. because of my friends there and because I liked the university atmosphere. They also had the best fencers in the country and a beautiful facility with fourteen electric strips located in the center of Paris. A fencing including two lessons a week and a locker cost me \$80.

The way to pick your club is to visit each for a week or so and then take a deep breath and make a decision.

The clubs are typically delighted to accept foreign members and you can expect to be treated very well. The P.U.C. excluded me in all of their social events but they arranged rides to tournaments and they defended me fiercely against other clubs when I got into trouble with them or fencers. Most important, the P.U.C. provided an easy way to meet real Paris fencers which is otherwise quite difficult to achieve.

Fencing in the local tournaments is one of the more exciting aspects of the sport. The local opens in Paris are the best and the fencing is of a very high level. The big name fencers don't usually fence but those below them are still very good. A small open of about 35-40 fencers includes several current or former national team members, a couple of under-championship finalists, a broad cross-section of national class fencers and a number of eager young fencers.

mere under-20 national finalists or French collegiate national champions. The result is that every couple of weekends you can fence in a tournament that compares in strength and quality with the last three or four rounds of the U.S. Nationals.

Another exciting opportunity is the chance to fence in one or more of the major international tournaments. For the "A" tournaments you need to make arrangements with the foreign secretary of the USFA. Entries are limited and if too many Americans show up you can be bounced. In a non-Olympic year this would not be a problem. The problem with going to any of the big tournaments is that it costs a fair amount of money to travel there and unless you fence very well you'll only fence five bouts. Still, seeing the fencing live is a thrill and worth the trip once or twice. Fortunately, several major international tournaments are held in or near Paris and so you can easily fence in at least these.

Before you leave the U.S., you should arrange with the USFA Secretary to get an F.I.E. license which you will need to fence in any European tournament or with any European club. Also, if you want to fence in the U.S. nationals and are unwilling to fly home for your division's qualifying event, you must be a member of the National Division of the USFA. The transfer must be arranged with the Secretary before you go.

A final warning: a year of fencing in France is enough for you to learn the language, enough to make some friends, and enough to get settled into a good club. It is not enough to turn into a great fencer. For that you must arrange to stay somewhat longer.

I went to France hoping to improve my fencing and found that fencing was the least important thing that there was to learn. It's an experience I would recommend to anyone. Say hello to Paris for me when you get there.

SCHEDULE FOR 1982 USFA NATIONALS

May 28 (Friday)	7:00 PM	Weapons Check and Check-in
29 (Saturday)	8:00 AM	Men's Foil Preliminary Rounds
30 (Sunday)	8:00 AM	Sabre Preliminary Rounds
	3:00 PM	Men's Foil Final Round of 24: Direct Elimination
31 (Monday)	8:00 AM	Women's Foil Preliminary Rounds
	5:00 PM	Sabre Final Round of 24: Direct Elimination
June 1 (Tuesday)	8:00 AM	Men's Foil Team to completion
	4:00 PM	Women's Foil Final Round of 24: Direct Elimination
2 (Wednesday)	8:00 AM	Men's Epee Preliminary Rounds
	2:00 PM	Sabre Team to completion
3 (Thursday)	8:00 AM	Women's Foil Team to completion
	3:00 PM	Men's Epee Final Round of 24: Direct Elimination
4 (Friday)	8:00 AM	Women's Epee to completion
	1:00 PM	USFA Annual Meeting — open to membership
	7:00 PM	USFA Board of Directors Meeting
**5 (Saturday)	8:00 AM	Men's Epee Team to completion
	7:00 PM	Dinner (Optional — \$12.00/person)
	8:30 PM	Gala Night — cash bar.

** Saturday June 5 — Capitol Division-sponsored Women's Sabre competition will begin at 10:00 a.m.

PROXY FOR U.S.F.A. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The undersigned hereby appoints Eleanor Turney, Charles Thompson, and Colleen Olney, or any one of them, attorneys and proxies to vote in his stead with all the power which the undersigned would possess if personally present at the Annual Meeting (and all adjournments thereof) of members of the United States Fencing Association, Inc. to be held on June 4th at the site of the National Fencing Championships.

SIGN HERE IF OVER 18. I hereby certify that I have attained my 18th birthday and am eligible to vote:

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SEND PROXY TO: Eleanor Turney, Secretary, USFA, 601 Curtis Street, Albany, CA 94706

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON

The 1982 National Championships will be held May 28-June 5 on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax, Virginia . . . a suburb approximately 15 miles west of Washington, D.C. The site for the competition will be GMU's Main Gymnasium. For those of you who travel the circuit, its the same facility where the Cherry Blossom Open has been held in recent years.

Transportation: Air service is available via Washington's National Airport; Dulles Airport (in Virginia and closest to Fairfax; Baltimore-Washington International Airport (most remote and not recommended due to excessive ground travel upon arrival); and, by AMTRAK's Union Station in downtown Washington (which connects via the subway to National Airport). AMTRAK also stops (when coming from the south) at the Alexandria, Va. station where taxi service is available.

Ground transportation will be available at 6:00 p.m. from Dulles Airport (meet at Insurance Booth on upper level next to PanAm counter) and at 7:30 p.m. from National Airport (meet at upper level by the Eastern Airlines Shuttle counter) on May 28, 29, and 30 to pick-up arrivals heading for GMU. Arrivals at other times can wait or take a cab (approximately \$18-20 from both Dulles or National Airports) or use Airport Limousine, Inc. (\$7.00 to WESTPARK MOTEL or Tysons MARRIOTT from both airports, but not available to GMU campus). If a group is arriving at a specific time later in the week, please contact the Organizing Committee-Transportation Coordinator to work out details. Return service from GMU to the airports will be scheduled for a.m. and p.m. departures with details on where to meet the shuttle bus provided at the Information Booth later during the week of competition.

For those of you staying at the college, a car is not necessary. For those staying at motels, a car is essential. The host Division plans to provide a shuttle or "share a ride" service between the motels and the gym each morning and evening for those who

may have to be housed in the lack transportation.

Housing: Dormitory housing and motel lodging from nearby facilities will be available. Plans call for places who fly-in, and lack ground transport at GMU dormitories. Fencers who driving are recommended to stay at motels where comparable rates are arranged. Dormitory rates will be \$10 per night (two to a room; no TV service/linen service). Reservations following recommended facilities be made by MAY 7, 1982 to receive special rates:

TYSONS WESTPARK
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Rates: \$35.00/room (up to 3/room)

Tysons Corner MARRIOTT HOTEL
8028 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22180
(703) 734-3200
Rates: \$36.00/room (up to 3/room)

Make reservations with these facilities and be sure to mention them with the **1982 USFA National Championships** — otherwise you may receive a special rate. Reserve early since a limited number of rooms are available at these special rates. Use the Official blank for reserving space in GMU.

Other motels in the vicinity include Holiday Inn at Tysons Corner; (Breezeway Motel, White House Boulevard Motels in Fairfax; and Trap Motel in Vienna, Va. No arrangements have been made for these facilities, however.

Registration: Advance registration will be required. Upon arrival at GMU are requested to come to the (Registration Booth) for sign-in to receive their badge and information about the competitions. Information can also be provided about car rental nearby commercial housing.

Weapons Check: All weapons, body cords and lames to be used in competitions will be checked.

check will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on May 28, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day thereafter. Plan accordingly to avoid waiting in line. Official armourers will be available to repair meet equipment. Equipment purchases or repairs will be available through concessionaires or commercial armourers.

Competition Procedures: Fencers must also check in with the Bout Committee for each event in which they are qualified. Plans call for advance seeding and we hope to make strip number assignments in advance for the opening rounds/flights.

The individual competitions will be by pools of six until the final 24; then by direct elimination plus repechage to eight; then a direct elimination final. Seeding is important so fill out your entry form completely including ranking, circuit points, and division/sectional standing.

Open events start at 8:00 a.m. and will run until the final 24 is determined. The final rounds will commence the next day with the finals scheduled to begin in the afternoon (see schedule for exact times). Women's epee and team events will fence to completion in the same day. Remember that this year no Senior or U-19 events will be held. A women's sabre competition, sponsored by the Capitol Division, is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 5.

A full schedule is shown elsewhere in this publication.

Concessions: Equipment sales will be available through concessionaires who will be displaying the latest fencing gear. The official T-shirt, as well as posters, bumper stickers, and other memorabilia will also be available.

Fees: Registration will be \$15.00/entrant. Individual events will also be \$15.00/weapon with sabre fencers paying \$20.00 and will receive a \$5.00 refund if they stay to judge an additional round after being eliminated. A \$10.00 late entry (not registration) fee will be levied against all fencers whose entries are not received by **May 5** or are not postmarked by that date but will be levied at the discretion of the bout committee. Late entrants will not be listed in the program nor can late entries be guaranteed a dormitory room unless there is a late withdrawal; in which case the late entrant would get the room and a full refund made to the person withdrawing.

Notice on Qualifying: Regular qualifiers will be notified by return mail, or as soon as certified, if the information has not been sent by your Division.

Make certain that your Division's secretary knows that you are planning to compete and forwards such information accordingly to both the USFA National Secretary and to the 1982 Nationals Organizing Committee. No alternates will be permitted this year.

Fencers who compete on **teams only** will not have to register until the teams are seeded which will occur after the individual events in the weapon. The late entry fee will not apply to the non-official women's sabre, but all fencers must fill out and sign the entry form.

Doping: An IOC-type doping test will be conducted. Be certain that your doctor and/or dentist are aware of the rules.

Gala Night: A dinner (\$12.00/person) is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Saturday, June 5 to be followed at 8:30 p.m. by a cash bar "gala." Location of these events will be announced at the competitions.

Meetings: The USFA Board of Directors will meet on Friday evening, June 4, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Annual Meeting, open to all members, at 1:00 p.m. Directors meetings, coaches meetings, seminars, and training sessions are also being scheduled, with details provided at a later date.

This is the first time that the National Championships have ever been held in the Washington area. Even though the cherry blossoms will have long fallen into the Tidal Basin by late May, the area is at one of its two annual peaks (the other being late October). For those of you who have time to spare, the city's many museums, galleries, monuments and other attractions will make the visit even more enjoyable. A calendar of events (concerts, openings, shows, tours, etc.) taking place during the week will be available at the Hospitality Booth, as will information on renting cars, making reservations, etc. We hope to see you at the Nationals. Make sure to send your entry on time to avoid the late fee. If you run into time crunch, however, send us a night letter (or call, but only in an emergency) give vital information about events, dates, arrival times, etc. You can follow it with the official entry and we will give you the night letter's date.

ENTRY FORM

**United States Fencing Association
1982 National Championships**

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COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF ENTRY FORM (Send by May 5, 1982)

Name (please print)	First	M.I.	USFA Number
Street Address			Division
City	State	Zip	Section
Director's Rating: MF _____ WF _____ S _____ ME _____ WE _____			Club

A. Registration

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- Entrant's Registration Fee @ \$15.00/person \$ _____
- Registration Fee(s) for Each Team Member Not Entered in Any Other Event @ \$15.00 x _____ (no. of persons) \$ _____

B. Entry Fees: Indicate Events You Are Entering; Entry Fee is \$15.00 per Individual Event; \$40.00 per Team Event

INDIVIDUAL EVENT (\$15.00)	QUALIFYING POSITION	PLACE IN 82 SECTIONALS	NATIONAL RANK (POINTS)	NATIONAL CLASS [A, B, C, OR U]	
Men's Sabre \$20	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
TEAM EVENTS (\$40.00)					
Men's Team Sabre	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Team Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Team Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Team Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

C. Capitol Division Women's Sabre (Sat., June 5, 1982)

Registration Not Required but Entrants Must Complete and Sign Applicable Portions. Entry Fee is \$7.50 \$ _____

D. George Mason University Housing Must Be Prepaid

(See Reverse for Details)
_____ @ \$13.00/night (includes linen/bedding package) \$ _____

E. Gala Night (Saturday, June 5, 1982) - Dinner, 7:00 p.m. - \$12.00/person prepaid; Cash Bar, 8:30 p.m. (location announced later).

\$ _____

Total Amount Submitted (A-E) \$ _____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. SEND ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE

1982 USFA NATIONALS

(Complete and Sign Reverse Side)

1982 USFA National Championships
Entry Form (continued)

George Mason University—Housing Information

Please Indicate First Night Lodging Required: _____

Please Indicate Last Night Lodging Required: _____

TOTAL NUMBER NIGHTS LODGING REQUIRED _____

Please Indicate Roommate Reference: _____
(Name)

[REMEMBER: GMU HOUSING MUST BE PREPAID]

Motel/Hotel Information

Arrangements with certain local motels/hotels have been made which provide special rates for persons attending the 1982 Nationals. To take advantage of these special rates please make reservations by the date designated on the reservation form presented elsewhere. Reservations made after the cut-off date will result in being charged the full rate which in some cases is double the special rate. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the 1982 USFA National Championships.

[NOTE: SEND RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO MOTEL/HOTEL]

All entries must be received by May 5, 1982. Please include a large stamped self-addressed envelope, this signed entry form, and total fees. Withdrawals must be made by May 21, 1982 to assure refund. Withdrawals after May 21 will receive only 1/2 refund of total fees. Send entries to:

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2702 Lackawana Place
Adelphi, MD 20783

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Upon entering these events under the auspices of the USFA, I agree to abide by the rules of the USFA, as currently published. I am a U.S. Citizen and/or a permanent resident. I enter these competitions at my own risk and release the USFA and/or their sponsors and officials from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the individual for which this entry is submitted is duly qualified to enter the 1982 National Championships and that the individual's 1981-1982 membership dues have been paid.

Parent or Guardian, if under 18

Fencer's Signature

**MINUTES OF THE 1981
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Submitted by Eleanor Turney, Secretary

The 1981 Annual Meeting of the membership of the AFLA was held on Saturday June 27, 1981 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Emily Johnson at 4:01 PM. Officers present were: Colleen Olney Vice-President; Eleanor Turney, Secretary, William Latzko, Treasurer.

There were 19 members present with 133 members represented by proxy.

#1. The minutes of the 1980 Annual Meeting were approved as published in the September/October issue of American Fencing, Volume 31 #7 by voice vote.

#2. The President reported to the membership on the following items. The change to open circuit events where points are earned for selection to the Olympic Team has been very successful. The circuit events held in different parts of the country have been well attended, have produced a very high level of competition, and will be continued for this quadrennial. The Board of Directors voted to eliminate the U-19 Championships at the National Championships in 1982. The Olympic Fencing Committee will devise a point system for the Under 20 Team qualifiers for the 1983 Team. In addition Irwin Bernstein has been working with the Medical Commission of the USOC and there will be a USOC study of fencing at New York City Fencers Club.

The AFLA and the NFCAA will work together organizing a Special Seminar for Coaches to be given at the time of the National Championships. The Seminar held at the Fort Worth National Championships was successful and considered worth continuing.

A new edition of the Rules book will be published this fencing season. The format will be loose leaf. It will be sold without the binder. The cost will be \$5.00 per single copy with a \$.75 handling and postage charge.

The United States was unable to bid on the 1982 World Championships. The estimate of the cost to hold the World Championships is \$200,000. The fund raising for the event was inadequate.

A Study of the demographics of the League is being made by the a committee

whose chairman is Frank Nagc committee will propose sensible boundaries for a possible char method of qualifying to the Championships.

The Annual Meeting of the Bc rectors will be held in Chicag tember. A vote of appreciation a was given to the North Texas Di the organizers for holding the tional Championships, the firs Championships held in Texas.

Vice President Colleen Olney on the Junior Olympic Pro; How-To-Brochure for sectional ment has been written. There wil tional summer camps held in 1 west camp at Ohio State; North Cornell; Pacific Coast at Lewis College.

Treasurer, William Latzko re the financial position of the AFL past several years the AFLA has perienicing a deficit of \$14,000 ; ducing our reserves. Increased publishing the magazine, infl; special programs for the Junic have created the deficit. The dues increase will provide the in balanced budget for 1981-2.

John Capurso reported to the the membership on the resul feasibility study for fund raising. his report were available at t Meeting and are available to div ers on request.

Mr. W. Goering reported on th of the U.S. Fencing Officials Cc There were over 50 candidates two examination which were gi sectional championships. He exp examination procedure.

Mr. M. Mamlouk of the Capit reported on the 1982 National C ships. Every effort will be made strip team events to avoid runnr hours.

#3. The President appointed the counting of the proxy votes. were Nancy Sebastaini, Gulf Coa and Nelson Iry of the Border Div President indicated that Article

XIX of the By-Laws were made mandatory for our continuation as The National Governing Body for fencing by the recent changes in the USOC rules. The increase in dues was proposed to increase revenue for needed programs. The change in classifications of membership was for simplification. The change in name was proposed because we really did not represent all of America as implied in our name and we are not all amateurs. The word association is a more accurate connotation than League.

The vote was by groups.

Group 1: USOC Requirements: Articles VII and XIX

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|-------------|-------|
| #1. 146 Yes | 5 No |
| #2. 149 Yes | 4 No |
| #3. 149 Yes | 6 No |
| #4. 125 Yes | 27 No |

Group 2: Dues increase and Membership Classification

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|-------------|-------|
| #1. 108 Yes | 36 No |
| #2. 109 Yes | 40 No |

Group 3: Name Change

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|-------------|-------|
| #1. 140 Yes | 12 No |
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The membership approved the By-Laws changes. (Complete text of the By-Law changes was set forth in the March/April 1981 issue of the American Fencing)

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#4. A Nominating Committee for the officers of the year 1982-4 was elected. Burton Moore, Chairman, North Atlantic Section. Mary Huddleson, Pacific Coast Section. Jim Campoli, Southeast Section, Ruby Watson, Metropolitan Section, Frank Nagorney, Midwest Section, Yvonne Gallego, Rocky Mountain Section, Martin Johnson, Southwest Section, and Gerald Schneider, Mid Atlantic Section. These nominations were moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

#5. There was no Unfinished Business.

#6. Under new business concern was expressed by several members that the change in membership classification and the elimination of the collegiate membership would work a hardship upon the college students, especially those who were not world class athletes and were team members only.

Other opinions expressed pointed out that the increased dues were essential to the continuation of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

U.S.F.A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers of the U.S.F.A. for the 1982 — 1984, to be voted upon at the 1982 Annual Membership Meeting at the National Championships:

President: Emily Johnson
Executive Vice-President: Marius Valsamis
Vice President: Colleen Olney
Vice President: Charles Thompson
Secretary: Eleanor Turney
Treasurer: William Latzko
National Division Director: Chaba Pallaghy

IN CASE OF . . .

A contested election, the Board of Directors, at its Feb. 1982 meeting, approved a procedure to provide a fair opportunity all candidates to file petitions before May 1, submit campaign literature to the membership prior to the May 21 deadline for mailing back the ballots, and to comply with the major policy objectives of the by-laws.

COACHES COLUMN

Bela de Tuscan, coach of the Wayne State University fencing team from 1932 to 1957, was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame on February 13th. Mtr. de Tuscan won a National Sabre Championship in 1919 in his native Hungary before coming to the United States. He taught fencing at Syracuse and at the University of Michigan before going to Wayne State, where Byron Kreiger, former NCAA foil champion, and Paula Sweeney, outstanding U.S. woman foilist, were numbered among his students. He also taught at his own Salle de Tuscan in Detroit.

Delmar Calvert is the new fencing coach at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Maitre Calvert assumes his new position in March, after 20 years teaching and coaching in the Los Angeles area, as coach at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Cal Tech, etc. He has produced national champions and many top calibre junior and senior fencers there and says he will continue in Santa Cruz his primary interest in the development of young fencers.

NOTICE

All those who have outstanding business with the Accreditation Board of the NFCAA—USAA, and those who would be interested in receiving an accreditation exam at the USFA Nationals in June, are urged to contact immediately the Board's Chairman, Maitre Stephen Cook, 87 Cumberland Street, Apt. 2, Bangor, ME 04401.

WANTED: KNOWLEDGE- ABLE FENCING HELPERS

Volunteers are needed for scoring, time-keeping, and information hosts during the 1982 National Sports Festival, July 23 — 31 at Indianapolis, Indiana for the fencing events. The fencing competition will take place in the Indianapolis Convention Center, Saturday July 24 through Monday July 26.

The first 35 names received will be selected as volunteers and each will be responsible for their own meals, lodging, and transportation. If selected, a representative

from the Fencing Committee the individual.

If you are interested in volunteering for the fencing competition, please contact:
Fencing Volunteers
1982 National Sports Festival
155 West Washington St.,
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by Joe Byrnes

Some years ago a question was tossed at me: Since a foil scoring machine blocks an off-target touch that occurs after a valid touch on the same side, i.e., does not show it, why does it bother to show a valid touch after an off-target one? The director isn't going to award the touch, so why show it? Wouldn't it make the construction of the scoring machine simpler if it would accept only the first touch, valid or off-target, on a side?

As they say — that's a good question; I'm glad you asked it.

I came up eventually with what I thought was the answer. Let's see how you do, if you take a time out. Don't jump over the asterisks until you've given some thought to the question. Then read on and see how you did.

It doesn't really seem very sensible to show valid touches after the invalid (off-target) lamp has lit — that's for sure. It can certainly confuse naive spectators, as we discovered in China last year. That suggests that it may not be so good for selling fencing to TV! Doubtless the construction of a foil machine would be simplified — at least a little — if it would cut off everything but the first touch on a side. Maybe some directors find the additional information helpful, but is it necessary? We just don't think about such things because that's the way it has always been; probably nobody has ever seen a four-lamp foil machine that worked any other way. (I make the careful distinction about four-lamp machines because, briefly, about twenty years ago, there were some experiments with specially-built foil machines that registered only valid touches. They looked like little "epee only" machines. We called those experiments "no foul foil," since we used to call off-targets "fouls" in those days, as senior fencers will remember. "Foul" — sounds nasty, doesn't it? Anyway, nothing ever came of the experiments.)

All right, 'nuff stalling; here's the answer to the original question. In trying to figure out why anybody would think it necessary or useful to know about the sequence of valid

after off-target, it will help to remember when the machine was designed. No matter what method is used to make a machine work: whether old-fashioned electro-mechanical relays, or solid-state devices — ranging from arrays of discrete transistors to digital chip(s) — and whether powered by AC, or storage batteries, or dry cells, or maybe by a mini-generator driven by psyched-up squirrels running in cages — what the machine does today is still what was prescribed by what was needed when the idea for electric foil was first being talked about. That takes us back into the 1930's, before the Second World War (and before my fencing days, let me hasten to add). According to some authentic history I have access to, it seems that the first officially solicited prototype design was to be unveiled at an FIE meeting in 1939 — which meeting was never held because the war broke out.

Now back in those days, and continuing through the first few years of experiments with electric foil after the war, there was a rule in foil fencing that said (I quote, in my translation, Article 129 from the 1955 edition of the FIE "Reglement Technique," as it was then known): "If a thrust aimed at a part of the body on which touches are counted as valid is parried, but arrives as a result of the parry on a part of the body on which touches are not counted, this thrust does not stop the phrase and the continuation of combat will not be annulled."

That rule — it used to be known as the "parried foul" rule — was necessarily applied by directors on a judgmental basis. Shall we say that directors found it difficult to apply it consistently, and let it go at that? Look at that phrasing again: "as a result of the parry" is the key: think about it.

That particular foil rule was repealed in 1956. Obviously, however, with that rule in effect, some touches landing off-target would not stop the action, and in some cases, depending on the sequence of the phrase, a red light, say, even though it came on after the white light on the same side, could be counted as valid. Therefore you had to know about all such cases. Therefore,

we have the pattern of lights on foil machines that we have still. Q. E. D.

It is diverting to note that the repeal of that rule (1956) coincides generally with the first major international use of electrical foil machines (at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956). I am not personally conversant with the sequence of events, i.e., which came first: whether the elimination of the rule was the result of experience with the machine or of long time dissatisfaction.

Anyway, it seems to me that we have in our foil machines an example of a superseded function surviving by inertia, a vermiform appendix, so to speak. It's a bit as if modern cars had holes up front for a crank, the way the 30's models did.

RESULTS

McClellan OPEN

30 January, 1982, Ft. McClellan, Alabama

Men's Sabre (15)

1. H. Spector, BFC
2. J. Grinzayd, AFC
3. M. Wood, AFC

Men's Foil (13)

1. S. Dunlap, AFC
2. M. Wood, AFC
3. J. Collins, VFC

Women's Foil (9)

1. M. Knapp, VFC
2. E. Reinhardt, VFC
3. C. Gertz, FMcFC

Women's Sabre (5)

1. C. Gertz, FMcFC
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The Metropolitan Division Jur Team met and conquered the old New England Division Junior Sabre. The match was held at the Ac Fencing in Watertown, Massachusetts January 9th.

The Metropolitan team was composed of Michael Loftin, Brian Keane, Ross, and John Eros, under the guidance of Jack Keane. The New England team was made up with Michael Higgs-Coulth, Andy Goorno, Donald Johnson, and Barreda, coached by Ed Richard.

St. John's Preparatory School, Charles Rossi, and Charles Higgs-Coulth combined with Concord Carlisle High School (Mark Sederstrom and Peter Cox) to form the second New England team and the third in the meet.

It is to be hoped that other divisions will form junior teams, in all weapons, to challenge each other in order to upgrade the level of our junior fencers, who all, the future of American fencing depends on. The dream of Mr. Keane's is the final Metropolitan/New England Challenge, both spectators and participant.

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N. I. W. F. A. CHRISTMAS INVITATIONAL

by Denise O'Connor

City College of New York senior, Gina Faustin, won the NIWFA Christmas Invitational Tournament held at Stevens Institute of Technology on December 13, 1982.

Miss Faustin was presented with the Terry Terhune Fuller Trophy. Seventy-two women representing sixteen colleges participated in the tournament that traditionally opens the women's intercollegiate season for member schools. Sandy Hill of Princeton placed second, followed by Mary Bilodeaux, Temple; Sharon Sobers, St. John's; Randy Samet, St. John's and India Hayes, Temple.

The 54th annual NIWFA team and individual championships will be held at William Paterson College, Wayne, New Jersey, on March 27 and 28.

TEMPLE COLLEGIATE

OPEN by Nikki Franke

The 2nd Annual Temple Collegiate Open was held on November 21, and 22, at Temple University in Philadelphia. There was an excellent turnout which provided very strong competition during the 2 day tournament. There were an unprecedented 120 entries in women's foil, as well as 40 entries in men's foil, 42 entries in epee and 41 entries in sabre.

Next year's tournament is tentatively scheduled for November 6-7, 1982, so make your plans now.

Women's Foil

(barrage for 1st place)

1. Chris Bosco, U. of Pa.
2. Mary Bilodeaux, Temple
3. Ruth Logan, Cornell
4. Harne Skalleboel, Penn State
5. Lisa Piazza Banard
6. Karen Lesser, Cornell

Men's Foil

1. Paul Schmidt, Princeton
2. George Infanzon, Temple
3. Stu Rotenberg, Penn State
4. Joe Wolfson, U. of Pa.
5. Don Steinberg, Princeton
6. Emile Rossabe, UNC

Men's Sabre

1. Joel Spielman, U. of Pa.
2. John Freidberg, UNC
3. Rick Blum, U. of Pa.
4. Carrol Leton, Navy
5. Yiu-Wai Cheung, Princeton
6. Ralph Bellantoni, Wm. Paterson

Men's Epee

1. Adam Meyers, U. of Pa.
2. Brian Lee, Princeton
3. Steve Mihalsky, John Hopkins
4. Earle Manley, Temple
5. Stefan Cook, St. John's
6. John Leung, U. of Pa.

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Southeast Section: at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. Ron Miller, Manager. Contact: Colleen Olney, 2221 SE 117th, Portland, OR 97216.

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IN MEMORIAM LEO SOBEL

As we go to press, we have received news of the death of Leo Sobel, for Treasurer of the A.F.L.A. and father of Stephen Sobel, U.S.F.A. Counsel. We will have more recognition of the esteem we hold for Mr. Sobel in our next issue. Meanwhile, we extend to Steve and his family our sympathies for their loss.

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