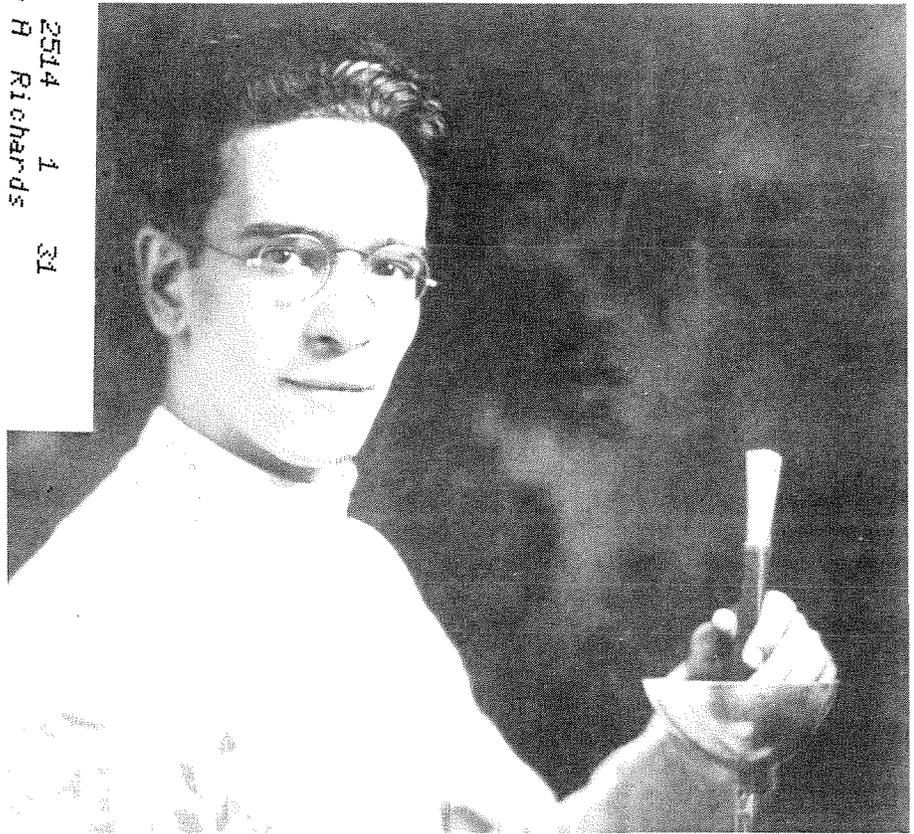


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Miguel deCapriles, team captain  
NYU fencing team in the 1920's.  
(Photo by Shiotani).



# Editorial

A giant of the fencing world has fallen. News of the death of Miguel de Capriles in San Francisco on May 24 spread rapidly from coast to coast and across the Atlantic. This issue contains a few testimonials and reminiscences from his many friends and contemporaries. Each seems to touch on a different accomplishment or characteristic of Mike.

We emphasize here his fencing activities, but all fencers should be aware of the distinguished career he carved in his own profession as teacher of law and administrator in New York University and Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

Here in California, we were fortunate to have Mike with us during the last few years. He gave good and friendly advice when asked, and unstintingly of his time and presence at our local competitions. He enjoyed being kept *au courant* on the latest of our problems and our gossip. He was active in Olympic affairs up to the end.

Your editor will sorely miss his gentle "tsk, tsk" over the phone as he pointed out what he termed "some minor errors" of our ways in the publication of this, undoubtedly his favorite magazine.

We understand that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of New York University to dedicate this fall a complete fencing room to Jose and Miguel deCapriles, and we think no finer tribute could be paid to these two illustrious fencing brothers.

In turn, we of AMERICAN FENCING rededicate this magazine to the memory of Jose R. deCapriles, 1912 - 1969, and to Miguel A. deCapriles, 1906 - 1981.

-----MTH



## MIGUEL A. deCAPRILES 1906 - 1981

by Jeffrey F.

scholarship to New York University where he majored in economics, and introduced to the sport of fencing.

Fencing at N.Y.U. in the 1920's: more than a club sport, with no appropriation or coach. It was Miles, the team captain, who induced Castello, the Spanish fencing master, U.S. Olympic Coach, to come out to New York in 1927 to teach N.Y.U.'s varsity. Two years later N.Y.U. won the first world collegiate championship and within more years N.Y.U. had become the dominant team in men's collegiate fencing. Mike joined the faculty upon graduation to become faculty advisor to the fence from 1928 to 1942, and during that time helped build up the alumni organization which made N.Y.U. a power in fencing for the ensuing forty-five years.

### A STRONG COMPETITOR

Mike was always quick to point out that he was only modestly successful as a collegiate fencer, and that it was only upon graduation that he began to put on a winning game. His first major title came in 1931, when he won the AFLA national championship. He went on to win ten AFLA national individual titles: (2) foil; (2) outdoor epee; (2) outdoor sabre; and (5) three-weapon.

In 1929, Mike was the prime motivation in the formation of the University Fencers Club at N.Y.U., one of the dominant clubs in the 1930's. In 1938, Mike led many members of the University Fencers Club into the newly formed Salle Santelli, and he continued as successful there. In total, Mike was a member of eleven AFLA national championship teams: in foil (3); epee (3); sabre (2); and three-weapon (3).

His best competitive results came when they were most needed - at the Pan American Games and other international events. He won three U.S. Olympic Team berths on three U.S. Olympic Teams: in 1932, in epee; and, in 1936 and 1948, in sabre. He was especially proud to have been a member of bronze-medalist teams in two weapons, sixteen years ago in epee, 1932; sabre, 1948. Mike was captain of the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team.



Miguel deCapriles.  
(Photo by Nickolas Muray)

Dr. Miguel A. deCapriles, the former president of the International Fencing Federation and the first American to hold the post, died in San Francisco on May 24, following an extended illness. He was 75 years old.

For nearly half a century, "Mike" deCapriles was the leading spokesman for fencing in the United States, establishing and maintaining the AFLA's good relations with both the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Fencing Federation. His lengthy career as a sports administrator was capped in 1960 when he became the first non-European to preside over the F.I.E. He served in that post until 1964, and remained a potent force in subsequent administrations until his death. In 1975, in recognition of his many contributions to amateur sport, he was selected by the International Olympic Committee as one of the first two American recipients of the newly created Olympic Order.

### BEGAN TO FENCE AT N.Y.U.

Mike was born in Mexico in 1906 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1920. He left prep school after the death of his father and enrolled in New York City's High School of Commerce, where he became a champion in shorthand and typing. From there, he won a



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In addition, Mike was a member, and frequently captain, of other U.S. teams. In 1933 and 1948, he participated in Thompson Trophy matches against Great Britain; in 1938 and 1939, he was a member of U.S. teams which participated in the interzonal matches for the Russell Trophy, which was intended to be for fencing what the Davis Cup was for tennis, but which did not survive the war.

Two particularly noteworthy individual triumphs of his during this era were: a first place in sabre in 1936, in the Hungarian National Outdoor Championship at Lake Balaton, and a first place in epee in 1938, in the Labor Day Tournament in Montreal, Canada.

In the 1951 Pan-American Games, Mike served as captain of the fencing team, fenced in all three team events (winning two gold and one silver medal), and also carried the U.S. flag in the opening day ceremony.

With the close of the first Pan-American Games, Mike closed the book on his competitive fencing career and began to expand his administrative involvement in fencing, which had started twenty years earlier.

#### **OUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL**

Mike became active in rules committees shortly after graduating from N.Y.U.; first with the I.F.A., with which he was active for more than thirty years; then with the AFLA, serving as chairman of the rules committee for more than ten years; and finally with the N.C.A.A., with which he was involved for more than twenty years. He translated the F.I.E. rules into English and codified standards for running AFLA tournaments and the various collegiate championships.

Simultaneously, he earned an imposing reputation as a president of jury which opened the door for a large number of other American officials to gain F.I.E. accreditation. He was chiefly responsible for the reputation American fencers of that era enjoyed for competence and impartiality.

In 1936, Mike became the first American to officiate at an Olympic final, when he presided at the individual sabre final. In 1952, he presided at the foil and sabre finals. Beginning with the 1960 Olympics, Mike began his long tenure as a member of the *directoire* technique of the Olympic fencing events, a position he would hold for the next four Olympic celebrations.

Mike held a variety of A.F.L.A. posts until 1949, when he was elected president of the league, and held that office until 1953. In

1960, at the Olympic Games in Rome, Mike was elected president of the F.I.E. when there was a deadlock over two other candidates. He was the first non-European to hold the office.

In 1965, following his presidency of the F.I.E., Mike was elected a Member of Honor of the F.I.E.; and, in 1968, he was elected a member of the Executive Board of the F.I.E. Re-election followed in 1972 and 1976.

During his administration of the F.I.E., Mike's two major accomplishments were (1) Adoption of the Administrative Rules, which standardized procedures for major events; and (2) Scheduling of the three major events of the F.I.E. calendar (Congress, Under-20 World Championship, and World Championship) in a wider variety of cities and countries than had previously been the case.

Between 1933 and 1976, Mike held a variety of posts with the U.S. Olympic Committee, and was a member or chairman of several fencing committees; a member of the board of directors; associate counsel; chairman of the legislation committee; Chief of Mission for the entire delegation at the 1968 Winter and Summer Olympic Games; chairman of the organizational restructuring committee following the 1972 Olympic Games; and a member of the executive board. At the time of his death he was a vice-president of the Pan American Sports Organization and was striving to keep fencing an integral part of the Pan-American movement.

#### **A NOTED PROFESSOR OF LAW**

After graduating from N.Y.U. with a B.A. in 1927, Mike served in a variety of posts for the university, generally in a budgetary capacity, while pursuing his graduate work in economics and law. He earned an M.A. in 1932 and an LL.B. in 1935. Although never actually Dean of Washington Square College, he served unofficially in that capacity for several years.

During World War II, Mike spent two years as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General concerning Axis espionage and sabotage in Latin America. He spent another year in the enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

After World War II, Mike joined the faculty of N.Y.U. Law School, where he was responsible for the tremendous growth of its graduate law division. He was the first director of the Inter-American Law Institute and was also active with the Comparative Law

Institute. In these capacities he lectured on law throughout the world, in three languages.

From 1945 to 1964 Mike was vice-dean of the Law School, and from 1964 to 1967, dean. In 1967, Mike was asked to assume a university-wide position of vice-president, secretary, and general counsel, and in this capacity he dealt diplomatically with the problems of student and faculty unrest.

In 1975, Mike retired from N.Y.U. to take a position as professor at the Hastings College of the Law of the University of California.

Mike is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Hafner, one of the founders of the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association, its 1932 champion and herself an attorney; a son, Thomas; a daughter, Christina Munz; and a grandchild.

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Mike de Capriles enjoyed the longest continuous association with the United States Olympic Committee and the Olympic Movement of any other living American.

We are proud that Mike progressed from

one of the nation's top fencers medals in the Olympic and Pan Games, through offices of trust, re-ity and leadership in AFLA, the in federation, the Pan American S ganization, and the USOC.

In the Pan American Sports Org Mike has been the designated re-itive from the USOC and he was vice president of PASO at its m Congress, 1979 in Puerto Rico. H-resented the United States and- with dignity, courage and tenacity and has accomplished many gc- could never have been achieved lesser stature.

The place of Mike in the int- theatre of sports was recognized International Olympic Commit-tee silver award of its Olympic Order f- tributions to the world-wide Olym- ment as an athlete, an official, a- resentative of the USOC and th- tional sports federation. Only 1- Americans have been tapped for- prestigious of all IOC honors.

*The brothers Miguel and Jose deCapriles in 1933. (Photo American Magazine).*



## MIGUEL de CAPRILES

Mike was a chairman almost without parallel of the USOC Restructuring Committee. During the period 1974-1977, Mike was the driving force behind the adoption of the restructured organization designed to make the USOC more responsive to the amateur sports needs of the day. He achieved success only because of his ability to weigh and decide the merits of each question as it arose. Possessing the wisdom of a Solomon and the patience of a Job helped Mike through this perilous period of restructuring the USOC organization.

--- F. Don Miller  
Executive Director  
United States Olympic Committee

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The following extract is from the Report of the Executive Committee of the Federation Internationale d'Esclime at its 62nd Congress in Milan on the 28 and 29 May, 1981:

Ms. Emily Johnson, President of the A.F.L.A. has apprised us of the death of Miguel de Capriles, former President of the F.I.E. from 1961 to 1963. He was elected at the Special Congress of the F.I.E. at Rome in 1960 during the Olympic Games.

A talented fencer, representing the United States at Olympic Games notably in 1952 at Helsinki and in important official F.I.E. contests, he was a fine director on the international as well as national level.

He actively worked for the development of our sport in the whole American continent as well as in the U.S.A. and for many years represented the F.I.E. at the F.I.S.U.

The international fencing world receives the news of his death with great sadness. The International Federation, in the name of all the national groups it represents, extends to his wife, Dorothy, and his relatives, as well as to the U.S. Federation and all its members, its sincere condolences.

-----Eduardo Mangiarotti,  
Secretary-General of the F.I.E.

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We are saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Miguel de Capriles. After his many years of active association and staunch support of AFLA, there must surely be a keen void.

Mike's commitment and contributions to

the highest sense of sport exceeded the boundary of the United States and were international in scope, and his loss will be felt throughout the world. His award of the silver Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee, bestowed to only four other Americans in its history, serves as testimony to his high esteem within the Olympic movement.

He commanded great respect from his colleagues and all who knew him, and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee is indeed fortunate to have had him as a member of its Board of Directors. He will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,  
Paul Ziffren  
Chairman  
Peter V. Ueberroth  
President

Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee

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I am writing this letter in memory of Mike de Capriles. It is not an obituary. I leave that to those who have an accurate list of dates and a chronology of the many positions he held and the duties he performed. Instead, this is a review of Mike's services to the sport as I remember them over the years. Those years were many for we first met back in 1928 when we were both Captains of opposing college fencing teams.

First and foremost, Mike was a great fencer - one of the rare ones equally adept in all three weapons, although sabre was his favorite. He was a thinking fencer who used 'game plans' to beat opponents who were assumed to be stronger than he. As a result, he won 10 individual National Championships and was a member of three United States Olympic Teams, and the Captain of a fourth. He and his brother, Joe, were a standing two-thirds of a winning team combination in sabre or epee for many years. Of all his victories, however, I believe that Mike was proudest of winning first place in the Outdoor Sabre Championship at Lake Balaton in Hungary in 1936 at a time when Hungarian sabremen were supreme.

While Mike's many fencing accomplishments are listed in the records, his achievements for the sport of fencing, though just as great, are not so carefully recorded. He was co-founder of The Riposte, America's first fencing magazine. He was this country's ex-

plained these rules in many articles in The Riposte, which later became American Fencing. He was the first American to be asked to direct an international fencing match.

His services as an administrator began early with the intercollegiate Fencing Association, around 1934, followed by many years with the AFLA. He later climbed the ladder in National and International administrative work in both the Pan American and Olympic movements. I was never able to keep track of his successive positions after he moved to California, but I never doubted that fencing would be well represented among other sports and other nations when Mike was present.

The founding fathers of the AFLA have long since passed away. Mike was a part of the second wave of fencers that came along in the mid 20's: Calnan, Nunes, Murray, Huffman, Dow, Armitage, his brother Jose and others, who have also met the fate of time. The present generation should pause and salute a man who not only was a great all-round three weapon fencer but also worked hard and constantly to see that fencing was appreciated in the United States on the same high level that it enjoys in Europe. Any momentum that the AFLA has acquired in that direction can be attributed to Dr. Miguel A. de Capriles, better and affectionately known to all of us as Mike.

-----Dernell Every

U.S. Olympic Fencing Team  
1928, 1932, 1948

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The Gentle Man

Miguel de Capriles came to the USA from Mexico with his family just as our great depression began. And shortly after arriving, his father died leaving the family in hard times. But Mike went to work and also studied when he could. He graduated from NYU *cum laude* and then went into the law school. He taught for many years before he became dean of the NYU Law School. During that time he also brought his brother Jose through NYU. They helped to make NYU the strong hold of fencing and became hard competitors in the eastern college league.

I have known Mike since 1949 when we started AMERICAN FENCING. He was a neighbor while we lived in Pleasantville, N.Y. In all these years I have always been impres-

sed with the gentle diplomacy of man. He would never mention his his winnings -- you would have to up. And I refer you to WHO'S AMERICA ... his honors are great

Just last week while I was visit Francisco, I phoned his house ar that he was ill. He told me all abo fencing room at NYU to be name brother. He admitted to having ( and bad. So I wished him "Via Con he very quickly answered, "and y He will be missed!

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Publisher Emeritus, AMERICAI

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To me, a man's life is more than achievements. Mike's record is impressive. He left an enviable m fields of Law, Education and Fen

However, even more important the legacy carried on by those w he influenced. I believe that ; through life we have an effect for on all with whom we come in conta part of Mike lives on in each of us involved in the sport of fencing for years.

I can think only of the good effe on us, and so we'll carry on part o thoughtful manner, his judicial thi his clear convincing presentation

We're fortunate and all the bett ing known him. We'll miss him, bu on living through those he left bel

--- Ralph,  
Editor Emeritus, AMERICAI  
Captain, 1960 U.S. Olympic Fer

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Dear Mike,

I want to talk to you, directly ar ally. To others I leave the obituarie ing your innumerable achievemer profession, in your favored sport, liance as a scholar and teacher ar in the world of corporate law. You expect that sort of eulogy from n always shied away, as you exp "from extravagant praise".

I want to speak of your humar your warmth of heart, your high ve love for others, your unconditional, for the human dignity of your fellow

## MIGUEL de CAPRILES

your dedication to your objectives which were foremost. You loved and wanted to be loved. You wished to have friends and you were a friend to many. You did not want to exaggerate your own merits but you were always visibly happy to give praise to another's ever so unimportant achievements.

I was hardly off the boat back in 1941 when I met you and Joe at Santelli's. It was instant rapport. You did not even make fun of my accent. You rather made me feel good by welcoming me to the fencing crowd and giving me hope and courage. When I next visited you in my modest buck private attire in your impressive office at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, you were not condescending as many another of your exalted rank would have been. Instead you promised to help me in every possible way if I ever planned to return to my old profession. You opened the doors of New York University for me and so on to a new, happy and satisfac-

tory life. Before that, you helped to have me named to the Technical Committee at the Melbourne Olympics. And years later in 1972 you convinced me to come to Munich. From there I returned along with my daughter Diana who had accompanied me and her wonderful husband. Again undiluted happiness which I owed to you. And what could I do for you in exchange? Nothing and nothing ever did you expect. You were my true friend, you never let me down.

We will meet again!

--- Curt Ettinger

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For half a century Mike was unstintingly dedicated to American fencing. For forty years he was the undisputed titular head of the sport in this country. But to me, the greater personal significance of his illustrious career is that he shared with Joe, even when the air was filled with controversy, a deep and abiding feeling that all fencers were, in a real sense, "family".

*The U.S. Olympic Sabre Team, London, 1948. Winners of the Bronze Medal for third place and our most successful team ever: (left to right) George V. Worth; Dean V. Cetrulo; Dr. Miguel A. deCapriles; Dr. Norman C. Armitage; Dr. Tibor A. Nyilas; Dr. James H. Flynn.*



In the early 1930's he and Joe were almost always present at the high school fencing functions; directing bouts, giving advice and encouragement to our awkward beginnings. At the 1935 Public School Athletic League awards dinner Mike said, "Gentlemen, you are involved in a noble and wonderful sport. It is rich in tradition and offers great personal gratification. The longer you are in it the more you will appreciate its value. I commend you to continuous effort and I urge you to conduct yourselves as gentlemen athletes because that is part of the tradition. In any way we can help you to continue fencing we shall be happy to do so."

Mike was true to his words. A few months later, as Provost at N.Y.U., he managed to get me and several other fencers admitted to the university with the help of National Youth Administration jobs. He made it clear to me that the university was sensitive about subsidizing athletic programs so it would be important for me to maintain grades well above average. I took this as a serious commitment to Mike and within a year was awarded a full tuition assistantship.

Mike was particularly proud of percentage of fencers who achieved distinction in professional, creative, and administrative areas.

At the 1940 N.Y.U. Athletic Awards there was the usual good natured jibes from the football and basketball tables. When Mike rose to make his remarks to still another champions team some jousting with table cutlery at another table. Mike was unruffled he presented me with my award, which will be a high point in my memory said to the assemblage, "We are pleased to announce that Lou Shaff joins a number of other fencers who have been admitted to N.Y.U. with Phi Beta Kappa honors." (Respectful)

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# From the President

by Emily Johnson



So what's new?

This time this column will consist of "News Bulletins" rather than the usual exhortations, philosophizing, and disconnected ramblings.

This column is being written by the last President of the A.F.L.A. and the first President of the U.S.F.A., the United States Fencing Association. Yes, the membership voted for the name change. We will be running along under both titles for a while, since our name change will not be fully effective until we have complied with all legal formalities - a matter of a few months. Use up your present A.F.L.A. letterhead. When you print new letterhead, I suggest using U.S.F.A.

The dues changes and membership reclassification were approved. The Board of Directors agonized before recommending these changes, but we had no choice. That bugaboo, inflation, has bitten us also. When someone gripes, you can remind him or her that a year's membership costs less than a tank of gas or one dinner at a medium priced restaurant or -- (fill in your own comparison). If fencers can't support their own sport, no one else will.

The Board of Directors voted to abolish the U-19 Championships at the 1982 Nationals. The present point system for the selection of a 1982 U-20 team is not affected.

One matter endlessly discussed by fencers is the question of qualifying from sections versus qualifying from divisions. The arguments pro and con are well known. The success of the National Circuit adds a new dimension. A committee, with Frank Nagorney (Sectional Midwest Chairman) as Chairman, has been appointed to study the geo demographics of the U.S.F.A. (Don't bother to look it up in the dictionary - it's not there). This committee will take a look at a map of the United States and at the centers of fencing. Then, starting from scratch, it is charged with redesigning our divisions (if appropriate) and our sections (number unspecified) so that the boundaries make

some logic to geographic boundaries instead of just history, qualifications from the sections might be more palatable.

Other members of the committee are: Dave Staup (Rocky Mountain Section), George Masin (Metropolitan Division), Carla-Mae Richards (New England), Steve Sobel (U.S.F.A. Counsel, New Jersey), and Eleanor Turney, National Secretary. Contact any one of them (preferably in writing) and let them know what you think.

We will be publishing a new Rules Book this year. It will be in a looseleaf form.

The first annual coaches' clinic at the Nationals was a success. The National Fencing Coaches Association is very interested in making it even more of a success in the future.

The 1982 National Championships were awarded to the Capitol Division last year. At the meeting we were informed orally by their representative that he had been able to obtain the proposed site (George Masin University) only for a period commencing May 28, 1982. He stated that it would be difficult to obtain another site except at substantially

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more expense. He also said that he had only learned of this inability to obtain the site at the usual time a few days before. A lengthy discussion ensued, both on the merits of the changed dates and on whether this meeting could agree to accept this change, since it was not on the agenda and no one had notice of this. After a majority of those present agreed that the Board had no power to approve these dates, a request that this be submitted to a mail vote of the entire Board of Directors was submitted in accordance with our By-Laws. Therefore this question is being submitted to the current members of the Board. It's a time problem. Divisions usually make up their schedules at the end of August. Since the question must be submitted to a mail vote, it must be submitted as soon as possible to avoid horrific local scheduling problems. By the time you read this, a decision will have been made.

We are all competitors, so we argue and fuss. A vote is taken and, because we are true competitors, almost all of us accept the will of the majority and go on from there, working together for the U.S.A.F.

I'm glad I'm a fencer.

## IN MEMORIA

We note with sorrow the passing of following fencers. We extend our sympathies to their families, friends, and friends.

**Harold Van Buskirk** died on Oct. 1980.

A former President of the AFLA, member of the U.S. Olympic Team 1928, 1932, and was captain of team. He was U.S. Epee Champion, a medalist in succeeding years in outdoor sabre, and three-weapon championships.

For over 20 years, while a pro at Rice University, he kept the sport alive in the Houston, Texas area. Coast Division has held a tournament honor for the past nine years, but it became the Van Buskirk Memorial and will so continue.

**Lorand Marcel** died on March 4

He was born in Czechoslovakia and was Epee Champion of the Maccabiah

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Lorand Marcel leaves his wife, Lotte, and many loyal students.

**Evelyn "Terry" Terhune Fuller** died in June, 1981.

A native of New Jersey, Terry graduated in journalism in 1950 from Farleigh Dickinson University, where she became interested in fencing. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in Rome in 1960 and represented the U.S. in the World Games in the U.S.S.R.

She was an enthusiastic and successful coach for 17 years at Farleigh Dickinson, where she developed young women with athletic ability into a series of winning teams. She worked with equal enthusiasm with the "triers," those who were not natural athletes or with physical disabilities, but who were willing to try and were inspired to exceed their expectations. The loyalty and dedication of "Terry's Tigers" were the envy of many coaches in the East.

When she moved to Columbus, Ohio, after her marriage, she helped the women's fencing coach at Ohio State University. A woman who loved life and who helped many young people reach potentialities they did not know they had, she leaves her husband, J. Osborn Fuller, and young daughter, Teri J.



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Reminds one

of nobler times.

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I feel the tension of a poised cat,

ready to spring onto its prey;

and of an arrow ready to be shot

at the target.

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and fluidity of a ballerina

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for his food.

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gallantry of a Musketeer,

the fright and cold concentration of a young

man dueling

with a pistol at dawn.

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The time is right!, I spring forward!

a flourish of attack.

Yet now the enemy is upon me!, and I must

remove him.

There is no time to reflect.

Only do.

Trust yourself, they say to me.

No time to pretend.

It is only myself on the strip.

For clothed in my white jacket, I am truly

naked,

for now all else disappears, and thinness

of my weapon becomes the most direct

extension

of my mind.

Allez.

---Christopher W. Murray

## OLYMPIC SPORTS MEDICINE PROJECT

By Irwin

Since 1976, there has been a formal sports medicine organization under the United States Olympic Committee. During the past 5 years, equipment was obtained and a variety of projects were conducted at the Colorado Springs Training Center and in the field by various of the sports governing bodies. The AFLA participated in a few minor efforts in conjunction with some of the regional weekend training sessions under our National Training Program. For the most part, however, the emphasis was on planning and limited experimentation.

In 1981, the USOC reorganized its sports medicine operation and injected significant funding into it in order to move it into higher gear. There is now a broad based plan which includes research at major medical centers around the country, a computer supported information center to coordinate and disseminate sports medicine data, a tracking system to monitor the progress of selected elite athletes, and projects to deliver specific information to selected coaches and athletes for immediate application. Under Dr. Irving Dardik, the plan is being implemented in gradual stages, with staff being added as needed.

As impressive as is the overall concept and the formulated plans, it can only succeed on the basis of a series of concrete, identifiable, accomplishments. In this regard, we are fortunate that fencing has been chosen as one of the sports to conduct prototype projects under the new program. In February 1981, we launched a project at the J. F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, N.J. with Dr. Marius Valsamis as AFLA Project Chief, Irwin Bernstein as Olympic Fencing Committee Liaison, and a technical team under Bob Narcessian of the Kennedy Sports Medicine Department.

At the time of this initial report, it is too early to envision all of the eventual objectives of the project. However, the following have been identified as potential goals:

1. Biomechanical evaluation of fencing movements to improve practical efficiency through scientific analysis.
2. Developing games for use in grade school physical education classes to identify potential fencers.

3. Determining ways in which chiropractics, kinesiology, psychology can be used by fencers.
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## THE 1981 WORLD U-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1981 Junior World Championships were held at Lausanne, Switzerland, a fairly large town about 40 miles east of Geneva on Lac Lemán or Lake Geneva as we usually know it.

The competition was held in an enormous exhibition facility that was basically ideal except that it depended largely on natural light through ceiling windows, and when the fencing started at 8:00 a.m., there was generally not too much of this! Twelve practice strips had been set up in a separate facility a short distance away from the main site, and it was interesting to watch the various teams go through their practice routines.

All too soon, Thursday morning came around and the tournament started with the men's foil with 76 entries in pools of 6 and 7. Miller and Thorogood tried their best, but were unable to change their game quickly enough and went out. After a hesitant start, which was not helped by the Belgian director, deJong found the range and went up 2-3. His next round was a tough one, but he started off with a beautiful 5-1 victory over the Pole Lisieck. He then had '78 champion Numa, followed by the Russian Koretski. This seemed to overwhelm him, and he was unable to reproduce the sharpness of his first bout for his last two, and that was it for him. The Russians had looked very good, but the final pool consisted of one Russian, one French, one British, one West German, one East German, and three Italians - Numa '78 champion, Borella '79 champion, and Cervi '80 champion - quite a team! Borella's first bout produced the sort of comic opera routine that makes international fencing what it is. Early in the bout, he received a bad cut on the hand and left the strip to be attended to. The director called the next bout, but there was no way the Italians were going to allow the bout to start. On instructions from the coach, Cervi went through a whole routine of tying each shoelace three times, fixing his weapon, adjusting his mask, etc. etc. until, about twenty-five minutes later, Borella reappeared and prepared to fence. The director, however, informed him that the injury time had elapsed and he was elimi-

another routine of appeals and maneuvers, but to no avail. Quite a number of the crowd felt that it couldn't have happened to a nicer

*By Anthony Gillham, Team Manager*  
guy, but it was unfortunate to have such an excellent fencer eliminated in this manner. From then on, Numa proceeded to destroy everybody and repeat his '78 victory.

Friday saw the start of the sabre. Our three entrants fenced well, and all won bouts, but they were unable to advance. Rick Blum was particularly unlucky - in a pool of seven, he was 3-3, but lost out on touches. Their basic technique seemed o.k., but like the foil fencers, they were slower than the better fencers and did not seem to concentrate on **every** touch. The final again produced a mixture of Italians, Russians, and Germans with one Pole and one Frenchman. The winner was Tsouklo, continuing the Russian dominance of sabre fencing.

What had been a well-run tournament came unglued early on Saturday morning when it was discovered at the start of the epee that a valid touch could be registered by sliding the point across the strip. The pistes were similar to the Zivkovic ones, except that instead of aluminum sheets, they were made from an open stainless steel wire mesh similar to that used for masks. This, in combination with the Valentin machines (which had created some problems during the foil) produced the bogus touches.

Some two and a half hours later, the competition was started with a motley assortment of Uhlman machines that had been rustled up from somewhere. This seemed to solve the problem most of the time (note: German coaches walking around looking smug). The late start resulted in only two rounds being fenced on the Saturday; at the end of which McMullen just missed qualifying for the third round, but both Leung and Trevor made it. The third round was fenced at 10:00 a.m. the next day, and brought an end to the U.S. effort, although Leung only just missed qualifying for the direct elimination rounds. All in all, this was a pretty good effort by the epee team. Seven different countries were represented in the epee finals. The eventual winner was the Pole Felisiak over Bergstrom, a very young Swedish fencer.

Finally, we came to the women's foil where we hoped the U.S. might make a showing in the shape of Jana Angelakis. Jana breezed through the first round, but the other two team members had more difficulty. Molly

Sullivan kept her point near the target and managed to squeak up, but Lynn Cornelius seemed overwhelmed by the pace and intensity of the first round and went out. In the second round, Jana seemed to be on a roller coaster, beating top ranked Vaccaroni, then losing her next bout 5-4 after leading 4-0, but she did enough to go up. In the third round the roller coaster continued, but she made it to the direct elimination rounds, albeit seeded 16th. She gave the number one seeded Szocs a 4-1 start, then got wound up and beat her. But the roller coaster continued and she lost her next bout to the Italian Coltorti who was more impressive for her size (about 6 ft. and 180 lbs) than her fencing. Finally, she lost to a fiery Chinese girl, and finished up twelfth, which, I believe, is our best finish in the women's U-20 since Ruth White placed third some years ago.

Once again the final pool consisted of a mixture of Russians, Italians, and Germans and the one Chinese girl. It was interesting to note that all three Russians lost in the direct elimination round, but all three made it up from the repechage round to the final! (It's a long walk from Lausanne to Moscow!) The final bout was between Soboleva and Weber - Soboleva pulling out a whole bag full of moves to deal with the German girl's speed and to stay one step ahead until finally Weber collapsed in frustration as nothing seemed to work.

And so it was over. On the whole, I think everybody enjoyed the trip and got something out of it. Food was fairly expensive, but was interestingly different. Those who selected their meals by the "pin in the menu" method got some interesting dishes, and at least a couple of the cadre are smarter now than they were before. I was glad that I had no "problems" or "crises" to deal with - unless you count the night we were all going out to dinner and the girls team squeezed into the very small elevator, which went a few feet and registered "tilt"! The squealing from inside the elevator was probably not good for the hotel's business, so, after ransacking the lobby, a key was found that opened the elevator door. The girls were able to squeeze out through the gap between the floor of the elevator and the top of the doorway.

On the final night, there was a dinner and party for everybody. Some of the more senior members of our cadre took on a

the dance floor - probably putting international fencing relationships years! But it was all good fun, and to end an enjoyable, if not particularly successful, trip.

### Directing

Before the tournament started, I was held for officails. It was **strc**phasized to penalize corps-a-c covering target quickly, and to insrectness of the attack.

This was, of course, largely ig soon as the fencing started. Seven directors were very inconsistent a was and was not an attack; a r "calls" being not merely dubious tently absurd, bringing loud gasp: spectators and embarrassed look fencers benefitting. There was, h noticeable lack of histrionics; the E just accept that there are going couple of bad calls every bout.

On the whole, I thought that I directing was more consistent th directing, although the judging I thing to be desired. The strar seemed to be just plain incompet than "political." Both the U.S. offic used (Bill Goering and Ralph Zim with Bill being invited to share the of the epee final - quite an honor.

I had the impression that son fencers were uncomfortable with th ing in French. I should like to make suggestion that our J.O.'s be di French, at least the rounds of direc tion. I would like to see the Direct mission prepare a list of fencing te in directing in French, plus, perhap common French phrases that a fen want to use, such as, "Whaddya r stop cut was out of time?"

### Fencing

I believe our results could have b accurately predicted by anyone w the J.O.'s in Cleveland. It was fa then that we have a good group o coming young epee fencers, and th at Lausanne bear this out. The epe at Lausanne was quick, but not pe imaginative, and the style looked f

The early rounds of sabre fence not particularly impressive, but rounds were much better. Again, th was not very imaginative, but was e

level competition as possible to improve their speed and ability to concentrate on every touch.

The foil fencing is where we are obviously not in the game. Styles are changing, and we are a long way behind. The repetitious corps-a-corps, jab, jab, jab style of fencing that we see so much of is clearly out. At this competition, the fencing was very clean and open, with very precisely controlled distance. The point in line was extremely rare - partly because of the unreliability of many directors in determining right-of-way, but mostly because the top foil fencers make their feint attacks with such a light, quick hand that they can easily pick up a blade in line in the middle of the attack. We have a lot of work to do in this area.

The Russians and the Italians dominated this Championship. The success of their fencers was largely due to the precision of their hand movements - the result of many hours of drilling. They were also very quick, but what was particularly noticeable was their ability to "read" their opponent and rapidly adapt their game.

It is essential that our junior fencers fence each other as much as possible, and I believe we should emphasize our junior summer camps. I think we have made a serious mistake by making an age limit of 17 for these camps. Also very important are the coaches clinics, particularly directed at the coaches working with our young fencers.

## ARMORER'S REPORT

By William Reith

If any cadre position is more difficult than another, the job and functioning of the armorer is the most exacting and tedious. It is also the most exasperating if the fencers are not well informed and well-prepared for the tournament. Following the advice and directives of the armorer initially can save unnecessary problems later on at the competition, where the pressure is quite intense on the fencers.

The rules for the control of weapons and equipment are reasonably exact. The material either passes or it fails. Any equipment which is much used, dirty, or torn up is looked at by the control committee with a very critical eye, and it is usually rejected. Fencers with battered masks and green metallic jackets must be prepared to buy new ones before the competition starts.

Backup equipment furnished by American Fencers Supply Co., Sudre, Santelli, and Renaissance Ltd. were on hand through the efforts of a prepared armorer to compensate in certain situations, that is, at the competition when fencers are competing. Broken blades were replaced as needed, new body cords were lent to those whose did not pass, and back up metallic jackets were available in case of an emergency, like a broken blade tearing a jacket.

There seems to be a blanket misunderstanding about the armorer's position and its relationship to the fencer. This year's Junior Team received no equipment warnings and thus no negative touches during the competition. This is the first criteria of the job. Second; all broken blades were replaced immediately. Third; all fencers were ready to fence with the proper quantity of Control-passed equipment. Fourth; weapons and equipment were passed with sufficient time and assurance to competitors so that they had no external worries about equipment on the day of their competition.

Some problems which arose:

Most fencers were not prepared with practice weapons with which to train while competition weapons and equipment were in the custody of the armorer or the Control Committee.

It became apparent that a few fencers were not willing to listen or believe and understand the problems of weapon control at a world championship. They tend to hope and dream that the weapons will pass, and probably that they will also pass the first time around, prepared or not prepared.

Passing junk is not the armorer's responsibility. All fencers need to know what is good equipment and what is not.

The weapons control committee is dealing with 12 x 30 weapons per day for 4 days, that is 1440 weapons over a 4 day period, plus masks, jackets, and body cords. Body cords must be new in order to meet the 1 ohm resistance measurement. There is no way to pass corrosive wires, except to junk them and buy new ones.

In conclusion, if fencers, coaches, trainers, and cadre would take more care and responsibility as to their equipment, training and priorities, the results of American fencers would improve greatly.

I have been pleased to serve this US World Junior Championship Team in more ways than I can count.

# THE 1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

From June 20 to 27, the North Texas Division organized and hosted over 800 fencers with their attendant 72 team entries at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

This year the Women's Epee was inaugurated as an official National Championship event, with Sue Badders from Oregon taking the first place honors. Peter Westbrook from the New York Fencers Club won his 5th national and was the only champion to defend successfully his 1980 title in sabre. Our new champions are Jana Angelakis (a double champion! See below), Tanner City Fencers Club, in women's foil; Lee Shelly, Orsi Fencing Village, in men's epee; and Mark Smith, Atlanta Fencers club, in men's foil.

The U 19 Championships were held for the last time, as the Board of Directors voted to eliminate these events from the future na-

tional championships. Our "last" are Michael Lofton, U 19 sabre; Rosario, U 19 men's foil; Bentley St epee; and Jana Angelakis, U 19 foil.

The Organizing Committee staged a wonderful ceremonial show before a individual final event, with a parade of carried by Girl Scouts to introduce finalists and an explanatory explanation for the uninitiated in the Gala night was highlighted by a doing the two-step to live count Texas style.

Our thanks to all the dedicated who helped to plan and run the 1981 onships. Their names would fill t Our special thanks to Co-Hosts To and Lois Goldthwaite and to all c friends.

## Results - 1981 National Championships

### Sabre (112 contestants)

1. P. Westbrook, NYFC	29. C. McCraw, Sebast.	57. P. Potopowicz, NYFC	86. T. R. Mituniewicz
2. P. Reilly, NYAC	30. M. Lofton, S. Tanya	58. H. Overholser, Kadar	86. T. J. Hogan, Se
3. S. Lekach, NYAC	31. J. Tishman, NYFC	59. G. Armi, N. Dame	88. J. Sweet, LAM
4. A. Orban, NYAC	32. N. Renspies, USAFA	60. J. Grinzayd, Atlanta FC	89. J. Walling, St
5. E. House, NYAC	33. C. Gair, NYAC	61. S. Harmon, Dallas FC	90. T. M. Stewart, L
6. J. Glucksman, NYFC	34. C. Lyons, Csis.	62. A. Lara, D Asaro	90. T. H. Brass, Alc
7. M. Sullivan, NYAC	35. S. Renshaw, NYAC	63. C. Thompson, Unatt.	92. T. Lutton, Der
8. T. Losonczy, NYAC	36. D. McCormick, Alcaz.	64. P. Zylkes, BYUFC	93. M. Higgs-Cou
9. G. Gonzales-R, NYAC	37. I. Schwary, NOFC	65. J. Ellis, Penn. St.	94. R. Hanson, L.
10. S. Blum, NYFC	38. J. Fazekas, Alcaz.	66. B. Youssef, LAAC	95. J. Collins, U.
11. P. Friedberg, Csiszar	39. D. Andrews, D Asaro	67. S. Larusso, Palmetto	96. W. Cotton, NC
12. Y. Sohn, Csiszar	40. H. Spector, Wash. FC	68. S. Boides, Halberst	97. J. Hill, lacove
13. S. Marmandji, NYFC	41. M. D Asaro II, D Asaro	69. B. Dornolly, El Paso FC	98. J. Liston, Dall
14. G. Bartos, NYAC	42. C. Trammel, NOFC	70. B. Kogler, FAM	99. M. Alessi, NOF
15. F. Nagorney, Kadar	43. T. P. Anderson, Trans-Tex	71. E. Sims, Dallas FC	100. A. Taggart, D
16. J. Marotta, NYFC	43. T. G. Detrixhe, Ft. Hays	72. T. Good, Parkway FC	101. B. Pena, Cou
17. G. Chiang, No. Cal	45. M. Johnson, NOFC	73. K. Rassenfoss, Sebast	102. T. F. Owenby, I
18. B. Keane, NYAC	46. R. Bhinder, Unatt	74. E. Dembinski,	102. T. D. Richardson
19. D. Anthony, Dallas	47. M. Rampy, U. Tex.	75. R. Haver, Penn. St.	102. L. Niening, I
20. T. Merenyi, St. John U	48. D. Moss, Kadar	76. R. Volkman, Atlanta FC	105. W. Oliver, De
21. B. Reed, S. Jose St.	49. J. Fazekas, AmFAC	77. J. Friedberg, U. N. Car.	106. C. Karl, Colo.
22. W. Goering, FAM	50. W. Essig, O Dagggers	78. G. Ott, AmFAC	107. J. Hart, Fayette
23. B. Thomas, LAAC	51. A. Rubin, Unatt.	79. L. Morton, Austin FA	108. C. Good, U. f
24. R. McDonald, D Asaro	52. T. White, Tr.-St	80. M. Janis, Ramapo	109. C. Hall, IFCS
25. D. Goldberg, Csiszar	53. D. Ling, SDA	81. F. Thompson, Piedm1	110. E. Falt, U. Te
26. D. Larkin, NYFC	54. H. Williams, Trans-Tex	82. D. Anderson, N. Colo. FC	111. S. Clark, Dall
27. S. Knies, D Asaro	55. D. Clark, Dallas FC	83. S. Dunlap, Atlanta FC	112. M. Goscinski
28. W. Y. Yung, NYFC	56. T. Pryor, NYFC	84. R. Lea, Little Rock	
		85. T. Sarosdy, S. Degall	

### Women's Foil (137 contestants)

1. J. Angelakis, TCFC	9. E. Chavis, Cheyenne	17. L. Volkman, Boutsik	25. S. Badders, A
2. H. Konecny, Conn	10. R. Botengan, CSNtr	18. M. Sunkenfeld, NYFC	26. E. Grumpp
3. J. Ellingson, D Asaro	11. A. Metkus, LAAC	19. J. Faulkner, Csiszar	27. M. Sullivan, T
4. C. Handelman, Halbers	12. S. Moriates, Cheyenne	20. C. Massiala, FAM	28. D. Robertson
5. D. Waples, Auro-	13. M. Miller, Mori	21. S. Everson, Csiszar	29. E. Kolos, Halt
6. V. Bradford, IFCS	14. S. Johnson, D Asaro	22. V. Bleamaster, S Esgr	30. C. Bosco, U
7. C. McClellan, TCFC	15. S. Mendelsohn, NYFC	23. C. Hannon, NOFC	31. C. Galt, U

**Women's Foil**

33. L. Piazza, NYFC	59. S. Hill, Fairfield FC
34. P. Walbridge, Cornell	60. S. D'Agnes, Auriol
35. T. Hurley, Sebast.	61. M. Chouteau, Trans-Tex.
36. M. Bilodeaux, Temple	62. T. Hurley, Titan FC
37. N. Latham, Bardakh	63. N. Anderson, LSU
38. A.M. Walters, IFCS	64. H. Valkovich, Trans-Tex.
39. S. Azumbrado, Santelli	65. H. Taylor, LAAC
40. M. Hayes, Boutsik.	66. Y. Gallego, Tucson FC
41. G. Eaton, NYFC	67. B. Medina, Santelli
42. C. Carter, SDA	68. E. Erdos, Kadar
43. A. Reeves, S. Richards	69. G. Weisgerber, Ill. FC
44. D. Stone, Orsi	70. Y. McCormack, Temple
45. D. Basinger, Atlanta FC	71. K. Krusen, Sta. Cruz
46. K. Torres, Sta. Cruz	72. J. Tompkins, Iacovelli
47. M. Madon, LAAC	73. C. Cogswell, TCFC
48. J. Littman, Palmetto	74. P. Lacoste, NOFC
49. M. Gillham, Madison FC	75. W. Miles, Csiszar
50. M. Szabonia, Csiszar	76. D. Vandewall, Austin FC
51. M. Nagy, Santelli	77. P. Duplerata, Csis
52. D. Pratschler, Geraci	78. L. Goldthwaite, IFCS
53. A. Klinger, Auriol	79. S. Husman, S. Jose St.
54. M. Adrian, Unatt	80. K. Lacity, Stockton St.
55. P. Wullenweber, AmFac	81. M.J. Yoder, IFC
56. T. Barbieri, LAMC	82. J. Yu, Los Altos FC
56. T. Fabian, Santelli	83. K. Anderson,
58. S. Hollander, Bardakh	84. N. Sperling, Ill. FC

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85. D. Frank, Sta. Cruz FC	111. J. DeName, IFCS
86. J. Benini, Wellesley	112. C. Gertz, WFC
87. G. Nutowitz, Halbers.	113. E. Mendez, St. Mary
88. D. Rudenberg, Wallingf.	114. J. Roth, Madison FC
89. M. Gillham, U. N. Car.	115. H. Mitchell,
90. C. Daniel, LAAC	116. T. Goeringer, Dallas FC
91. D. Graham, Denver FC	117. T. Milosevich, Denver FC
92. M. Haney, Nimzovich	118. M. Eiler, Bosco
93. C. Tiernone, Sebast.	119. J. Jasink, UICC
94. M. Walker, Okla. City	120. E. Lennon, U. Fla.
95. A. Smith, Duke	121. J. Ferguson, Ark. St. U.
96. L. Rearick, DOFC	122. T. Thompson, Denver FC
97. S. Wasserman,	123. A. Dunleavy, Baruch Coll.
98. M. Petranek, TCFC	124. J. Culi, Bellaire FC
99. D. Ehrlich, Tex. A&M	125. T. Kirchin, St. Mary C.
100. K. Green, Gulf CFC	126. J. Peoples, Dallas FC
101. K. Bartuska, Csiszar	127. E. Fick, Unatt.
102. S. Melancon, Cougars	128. F. Dubenthoefter, N. Mex. St.
103. D. Depken, Temple	129. D. Varbero,
104. M. O'Neill, TCFC	130. M.C. Elliott, Kansas C.
105. L. Anderson, Tucson FC	131. M. Zaleski, Sebast.
106. C. Becht, Duke	132. L. Ranchetti, Austin FC
107. M. Lanford, N. Dame	133. K. Brynildsen, Bardakh
108. V. Manjira, U. Penn.	134. L. Collins, U. Tex. Ari.
109. N. Walters, IFCS	135. J. Umphress, LDSCF
110. R. Vasquez, No. Tex.	136. N. Suyanaga, Dallas FC
	137. M. Scraniton, Lite Rock

**Men's Foil (183 contestants)**

1. M. Smith, Atlanta FC	45. D. Miller, Auriol
2. M. Marx, Auriol	46. G. Muehler, Ill. Cir.
3. G. Massiata, D'Asaro	47. T. Bedford, Mori
4. G. Nonomura, LAMC	48. E. Tobias, Ill. Cir.
5. J. Tichacek, NYFC	49. T. R. Vidor, Marin FA
6. J. Noma, NYFC	49. T. Wright, Santelli
7. J. Bukantz, NYFC	51. W. Dragonetti, Csis.
8. P. Schmitt, Sebastiani	52. V. Yokom, NoCar. St.
9. E. McNamara, NYAC	53. O. Borrera, Trans-Tex
10. J. Bonacorda, NYAC	54. D. Hulstead, SDA
11. D. Crable, Mori	55. T. Nichols, S. Jose St.
12. L. Seigel, NYFC	55. T. W. Bischoff, Madison
13. M. Lang, Unatt	57. E. Sims, Dallas FC
14. P. Mariani, NYAC	58. C. Hanson, Csis.
15. P. Gerard, Auriol	59. P. Zylys, Brig. Y. U.
16. M. Masters, FAM	60. M. Davis, Wayne St.
17. B. Jugan, Halberst.	61. J. Flint, Hungar. AAC
18. B. Thomas, LAAC	62. J. Huskey, SDA
19. N. Mattox, AmFac	63. G. LeBlanc, Mori
20. A. Flom, SDA	64. D. Goodman,
21. P. Burchar, D'Asaro	65. S. Kaufman, Marin FC
22. P. Des Georges, Auriol	66. T. B. Rink, Madison FC
23. A. Peters, Sebast.	66. T. E. Mullerkey, TCFC
24. E. Kallitau,	68. R. Inzaray, Atlanta FC
25. J. Shamash, Pann. AC	69. L. Morlon, Austin
26. F. Fox, Mori	70. J. Ryan, Sta. Cruz
27. P. Bennett, Santelli	71. S. Johnson, No. Ohio FC
28. M. Hood, Mori	72. L. Moyer, Pikes Peak
29. S. Gross, SDA	73. M. Green, New Ori.
30. N. Hankla, Sta. Cruz	74. D. Ladyman, Trans-Tex
31. D. Valsamis, NYFC	75. J. Herman, West End
32. M. Aunichio, NYAC	76. T. Clark, Sta. Cruz
33. H. Hambarzumian, LAMC	77. A. Gonzalez-C.
34. M. McCahey, NYFC	78. M. Van der Weiden, S. St.
35. A. Fadel, Ill. C.	79. J. Brown, Unatt
36. R. Nonomura, IFCS	80. H. Zuker, Boeing
37. E. Rosenberg, NYFC	81. M. Bloomer, Yale
38. T. Curn,	82. R. Bhinder,
39. D. Blaney, LAMC	83. J. Metcalfe, 49ers
40. D. Hamford, NYFC	84. G. Hamilton, Tucson
41. M. Gross, Atlanta FC	85. S. Dunlap, Atlanta
42. T. Friedman,	86. M. Seznec, AmFac
43. P. Lewison, Baruch	87. T. C. Balestracci, Penn. St.
44. D. McCormick, Alcazar	87. T. J. Blobel, Ill. Cir.
	89. K. Crandall, Dallas FC
	90. A. Taggart, Dallas FC

**Women's Epee (74 competitors)**

1. S. Badders, Auriol	4. P. Walbridge, Cornell
2. M. Adnan, Unatt	5. M. Szabonia, Csiszar
3. A. Klinger, Auriol	6. M. Mays, Ill. Cir.

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7. R. Botengan, CS North	10. C. Massiata, FAM
8. K. Arnold, 49ers	11. T. Hurley, Sebastiani
9. N. England, Austin FC	12. K. Dunlop, Santa St.

**Women's Epee**

13. L. Goldthwaite, IFCS	28. L. Linder,
14. K. Torres, Sta. Cruz	29. H. Valkovich, Trans-Tex.
15. A. Reeves, S. Richards	30. A. Reid,
16. M. Shereda, Tri-State	31. D. Stone, Orsi
17. J. DeName, IFCS	32. R. Vasquez, N. Tex. St.
18. J. Simpson, Mod. Pent.	33. L. Skornski, Mod. Pent.
19. S. Hill, Fairfield	34. P. Duplerata, Csiszar
20. N. Anderson, La. St.	35. M. O'Neill, TCFC
21. C. Cogswell, TCFC	36. C. Carter, SDA
22. J. Littman, Palmetto	37. Y. Gallego, Tucson FC
23. K. Krusen, Sta. Cruz	38. H. Mitchell, IFCS
24. M. Gillham, Madison FC	39. S. Hill, Mod. Pent.
25. S. Moriates, Cheyenne	40. H. Morr, Mod. Pent.
26. K. Lacity, Stockton S.	41. P. Wullenweber, AmFac
27. C. Gertz, WFC	42. E. Dienes,
	43. K. Anderson,

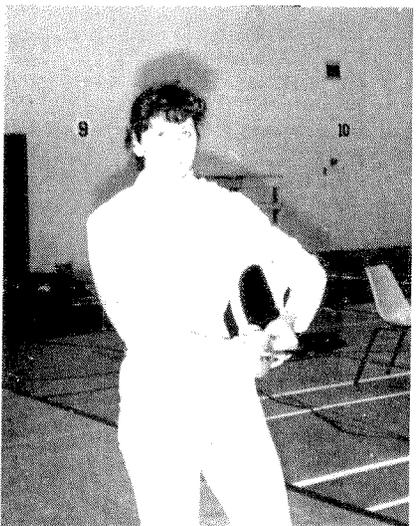
44. E. Lennon, UFla.	60. E. Turney
45. W. Cummings, Unatt.	61. L. Collins,
46. M. Elliott, Kans. City	62. K. Brynid
47. D. Pratschler, Geraci	63. J. Roth, M
48. M. Dabrowski, DCF	64. E. Erdos,
49. M. Huddleston, O'Dag.	65. E. Fick, U
50. H. Whitefield, Unatt.	66. T. S. Azum
51. K. Travis, Tri-State	66. T. M. Sonne
52. C. Heller, Topeka	68. D. Seay, I
53. D. VanDerwall, Austin FA	69. J. Sheeha
54. T. Thompson, Denver FC	70. E. White, :
55. M. Whitworth, Unatt.	71. J. Umphre
56. I. Jasink, UICC	72. R. Watsor
57. K. Furu, Unatt.	73. K. Tabari,
58. K. Patterson, S. Borracho	74. J. Temple
59. J. Yoder, IFC	

**Men's Epee (158 contestants)**

1. L. Shelley, Orsi FV	23. R. Stull, Trans-Tex.
2. G. Losey, Mod. Pent.	24. M. Butley, Ft. Sam
3. D. Adams, Sebast.	25. W. Behrens, LAMC
4. P. Schmitt, D'Asaro	26. T. Tishman, NYFC
5. J. Moreau, Mod. Pent.	27. R. Vidor, Marin FA
6. R. Yarrison, Richards	28. J. Lehman, LAMC
7. R. Bhinder, Unatt.	29. D. Blakey, IFCS
8. R. Hurme, Mod. Pent.	30. A. Messing, Bardakh
9. T. Glass, Sebast.	31. G. Pingree, MIT
10. J. Elliott, Mori	32. W. Oliver, LAMC
11. M. Storm, DOFC	33. L. Beres, Trans-Tex.
12. G. Masin, NYAC	34. C. Hansen, Csiszar
13. G. Von Seggern, Alert.	35. T. Lanford, N. Dame
14. R. Marx, Auriol	36. P. Cain, Sainis
15. R. Hurley	37. G. McMullen, Unatt.
16. D. Wells, S. Nord	38. Y. Yavodi, Mori
17. P. Pesty, NYAC	39. G. Kocak, Titan FC
18. J. Metcalfe, 49ers	40. C. Schneider, FAM
19. W. Dragonetti, Csis.	41. B. Jugan, Halberstadt
20. A. Fadel, UICC	42. W. Shuldrer, Unatt.
21. V. McGovern, Stockton	43. L. Siegel, NYFC
22. R. Frenson, NYAC	44. J. Biebel, UICC

45. W. English, Yale	105. R. Costa,
46. H. Farley, S. Richards	106. B. Storm,
47. M. McCaslin, Mori	107. D. Tolan,
48. T. Pryor, NYFC	108. C. Morter
49. J. Melcher, NYFC	109. E. Elliott, F
50. R. Nieman, Mod. Pent.	110. M.J. Willi
51. M. Masters, FAM	111. T. William
52. A. Peters, Sebastiani	112. C. Good,
53. S. Rutkewicz, Sebastiani	113. T. Clark, S
54. C. Coates, Ill. FC	114. M. Shelby
55. G. Thoreson, Sebast.	115. E. Uribe, F
56. R. Hupp, AmFac	116. D. Thomp
57. H. Cain, Ft. S. Pent.	117. E. Robins
58. M. Davis, Wayne St.	118. A. Yuffa, F
59. A. Quarora, Ft. Sam	119. D. Staup,
60. N. Hankla, Sta. Cruz	120. R. Coats,
61. J. Dubose, IFCS	121. J. McClus
62. G. Nelson, Trans-Tex.	122. T. Lutton,
63. F. Nagoiny, Kadar	123. J. Helmick
64. T. Whitley, 49ers	124. M. Radm
65. W. Friedberg, Okla. CFC	125. G. DiMag
66. J. Flint, HAAC	126. R. Jackso
67. D. Looney, Tulsa YFC	127. M. Goscir
68. P. Gerring, Stanford	128. C. Higgs-P
69. P. Zylys, BUUFC	129. R. Hoeler,
70. A. Sebok, Unatt.	130. W. Lasley
71. E. Babitsky, NYAC	131. A. Caram
72. T. Eckersdorff, Army/Ft. S.	132. R. Kostick
73. M. Mroczyk, Unatt.	133. R. French
74. F. Richardson, S. Borracho	134. B. Pena, S
75. D. Glinesk, Mod. Pent.	135. R. White, J
76. G. LeBlanc, Mori	136. S. Dunhar
77. C. Michaels, Ft. S. Pent.	137. B. Donnoli
78. C. Ablanedo, S. D'Al	138. R. Mayer,
79. R. Hochstrasser, Unatt.	139. J. Hogan,
80. B. Driggs, Army Ft. S.	140. P. Fox, Un
81. R. Carver, IFCS	141. D. Ellis, W
82. S. Kaufman, Marin FA	142. B. Bizzoco,
83. D. Culbreth, Veysey	143. J. Orr, Ge
84. M. Johnson, NOFC	144. R. Lea, Lit
85. D. Halstead, SD A	145. H. Overho
86. S. Trevor, Alcazar	146. C. Hall, IF
87. D. Schormaker, Santa Fe	147. W. Cotton,
88. T. Bedford, Mori	148. T. Bickley
89. D. Nicholas, S. Jose St.	149. J. Roloff, L
90. L. Moyer, Pikes PFC	150. J. Ober, G
91. D. Rainford, NYFC	151. G. Cook, E
92. R. Alexander, Shadow FC	152. E. Reed, C
93. P. Whitmore, Unatt.	153. J. Hart, Fa
94. S. Jauregui, Cincin.	154. R. Dalton,
95. S. Vandenberg, IFCS	155. H. Spects
96. E. Falt, Unatt.	156. D. Cullinar
97. D. White, Gascon	157. J. Hill, S. Il
98. G. Petranek, TCFC	158. J. Moody,
99. L. Newman, Bardakh	
100. R. Levine, Unatt.	
101. R. Mellen, Tri-State	
102. M. Ytterberg, Sebast.	
103. J. Fazekas, AmFac	
104. G. Ladman, Trans T.	

*Sue Badders, shown here with the wrong weapon in hand, won the first Women's National Epee Championship. (AF staff photo).*



### Men's Sabre Team (11 teams)

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. New York Fencers Club<br>(Westbrook, Glucksmann, Blum, Marimando, Marotta) | 6. New Orleans Fencing Club   |
| 2. New York Athletic Club   | 7. Salle Sebastiani           |
| 3. Salle Csiszar  | 8. Dallas Fencers Club        |
| 4. Salle D'Asaro  | 9. Trans-Texas Fencing Club   |
| 5. Alcazar Fencing Club   | 10. American Fencing Academy  |
|   | 11. Northern Colorado Fencers |

### Women's Foil Team (13 teams)

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Itinerant Fencers & Chowder Society (Brauford, Goldthwaite, A.M. Walters, N. Walters, DeNaney) | 7. Cheyenne Fencing Society  |
| 2. Halberstadt Fencing Club   | 8. Los Angeles Athletic Club |
| 3. Tanner City Fencers Club   | 9. New Orleans Fencing Club  |
| 4. Salle Santelli   | 10. Temple University        |
| 5. Salle Auriol   | 11. Salle Sebastiani         |
| 6. Salle Csiszar  | 12. Trans-Texas Fencing Club |
|   | 13. Welesley College         |

### Men's Foil Team (21 teams)

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|---|---|
| 1. New York Fencers Club<br>(Tichacek, McCahey, Bukantz, Nonna, Seigel) | 11. Madison Fencers Club                |
| 2. Salle Auriol   | 12. Alcazar Fencing Club                |
| 3. New York Athletic Club   | 13. Tanner City Fencers Club            |
| 4. Mori Fencing Academy   | 14. Tucson Fencers Club                 |
| 5. Salle D'Armes  | 15. Denver Fencers Club                 |
| 6. Salle Sebastiani   | 16. Oklahoma City Fencing Club          |
| 7. Santa Cruz Fencers Club  | 17. Trans-Texas Fencing Club            |
| 8. University of Illinois - CC  | 18. Itinerant Fencers & Chowder Society |
| 9. Dallas Fencers Club  | 19. Austin Fencing Alliance             |
| 10. American Fencing Academy  | 20. New Orleans Fencing Club            |
|   | 21. Cheyenne Fencing Society            |

### Men's Epee Team (18 teams)

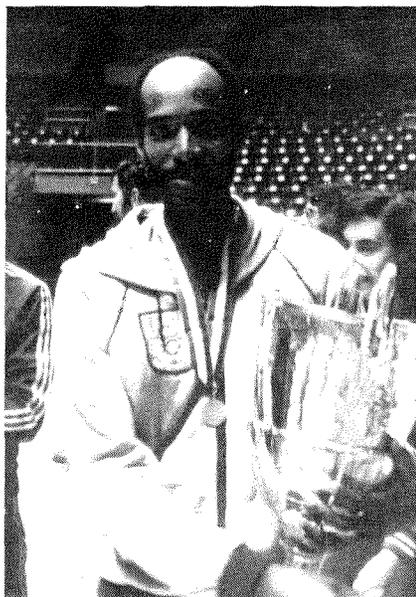
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| 1. U.S. Modern Pentathlon<br>(Storm)                 | 10. Trans-Texas Fencing Club                      |
| 2. Moreau, Losey, Neiman, Hurme, N. Walters, DeNaney | 11. American Fencing Academy                      |
| 3. New York Athletic Club                            | 12. New Orleans Fencers Club                      |
| 4. Salle Sebastiani                                  | 13. U.S. Army                                     |
| 5. Mori Fencing Academy                              | 14. Santa Cruz Fencers Club                       |
| 6. New York Fencers Club                             | 15. Tanner City Fencers Club                      |
| 7. Alcazar Fencing Club                              | 16. Aurora Fencing Club                           |
| 8. Lettman Fencers Club                              | 17. Denver Fencing Club                           |
| 9. Salle Csiszar                                     | 18. Texas A & M University<br>(FAM team expelled) |
| 10. Fort Sam Fencers                                 |   |

### U 19 Sabre (23)

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. M. Lofton, S. Tanya     | 13. C. Melcher, NYFC         |
| 2. M. D'Asaro II, D'Asaro  | 14. D. Powell, CCHS          |
| 3. J. Edwards, St. Louis   | 15. J. Viveros, Jam HS       |
| 4. R. Wilson, NYAC         | 16. P. Wharton, Penn. St. U. |
| 5. J. Qinzayd, AFC         | 17. F. Thompson              |
| 6. D. Donadio, CCHS        | 18. A. Yuffa, Aurora         |
| 7. M. Higgs-Coult., TCFC   | 19. J. Collins, U. Tex. A&M  |
| 8. Y. Cheung, Princeton    | 20. M. Moyers, St. Mark      |
| 9. C. Brown, Riverdale     | 21. B. Bailey, AmFAC         |
| 10. R. Haver, Penn. St. U. | 22. A. Unger, Boutiskaris    |
| 11. M. Janis, Ramapo       | 23. C. Shelton, Dallas FC    |
| 12. B. Kogler, FAM         |                              |

### U 19 Womens Foil (33)

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. J. Angelakis, TCFC      | 11. H. Taylor, LAAC        |
| 2. C. Blodeaux, MIT        | 12. A. Reeves, S. Richards |
| 3. A. Metkus, LAAC         | 13. L. Piazza, NYFC        |
| 4. M. Madon, LAAC          | 14. J. Yu, Los Altos FC    |
| 5. T. S. Hill, Fairfield   | 15. M. Sullivan, TCFC      |
| 6. H. Valkavici, Trans-Tex | 16. S. Wasserman           |
| 7. M. Fabian, Santelli     | 17. M. Hayes, Boutiskaris  |
| 8. C. Bosco, U. of Penn.   | 18. H. Meyer, Manhattan    |
| 9. T. Hamori, NOFC         | 19. M.J. O'Neill, TCFC     |
| 9. T. C. Hamori, NOFC      | 20. I. Haves, Terule U.    |



Mark Smith carried off the Men's National Foil Championship Trophy. (AF staff photo).

### U-19 Women's Foil Continued

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 21. R. Samet, S. Tanya     | 28. L. Phares, Bellaire     |
| 22. D. Pratschler, Geraci  | 29. P. Fox, Houston FC      |
| 23. N. Spiering, III, FC   | 30. C. Daniel, LAAC         |
| 24. G. Weisgerber, III, FC | 31. N. Anderson, La. St. U. |
| 25. M. Petranek, TCFC      | 32. F. Wall, Unatt.         |
| 26. A. Barreda, TCFC       | 33. M. Herrandoerfer        |
| 27. M. Cheng, N. Haven HS  |                             |

### U 19 Foil (36)

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. N. Rosario, Challengers     | 19. M. Griffin, Alcazar    |
| 2. D. Valsamis, NYFC           | 20. P. Marcus, LAAC        |
| 3. D. Miller, Auriol           | 21. P.J. Posner, NYFC      |
| 4. M. Weeks                    | 22. L. Wilson, Guilford    |
| 5. S. Kogler, FAM              | 23. J. Pitt, Hackettst     |
| 6. C. Higgs-Coult., TCFC       | 24. M. Moyers, St. Mark    |
| 7. C. Balestracci, Penn. St.   | 25. M. Szynac, AmFAC       |
| 8. A. Yuffa, Aurora            | 26. R. Aiken, Houston      |
| 9. S. Trevor, Alcazar          | 27. E. Babitsky, NYAC      |
| 10. K. Hunter, Alcazar         | 28. T. Lansford, N. Dame   |
| 11. M. Vanderveiden, Silver S. | 29. M. Watson, Houston     |
| 12. W. Wheeler, Alcazar        | 30. C. Wood, St. John's    |
| 13. R. Boyer, Taft HS          | 31. D. Sinkkonen, LAAC     |
| 14. J. Shanks, U. of Okla.     | 32. J.-P. Pallares, FIFC   |
| 15. R. Holtz, Okla. U.         | 33. B. Storm, DCFC         |
| 16. J. Brown, TCFC             | 34. D. Powell, CCHS        |
| 17. C. Melcher, NYFC           | 35. J. Viveros, Jamaica HS |
| 18. G. Kwederis, Ind. H. HS    | 36. B. Bissett, El Paso    |

### U 19 Epee (37)

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. B. Storm, DCFC            | 12. E. Ellert, Alcazar      |
| 2. C. Mortensen, G. Masin U. | 13. A. Yuffa, Aurora        |
| 3. A. Quaroni, Ft. Sam       | 14. G. DiMaggio, S. de Nord |
| 4. E. Babitsky, NYAC         | 15. T. Lansford, N. Dame    |
| 5. G. McMullen               | 16. T. Gilliam, Madison     |
| 6. J. Pitt, Hackettstown     | 17. C. Melcher, NYFC        |
| 7. S. Hollenbeck, Penn. St.  | 18. G. Petranek, TCFC       |
| 8. R. Mellen, Tri-State      | 19. K. Hunter, Alcazar      |
| 9. J. Popp, Santelli         | 20. R. Mayer, Gen. Dyn.     |
| 10. P. Marcus, LAAC          | 21. R. Lehman               |
| 11. S. Trevor, Alcazar       | 22. C. Wood, St. John's     |

### U-19 Epee Continued

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 23. R. Holtz, Okla. U.      | 31. J. Warren, Sebast.    |
| 24. S. Dunham, Denver       | 32. T. D. Woodson, NYFC   |
| 25. B. Evans, Ol. FC        | 32. T. M. Coughlan, MFIC  |
| 26. J. Gostigian            | 34. C. Higgs-Coult., TCFC |
| 27. J. Shanks, U. of Okla.  | 35. B. Bissett, El Paso Y |
| 28. S. Eggers, U. of Penn.  | 36. R. Phibbs, Marin FC   |
| 29. C. Wood, St. John's     | 37. P. Chvany, Dartmouth  |
| 30. R. Hochstrasser, Unatt. |                           |

## FROM THE OFFICIALS COMMISS

Effective July 1, 1981, the Fencing International d'Escolme has ruled awarding of "negative touches." We have a clarification of this procedure in the next issue.

## OTHER RESULTS

### 1981 MIDATLANTIC SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Connie Latzko, Section Chairman

The 1981 Mid Atlantic Section Championships were hosted by the Virginia Division, organized by Shirley and Arthur Robinson, and staged at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg. The weekend was further highlighted by the visit of Prince Charles to receive an honorary degree. His contribution to the fencing meet was the presence of a squad of State Troopers who found the fencing very interesting.

The winners were James Powers, foil; Dean Halstead, epee; Cathy McClellan, women's foil; and Dennis Goldberg, sabre.

The Under-19 Section Championships were hosted and organized by the entire Western Pennsylvania Division. They staged finals and drew an excited audience. The winners were Chris Balestracci, foil; James Popp, epee; Mary Hayes, women's foil; Paul Wharton, sabre.

The Section Championships provide the opportunity for fledgling Directors to take Grade 2 tests. In Williamsburg, Ralph Goldstein presided and the following became #2 rated Directors: Gene Hollins, foil; Mike Dowhower, 3 weapons; Robert Tripp, foil; Cathy McClellan, foil; Peter Conomikes, sabre; Larry Remaly, epee; Elizabeth Schneider, foil; Arthur Robinson, foil & epee; Mac Garret, 3 weapons.

### 84th ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING

Pennsylvania used two undefeated performances in sabre and a strong foil showing to win its fifth IFA Championship in the last

Pennsylvania campus in Philadelphia well-balanced Navy squad made a number one-ranked Quakers in last weapon of the three-weapon could only cut Penn's ten bout mar

Penn finished with 70 total wins 65. Princeton was distant third w

Harvard won the coveted "Man", the team foil trophy and the oldest intercollegiate award, edged 25-24. Navy upset favored Penn placing all three of its fencers in individual final, including titlist Greg

Penn needed 10-0 records from champ Paul Friedberg and third Blum to defend its sabre title of 25-23. Friedberg lost only one bout fencing his individual sabre title.

MIT took the foil crown from defending champ Joe Wolfson, got the final. The tournament was a 3 event with team sabre and foil on followed by team epee and all individual on Sunday. Nine fencers, school in each weapon, qualified for NCAA Championships.

### Individual Championship Res

#### SABRE

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Paul Friedberg, Pennsylvania | 7 |
| 2. John Berson, Princeton       | 6 |
| 3. Darryl Gray, St. John's      | 5 |
| 4. Louis Marquet, Navy          | 5 |
| 5. David Weinstein, MIT         | 4 |
| 6. Yu-Wa, Cheung, Princeton     | 4 |
| 7. Carroll LaFon, Navy          | 3 |
| 8. Rick Blum, Pennsylvania      | 2 |
| 9. Peter Rosas, CCNY            | 0 |

#### FOIL

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. Oscar Estell, NYU           | 7 |
| 2. Robert Paulovich, Princeton | 6 |
| 3. Joe Wolfson, Pennsylvania   | 5 |
| 4. David Hancock, Harvard      | 5 |
| 5. Valery Rayzman, Columbia    | 4 |
| 6. Jeff Winston, Princeton     | 3 |
| 7. Michael Weeks, Pennsylvania | 3 |
| 8. Jim Freidan, MIT            | 2 |
| 9. David Merner, Harvard       | 1 |

#### EPEE

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Gregory Papp, Navy | 7 |
|-----------------------|---|

3. Geoffrey Pingree, MIT	5-3
4. Michael Simon, Pennsylvania	4-4
5. Rodney Weems, Navy	4-4
6. Vladimir Zlobinsky, Columbia	3-5
7. Christopher Zebuth, St. John's	3-5
8. Donell Green, Navy	2-6
9. Ernie Urbe, Yale	2-6

---positions based on indicators

GEORGES L. COINTE AWARD  
tie: John Berson, Princeton  
Gregory Pace, Navy

### Final THREE-WEAPON Standings

Pos.	School	Sabre Foil	Epee	Total	
1	Pennsylvania	25	24	21	70
2	Navy	23	16	26	65
3	Princeton	20	19	17	56
4	MIT	12	22	18	52
5	Harvard	12	25	10	47
6	Columbia	13	13	17	43
7	Yale	15	13	11	39
8	St. John's	19	6	12	37
9	City College of New York	14	10	12	36
10	Cornell	6	13	12	31
11	New York University	6	4	9	19

## GEORGIA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATESBORO, GA APRIL 11 - 12, 1981

WOMEN'S FOIL	WOMEN'S EPEE	WOMEN'S SABRE
1. D. Basinger	1. B. Weitman	1. B. Weitman
2. S. Poloney	2. S. Poloney	2. S. Poloney
3. B. Weitman	3. J. Wilson	3. J. Wilson
4. K. Flehman	4. K. Flehman	4. V. Hasty
5. J. Wilson	5. R. Moore	5. R. Moore
3. V. Hasty		

MEN'S FOIL	MEN'S EPEE	MEN'S SABRE
1. M. Smith	1. M. Faulkner	1. R. Volkmann
2. M. Gross	2. G. Gettler	2. N. Braff
3. G. Gettler	3. K. Brooks	3. F. French
4. R. Irizaray	4. R. Neal	4. J. Grinzayd
5. M. Faulkner	5. B. Witzien	5. W. Freund
5. S. Dunlap	6. J. Harrison	6. S. Poloney

## 1981 CHICAGOLAND OPEN

MARCH 28 & 29, 1981

MEN'S FOIL: (70 entries)	WOMEN'S FOIL: 48 entries
1. J. Biebel, Milwaukee	1. G. Farkashazy, Australia
2. J. Stoprowski, Poland	2. C. Massiala, D'Asaro
1. G. Massiala, D'Asaro	3. J. Lartigue, Wayne St. U.
1. E. Simon, Australia	4. S. Bathon, N.D.
1. A. Fadel, Egypt	5. M. Gillham, Madison
1. S. Kogler, F.A.M.	6. T. Hulot, Detroit
1. M. Masters, F.A.M.	7. G. Bimbaun, Unatt
1. M. Dutka, Unatt	8. L. Girard, U. Wisconsin

MEN'S EPEE: 55 entries	WOMEN'S EPEE: 12 entries
1. C. Schneider, F.A.M.	1. G. Farkashazy, Australia
2. G. Kocab, Detroit	2. K. Lake, U.M.K.C.
1. A. Fadel, Egypt	3. N. Spiering, Ill. FC
1. T. Mellier, Tri-State U.	4. A. Rinker, Purdue
1. M. Davis, Wayne St. U.	5. S. Rieck, Northwestern
1. J. Scott, Unatt	6. N. Stoneking, Tri-State U.
1. C. Upham, U. Minn.	
1. M. Anderson, F.A.M.	

### MEN'S SABRE: 21 entries

1. S. Danosi, F.A.M.	4. S. DiFiglio, Ill. FC
2. J. Kroeten, U. Wisconsin	5. D. Kuser, Milwaukee
3. T. Gillham, Madison	6. L. Warshaw, U. Illinois

## ILLINOIS DIVISIONALS

APRIL 11 & 12, 1981

MEN'S FOIL:	WOMEN'S EPEE:
1. E. Kaihatsu, Ill. F.C.	1. J. Yoder, Ill. F.C.
2. J. Stoprowski, U. of Ill. Circle	2. G. Weisberger, Ill. F.C.
3. N. Leever, U. of Ill.	3. S. Rieck, N. Western U.

WOMEN'S FOIL:	MEN'S SABRE:
1. P. Nelson, N. Western U.	1. A. Vela, Ill. F.C.
2. G. Weisberger, Ill. F.C.	2. R. Demos, Ill. F.C.
3. N. Spiering, Ill. F.C.	3. M. Stewart, Unatt

MEN'S EPEE:
1. R. Levine, Ill. F.C.
2. J. Osness, U. of Ill.
3. B. Dolph, Ill. F.C.

## CLEVELAND OPEN

JUNE 6 & 7, 1981

Men's Epee:	Women's Foil:
1. G. Kocab, Titan F.C.	1. K. Watson, WSU
2. W. Reith, Alcazar	2. C. Massiala, FAM
3. K. Hunter, AFC	3. C. Kay, AFC
4. S. Fitzpatrick, SPFC	4. P. Caple, AFC

Men's Sabre:	Men's Foil:
1. J. Fazekas, AFC	1. D. McCormick, AFC
2. D. McCormick, AFC	2. W. Reith, AFC
3. B. Kogler, FAM	3. M. Masters, FAM
4. W. Morrow, SPFC	4. S. Johnson, NOFC

## VAN BUSKIRK MEMORIAL

Houston, Texas  
MARCH 10 & 11, 1981

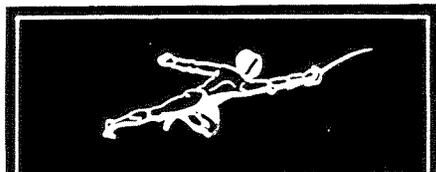
SABRE: 24 entries	M. FOIL: 35 entries
1. M. Johnson, NOFC	1. A. Peters, SS
2. B. Reed, BFC	2. R. Hurley, SS
3. C. McCraw, SS	3. P. Schmidt, SS

W. FOIL: 26 entries	EPEE: 28 entries
1. V. Bradford, IFCS	1. T. Glass, SS
2. I. Hamori, NOFC	2. R. Hurley, SS
3. T. Hurley, SS	3. S. Vandenberg, IFCS

### TEAM SABRE: 7 teams

1. Bellaire (R. Reed, B. Reed, D. Hubbard)
2. Sebastiani (D. Tati, T. Glass, A. Finger)
3. Compo (D. Clark, S. Clark, K. Hogan)



# COMING ATTRACTIONS

## The 27th ANNUAL CANADIAN HEROES MEMORIAL

will be held in London, Ontario, Canada on October 10th and 11th, 1981.

Open to professionals as well as amateurs. Events: Men's and Ladies' Foil, Men's Sabre, Men's Epee.

For information: Contact Sabine Nolke via phone (519) 679-2406 (9 AM until 5 PM and (519) 433-2689 (6 PM until midnight), or write to Canadian Heroes' % 542 English Street, London, Ontario, Canada, N5W 3V2.

## BIALOSKY JUNIOR FENCING CLASSIC

Place: Alcazar Fencing Club, 13437 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Date: October 17 and 18, 1981

Events: U14 Boys and Girls Foil, U20 Men's Foil, U20 Epee, U20 Sabre, U20 Women's Foil, U14 Epee, U14 Sabre.

Entry fees: \$4 per event.

Send entries and inquiries to: William F. P.O. Box 18027, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

## SIXTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND GRAND PRIX - 1981

Sponsored by Standard Oil Company Ohio

Place: Stuffer's Inn on the Square, 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio, 44113

Date: November 27, 28, and 29, 1981

Events: Men's Foil, Epee, Sabre, and G (Foil/Epee) Women's Foil, Epee, and G (Foil/Epee). Awards to all finalists.

Entry fees: \$15 per event (\$30 for 3 event)

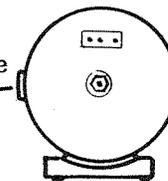
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# Technical Talks

by Joe Byrnes



I seem to be moving back and forth from one end of a weapon to the other recently. Last time out we were up front, so naturally here we are back at the handle end again. The observations this time apply only to electrical weapons, so for the present sabre fencers can ignore them. However, if the war of the competing systems for electric sabre, now going on in the FIE, ever gets settled, our sabre fencers will start having electrical connector headaches too. In fact, I would be willing to make a small bet that, given the rougher blade contact regularly involved in sabre, there will be more connector problems there than even in foil.

Anyway, let's confine ourselves for this time to the sockets inside the guard. We'll let body cords, and their own sackful of delightful problems, wait for another occasion. In the first place, for foil or epee, the connector can take a large number of shapes and still be perfectly acceptable under the rules. That accounts for the freaks that show up at our competitions. I am speaking of weapons only, you understand.

Here in the U.S., the 3-hole type, banana plug size, with the spacing specified in the rule book, is just about universal for epees. Years ago, a type of U.S.-made microphone connector (an Amphenol in the 3-pin and even a 2-pin version) was frequently found, but there are few of those left. Any other variety of connector that could provide two lines for the weapon wires and another wire or a grounded shell for the weapon ground could be used too. The modern FIE requirement for connecting the weapon wires directly to the sockets does rule out some types of connector, however, since the now-prohibited "pig-tailing" would be almost the only way of connecting the wires to some of them.

Our U.S. foils are most likely to be found either with the continental type of 2-pin (one skinny, one relatively fat) that almost all suppliers make, or with the bayonet-catch "twist-lock" style, a la Leon Paul, for example. The Italian and (similar) Japanese twist-style foil connectors are not found in any numbers in this country.

Whatever is used with either weapon, to

have a good weapon ground the socket has to be firmly held to, or fastened to, the guard. If the socket is mounted to a metal bracket that slips over the weapon tang, then it is only the physical pressure of the handle, held by its pommel or nut, that makes your ground. Looseness will give you off-targets in foil, and, in epee, highly embarrassing valid touches on your guard. Tightness is essential. When the socket is mounted on a bracket permanently attached to the guard, the same kind of tightness has to be maintained. If the bracket is welded to the guard (not so likely), an electrical resistance or a fracture developing in the weld can cause all the problems that a loose handle will give with a separate bracket. If the bracket is riveted, or fastened by some fancy inlet screw or bolt and nut system, loosening up is more likely than with welds. In such systems, high electrical resistances can develop, even when the brackets don't actually feel loose. Such a fault must be chased down with an ohmmeter. Incidentally, with these permanently mounted brackets it doesn't matter in the least if your handle is loose or not. Tightening the handle is no cure.

The attachment of the wire(s) to the sockets is naturally important. Loose screws or nuts will also cause all the forms of grief mentioned. With epees, an easily overlooked source of trouble is a loose screw holding the plastic (or whatever) insulated block of the socket to its metal bracket. The grounding of the weapon is normally accomplished by the pressure exerted by that screw on a small link between the "C" socket and the bracket, and it doesn't have to be noticeably loose to give trouble.

Another sometimes overlooked problem is the build-up of corrosion that can develop between bracket and guard, especially when they are of different metals, e.g., aluminum and steel, as is so often the case. Loosening up, and carefully retightening the handle will sometimes break through such a dielectric barrier; however, a full disassembly and cleaning is really best. Perhaps a lot less likely, but still possible (it left me with egg on my face and a couple of touches against me once, years ago) is the gradual

build-up of corrosion inside the socket itself. You would think that the body cord pins would tend to clean that away just by being pushed in and out: most of the time they do, but conditions of high humidity can make things happen. Swab out the insides of the sockets, too, every so often.

## THANK YOU, BRANIFF!!!

Our 1981 U.S. Nationals Organizing Committee reports that Braniff Airlines has donated to the AFLA twelve round trip tickets to Ft. Worth to help defray our travel expenses for the National Championships.

MERCI, BRANIFF!!!

## JUST A NOTE . . .

Former U.S. National Champion Sabre Team member (1957), **George Domolky**, is now assisting Ben Zivkovic in coaching the fencing team at Harvard. He reports that, after an absence of twenty years from fencing, he is enjoying it.

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Our Art Director, Diane King, was married to Michael J. McClure, Mich "Gripman" on the San Francisco cable system and in 1979 won the title of Cable Car Bell Ringer. Our best wishes to the happy couple.

## A Checklist of Fencing Books

IN ENGLISH SINCE 1888

by Tom Conroy (Continued from May/Apr)

1958 Crosnier, Roger. **Fencing w epee**. London: Faber & Faber; New York: A. S. Barnes Toronto: Irwin & Co. Ltd.

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