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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Junior Olympic Program. Announcement
of this AFLA program was mailed to all
Division Chairmen in October. We hope it
will serve to generate increased interest in
fencing. Samples of the Junior Olympic Fencer
patch, which appeared on the cover of the
August issue, are available from our Secre-
tary, Mr. W. J. Latzko.

The Junior Olympic Booklet also was
mailed to all Division Chairmen late in Octo-
ber and copies may be obtained from Mr.
Latzko.

In connection with this program we hope
Division Chairmen will follow our sugges-
tion that a professional coach be included
in the Division's Executive Committee. Such
a person can be of inestimable value in
contributing to the planning and success of
the Junior Olympic Program. Mr. Alaux, one
of our foremost professionals, has been ap-
pointed to the AFLA National Executive
Committee.

Visual Aids. Included in this issue is a
summary of available fencing visual aids. The
list is admittedly not comprehensive but plans
are in progress to provide instructional films
in each weapon within the next few months
with the funds provided for development by
the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Budget. At its September 1966 meeting
the Board allocated \$6,000 for continua-
tion of our development program. It is our
intention to later apply for matching funds
from the U.S. Olympic Committee. In this
connection, we have been advised by the
Olympic Committee that grants of develop-
ment funds only will be possible to those
sports generating matching funds from their
own efforts.

**NYAC International for Martini & Rossi
Trophies.** The event is scheduled for April
14, 15 and 16. The U.S. Olympic Committee
has approved our request for \$5,000 to
help cover the expense of bringing the best
foreign fencers. We expect this tournament
to be the largest in its history. An important
benefit to our sport is the opportunity of
fencers and coaches alike to observe the
latest in fencing techniques. Concurrently
we will schedule coaching seminars and fenc-

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ing clinics to assist in the development of
U.S. fencing.

Tax Exemption. We are enthused that the
AFLA application for tax exemption has been
approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.
It is a great leap forward in providing our
sport with the means of accumulating financ-
ing resources for our growth program. Our
League Counsel, Mr. Alan Ruben is pre-
paring the necessary By Laws changes and
detailed procedures covering contributions.

Membership. Preliminary reports to date
are encouraging. The new booklet "Questions
and Answers About the AFLA" has been re-
ceived with enthusiasm. An adequate supply
is available for the widest possible distribu-
tion. Request what you need from Mr.
Latzko.

Planning. A report on this new Com-
mittee is in this issue. It will make recom-
mendations to the Board on such matters
as methods of conducting the National
Championships, publicity, promotion, devel-
opment, fund raising, etc. Long range plan-
ning is as necessary for fencing as it is
for any business organization.

Norman Lewis

MARYLAND

Seventeen competed in the Division's
Junior Olympic Tryouts. Those selected to
the Squad are:

Foil: Charles Collier and George Benedict.

Epee: Tim Gibney, Greg Plum and Charles
Collier.

Sabre: No one good enough.

Women: Marsha Robbins, Lydia Habuston,
Gail Sickmund, Ruth White and Donna Paul.

A short clinic with lessons was conducted
by Andre Deladrier, Stephen Bujnabzky and
Dick Oles.

CORRECTION

Thanks to the sharp eye of our old friend
Dan Ferris we correct a mistake in the Sep-
tember issue, President's Annual Message. In
referring to the point system for selecting the
Pan American Team we gave the date and
location as October 12 to 27, 1968 in Mexico
City. These, of course, are the dates and lo-
cation of the Olympic Games. The Pan
American Games are from July 22 to August
7, 1967 in Winnipeg, Canada.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE

Special meeting of the AFLA is called April 7, 1967 at 7 P.M. in AAU House, York City. The purpose is to amend By-Laws to implement the establishment of investment accounts. The September meeting of the Board approved the following motions:

That the AFLA establish two investment accounts — "Domestic Development Fund" and "International Development Fund" and that donors to the League, if they wish, may designate one or both of these in making their tax-deductible donations.

That an appropriate amendment to the By-Laws be prepared, establishing the policy that the principal of each fund remain intact and no appropriations be made therefrom for a period of 15 years or until \$100,000 has been accumulated in each fund measure.

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secured by cash or current market value of securities.

3. That a statement of policy be prepared as a guideline to the purposes for which each fund may be utilized. That such guideline indicate the type of activities which may or may not be financed by each fund. (A committee of Norman Lewis, Alan Ruben, Harold Goldsmith, Walter Farber and John Farrell will draft the policy guidelines).

4. That a committee be appointed to decide the investment objective—whether capital appreciation, high yield, or any combination of these should be the guiding principle for the managers of the investment accounts.

5. That the By-Laws be amended to provide for three managers of the investment accounts, who will manage both funds jointly; that they shall be the President of the AFLA and two persons who are not Directors of the AFLA; that the two non-Directors each serve for a term of four years subject to reappointment by the Board of Directors when their terms expire; and that the terms be staggered on odd years so that they do not both expire at the same time.

6. That in the event of death or resignation, or failure of renomination, of any non-Director the then remaining managers shall propose one or more managers to fill the vacancies for the balance of the vacated term and the Board of Directors at its next meeting shall pass upon the proposal. In the event of a failure of confirmation the remaining managers shall submit additional nominations until the vacancy or vacancies are filled by Board action. In the absence of any remaining managers the Board shall appoint three new managers for the balance of the unexpired terms, one of whom shall be the AFLA President.

(It is proposed that the managers be Norman Lewis, Miguel de Capriles and Robert Driscoll.)

7. That the earned income from each fund, to be applied to the approved purposes, shall be distributed by the managers of the investment accounts in annual or more frequent installments.



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CONNECTICUT TROPHY FOR 1965-1966 SEASON

by: William J. Latzko

North Texas once again took the Connecticut trophy for the 1966 season. This is a second time in a row that the North Texas division has won the trophy. The division's main strength was in the number of competitions provided for its members the better than average turnout expected by them.

Only 17 divisions out of the 51 in the state were sent in the appropriate reports. The following is a summary of the first 9 divisions:

North Texas—416 points
Old Coast—375 points
Maryland—369 points
Northern Ohio—355 points
Northern California—350 points
Southern California—341 points
Long Island—331 points
Central Florida—325 points
New Jersey—312 points

The point system is arranged in such a way that a division which is average in accordance to those reporting, would receive 300 points. Divisions who receive an excess of 300 points are doing that much better than average.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE F.I.E.

Pursuant to the decision of the last Congress, the President of the FIE has named the following to serve on the new International Committee to work with and advise the Bureau of the FIE between Congresses:

Pierre Ferri (France), Chairman; Paul Anspach (Belgium), Louis Bontemps (France), Miguel de Capriles (USA), Henri Dulieux (France), Pal Kovacs (Hungary), Ricardo Levene (Argentina), Lubomirov (USSR), Edgar Mercier (France), Renzo Nostini (Italy) and Mahmoud Younes (UAR).

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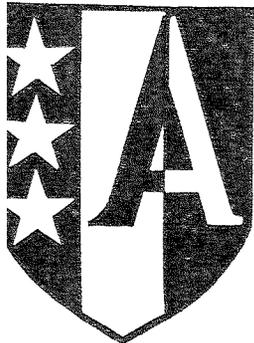
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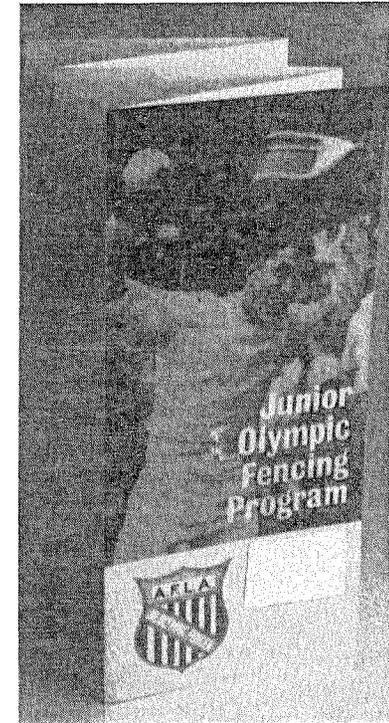
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The Martini Foil will be held in Paris on January 28-29; the Martini Sabre in Bruxelles on February 11-12; the Martini Ladies' Foil in Turin on March 4-5; the Martini Epee in London on March 11.

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Information about the Classic has been sent to fencers and coaches throughout the U.S. For further details write directly to Mr. Mel North, Riviera Fencing Classic, Granada Hills, California.

Norman Lewis

HEY, CHARLIE, There's a fencing competition on Sunday!

by Dr. Tibor Nyilas

u have a paid-up AFLA card, you sent entry in time, you know the Rules from cover to cover, your equipment excellent order . . . all systems GO . . . it, Charlie, there is a little more to

's examine the word "competition" more y.

ie amateur credo, according to De rtin states that the important thing to win but to **compete**, not to triumph o **strive**, the essential is not to conquer o **fight hard**. It implies that professionals differ in that they must aim to win se sport is their livelihood. That emofailures, psychological lapses and disapce of results are such serious events they might well jeopardize a man's career . . . old fashioned . . . passe st decades' train schedule . . .

essence of sport activities is defined "situation lived with great emotion"

and consists of a synthesis of three psychological elements—play, movement and, above all, competition.

To compete is to measure one's ability with that of others and move in company towards a common goal. Competition is regulated by a norm, a harmonious agreement to produce the best, and the end is not victory so much as measuring up against something. Measuring up of strengths, agilities, abilities, performances is preceded by long training and perfecting of bodily activities, but this is only a secondary aim of competition whose value lies solely in the contest.

For better understanding of competition, certain well defined concepts must be introduced. It must be admitted that sport has a cathartic function (and I don't mean the occasional diarrhea before competitions). Energy pent up in the course of everyday life is released and frustrations already suffered or expected are compensated. In this case competition serves as a defense mechanism which helps maintain the psycho-physical equilibrium. However, such a picture of competition brands it as an expression of the personality's narcissistic tendencies—an **individual-centered** function. And yet the competitor does not always need cathartic release.

Interest in sport derives also from the fact that the more well-balanced the mind, the more it is likely to welcome new experience, greater and more worthwhile self-expansion. Nothing is better than sport for achieving this. In such a case, competition is an exercise of energy within the framework of a standard of excellence and the aim is to perform as perfectly as possible. The opponents are considered not as obstacles (as in the previous definition) but as points of reference to perfection of performance, an altruistic attitude — in other words, eminently **socially-centered**. Theoretically all competition is ideally based on this latter concept, but in practice this is only seen in single historical periods or in few individuals.

The explanation for these differing personal aims and their consequences is to be found in the dynamic concepts of aggression as proposed by modern psychology and in the relationship between aggression and the so-called structure of Ego — which is built up narcissistically or altruistically, depending on the case. This also explains the different behavior seen in an athlete when faced with defeat. (Which one are you, Charlie? Think about it and maybe next time it will help you win or lose gracefully.)

For all for whom competition is not only a dominant personality characteristic but also an indispensable, irreplaceable defense mechanism against life's emotional frustrations, competition not only means a fight but also and above all **love of a fight**. Competition as seen in sport reaches its highest value when it is a healthy catharsis of the human being's aggressive tendencies. This does not mean that the athlete should be considered as someone afflicted by painful complexes of inferiority, insecurity or dissatisfaction, nor by an aggressive need to find compensation and self-esteem. Instead, it means that the athlete possesses characteristics which are typical of the personality of every human being.

Thus the expression "non-competitive sport" is meaningless. Sport is competitive, by definition. If competition is removed from sport, it becomes mere movement.

Good Luck, Charlie, on Sunday.

MISCELLANEOUS— SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

In recognition of the role of fencing teachers in the AFLA, Mr. Michel Alaux has been appointed to the National Executive Committee. Mr. Lewis has urged similar consideration be given by the divisions.

Membership as of August 31, 1966 was 3,674 compared to 3,292 for 1965. A detailed report is contained in this issue.

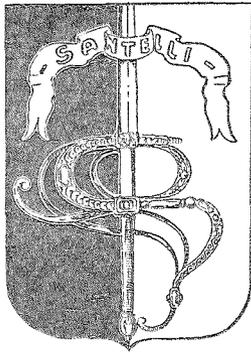
Mr. Arnold Mercado was reinstated as an amateur.

A budget for 1966-67 was approved, including allocation of \$6,000 to be used for development in conjunction with the development program of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

In view of the dates for the World Championships (July 5-15 in Montreal) and the Pan American Games (July 22-Aug. 7 in Winnipeg), the National Championships are to be held in Los Angeles from June 24 through July 1, 1967.

The Board voted to eliminate the rule requiring the filing of expense reports by amateur coaches (pp. XIII and XVI of Rules Book). It was emphasized that while reporting is no longer required, there is no change in the basic rules governing amateur coaches.

Tentative schedule for future Special Meetings of the Board: Oct. 21, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 24, April 7, May 14.



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HANS HALBERSTADT

June 10, 1885—September 22, 1966

by Jack Adams

Hans Halberstadt, dean of the active fencers in North America at 81, died on September 22 in San Francisco. Halberstadt conducted his own fencing school in the Marina district of San Francisco since 1941, had been coach of the Olympic Club's fencing squad for twenty years.

He developed Al Snyder as U.S. foil champion in 1941, and such Pacific Coast foil, and epee champions as Salvatore Bra, Gerard Biagini, Louis Giorgi, Daniel O, and Del Reynolds, as well as Tommy II, Pacific Coast champion in women's and runner-up in the national champion-

ship. Up to the time of his death, he had been coaching children of the men and women and coached twenty and twenty five years. He worked actively with the late Helene Br, former world champion and holder of eight American Fencing championships, and help develop fencing during the years she associated with Mills College and City College of San Francisco.

Hans had represented Germany on three Olympic teams, and in a long list of international tournaments never placed less than second. He was Pan-Germanic sabre champion several times.

Hans found himself in Buchenwald's concentration camp in 1938. After four weeks was released, perhaps due to a distinguished record of service in the German Army in World War I, and immediately received for a visa to America. He had to render personally all of the gold and silver fencing trophies to the Nazi government that he had won in 28 years of fencing competition.

He came to San Francisco unable to speak English, but made such an impression in a fencing tournament that the Olympic Club offered him a job. A short time later he headed the Halberstadt School of Fencing at 5 Fillmore Street.

In 1955 his native country awarded him

one of the highest honors in fencing, the "Golden Plaque", in recognition of his skill and more than 50 years service in the sport. The same year he also received the "Gold Lion of Hesse" award from his old fencing club in Offenbach, Germany.

He is survived in San Francisco by a sister, Mrs. Stephanie Aufhauser, and a brother, Fred Halberstadt.

The following words were spoken in tribute to Hans at the memorial services held on September 26:

"Since Thursday we have all had time to reflect upon Hans Halberstadt's impact on our lives, which went far beyond his effect on fencing here. I don't think anyone has had time yet to measure what a gap he has left.

"We were given an example of the kind of courage and integrity you need to make an entirely new start in life at the age of 56, in a strange new country.

"In reflecting on that, it seems that Hans' greatest gift to us was seen in his ability to make a strong response, a ready riposte, a forthright answer to any situation. It was seen in his indomitable will to make the best possible job out of life.

In the process, he developed around him a spirit of friendship and camaraderie — an esprit de corps of a kind which most of us will not see again.

"Hans took a simple pleasure in companionship and in the sharing of anecdotes, and he leaves us a wonderful heritage of stories.

"He has had the recognition of our Amateur Fencers League, of his fellow fencing masters, of his old fencing club in Offenbach and of the German fencing organization itself. Most important of all, he had—and I am sure this was what he valued most of all—the respect of his old Olympic and international opponents.

"I am privileged to be one of the parents whose children will be able to say proudly

in later years: I studied with Hans Halberstadt.

"We have suffered some untimely losses in our group in the past fifteen years, and it seems to me that the only real regret we might have is that he was not spared these before his own time came.

"And so we come to the end of a remarkable life, and to the end of a significant era in our own lives. Many of us here will continue in the tradition and discipline so splendidly shown us, and we will never have a finer example."

Ed. Note: Local announcement of the death requested that sympathy and respects be in the form of contributions to Olympic fencing promotion for which Hans had worked diligently over the years.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

by Jim Delaney

Sabre: 1. Dan Magay, Pannonia A.C.; 2. Jack Baker, Pannonia A.C.; 3. Colonel Brownlee, Letterman S.C.

Epee Open: 1. Carl Christie, Berkeley Fencers; 2. Helmut Resch, BF; 3. Sandy Weinstein, Halberstadt.

Col. Lawrence Brownley was installed as Chairman of the Division at a gathering held in the Letterman officers' Mess. He succeeds Jack Baker who had been Chairman for 14 years. At the same reception Dr. William O'Briwn, coach of the Letterman fencers, received a special award for his services to the AFLA.

Epee Open: 1. Lawrence Brownlee, LGH; 2. Arthur Nonamura, Halberstadt; 3. Gari Andreini, Unatt.

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Rick Coll

Women's Championship: 1. Bessie Cureton, CGYC; 2. Loretta Kushner, CGYC; 3. Joan Coll, CFC

Foil Championship: 1. Richard Coll, CFC; 2. Bill Benton, CGYC; 3. Joe Sasek, U of F

Epee Championship: 1. Jose Hill, Jacksonville; 2. Richard Coll, Clearwater FC; 3. Bill Benton, CGYC

Sabre Championship: 1. Archie Simmons, CGYC; 2. Manny Forrest, EAFC; 3. Joe Sasek, U of F.

L.A. MUNICIPAL GAMES

by: Paul H. Etter

In the spirit of ancient Greece, 51 fencers competed August 13 in three events during the Los Angeles Municipal Games. The tournaments in men's and women's foil and in a saber contest were part of a program sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks to focus public attention on six minor sports, including fencing. The fencing competitions were held at Venice High School under the direction of the Southern California Division of the AFLA. Impressive medallions were specially cast for the Games.

The Purpose of the Games, according to its organizers, was to revive a concept of intra- and intercity athletic competitions as first practiced by rival cities during the old Grecian epoch. Ross Cunningham, Department Superintendent, said that neighboring cities will be encouraged to participate in coming Games, with the hope that a spirited rivalry will develop reminiscent of that in Greece. Eventually the Games idea may attract the interest of cities throughout the United States.

"One of the main benefits of the program," he said, "is the part it can play in developing greater Olympic strength in the minor sports."

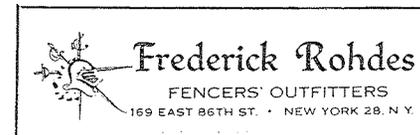
In order to help the Department of Recreation & Parks to inaugurate the fencing program, a group of seasoned AFLA members are conducting a six-weeks course for 20 beginners at one of the recreation centers.

Results

Women's: 1. Maxine Mitchell; 2. Jeanie Mori; 3. Stella Saurer.

Foil: 1. Max Geuter, 2. Andy Rivera; 3. Joe Etter.

Saber: 1. Carlos Fuertes; 2. Paul Etter; 3. Bill Boucher.



AFLA—MEMBER COUNT FOR 1965/1966

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sofa	1	3	1	2	12	19
England	1	48	16	48	48	161
Jersey	11	32	44	129	330	546
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A.F.L.A., INC. WINS THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION

by Alan Miles Ruben, Corporation Counsel

There are dates in every organization's history which call for celebrations. Mark August 19, 1966 as a red letter day for the League. On this date the Internal Revenue Service sent President Lewis final approval of the Corporation's application for Federal tax exemption.

The importance of this decision to our future fund raising efforts can't be overstated.

From now on, all contributions of money, personal property, and securities to the Corporation are deductible as a "charitable contribution" by the donor. Even those of us who have been paying for such things as stationery, stamps and the like, in connection with League activities, out of our own pockets without reimbursement, will be eligible to claim a deduction.

Moreover, reasonable travel expenses necessarily incurred in attending to League business will also qualify for the deduction. This does not mean, of course, that everyone who competes in an out-of-the-city tournament gets this relief, but it does mean that members who attend League meetings in an official capacity or who represent the Corporation at distant functions can treat the cost as if it were an ordinary charitable donation. Finally, bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the Corporation are all deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes as well as under the Income Tax provisions of the Code. But this glorious freedom from Federal Income Tax won by the League is not without its reciprocal responsibilities.

The League is required each year to file with the Internal Revenue Service a complete and accurate financial statement for the Corporation as a whole. A statement limited to national office receipts and expenditures will not satisfy this requirement. It is not only important—it is imperative—that all divisions and sections send to the National Office promptly at the conclusion of their fencing year a complete report of their income and disbursements.

Our tax exemption was gained after a long, hard struggle. But it can be easily lost by a failure to satisfy the conditions which the Internal Revenue Service has attached to it. We **must** have the cooperation of **all** divisional and sectional officers. I have no doubt but that it will be forthcoming.

Not only are contributions made to the National Office deductible, but also our new tax exempt status permits qualifying donations to be made for the benefit of a particular division or section. However, contributions for the support of local fencing activities must still be made out to the "Amateur Fencers League of America, Inc." **and sent on to the National Office.** This procedure will facilitate our tax record keeping and allow the official receipt of the Corporation to be returned to the contributor as evidence of the deductible nature of his gift. Of course, the National Office will transmit the funds to the designated division or section.

On the national and international scene, the tax exemption will enable us to establish special accounts for the development of programs to better our performance in international fencing competitions and to publicize and promote fencing activities throughout the country. Your President together with the Board of Directors are well along the road to setting up such accounts, and the completed proposal in the form of additions to the Corporation By-Laws will be presented to the membership at a special meeting to be scheduled this Spring.

While our tax exemption opens up new vistas for the future growth of the League, it will not, by itself, magically solve our financial problems. In the future, as in the past, the responsibility remains upon all of us to continue with the work of fund raising. But, with this new and powerful ally, our personal efforts should, more than ever before, prove productive.



A JUNIOR OLYMPIC SUMMER TRAINING CAMP

By Richard Gradkowski

As part of its development work, the Junior Olympic Committee of the Metropolitan Division, through the cooperation of Public School Athletic League operated a summer training camp. This year, consecutive evenings, August 29 to September 2, were used to give high school fencers an intensive preparation for their season. Over thirty-one boys from ten different high schools attended; thirteen achieved a perfect attendance and activity record received the special Junior Olympic fencer patch. Since the purpose is to give a good background in fencing and teach a year-round training, the camp emphasizes the Junior Olympic BASIC SKILLS program. This program is a regular training routine of exercise in Calisthenics, Footwork, basic drill, Attack drill. These exercises described in a special pamphlet prepared for the trainees.

The BASIC SKILLS program is especially designed for conditions in New York City schools.

Because of the concern with development, the Junior Olympic Committee is constantly experimenting with better and faster methods of teaching fencing. The classical technique "master and pupil" is, in many situations,

not the most practical. To date, different methods of group teaching, various remedial teaching techniques, and better analysis of fencing actions have been explored with a view towards improved pedagogy.

In addition to a full time professional fencing coach, Robert Roher, special lecture-demonstrations were delivered by James Castello (on Electrical Foil Equipment), Georgio Santelli (on The Importance of Good Form), Oscar Kolombatovich (on the History of the Sword), and Dick Oldden (on Kendo-Japanese Fencing). Robert Russell, 1965 National Foil Champion, again donated a great deal of time to demonstrate the fundamentals of fencing footwork. The boys were shown movies of the 1964 Tokyo Olympic fencing event and received special material from Olympic House as well as A.F.L.A. to study and keep.

While emphasis was on good training and developing a knowledge of fencing, a special competition was held in which only one fencer from each high school was allowed to participate. The boys themselves selected their school representative. Steve Kaplan of Martin Van Buren H.S. (coached by Sy. Blond) took first place to receive a special trophy donated by the Community Center Fencing League.



(Rear) Richard Gradkowski, Robert Russell (National Champion '65), Robert Roher (coach), Leonard Kirmss (VP, NFCAA), James Castello (coach) and Junior Olympians.

October 4, 1966

Dear Sir:

Since many draft card burners are intelligent and moral people it does not speak very well for Csaba Elthes' perception when he lumps them with "delinquents and dope addicts." It speaks even less well for the Editor of American Fencing to allow political comments of this type to be published.

Information that fencers are really entitled to, such as evidence of misrepresentation of mailing dates on official League business—evidence that the annual meeting formally requested the Board of Governors to investigate—this information is completely withheld from the fencers.

Sincerely yours,
Halton Arp
Pasadena, Calif.

Ed. Note: We agree wholeheartedly that a sports magazine is no medium for political opinions. Apparently our definition of intelligence and morality differs from Mr. Arp's. In any event, the obligations of citizenship do not vary with political persuasions, so the comment by Mr. Elthes is not political.

The second complaint is answered herein. It could not be published until the Board of Directors acted upon it.

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MAILING OF AMERICAN FENCING

At the Annual Meeting of the AFLA Mr. Linkmeyer charged that the March 1966 issue of American Fencing was not mailed in time to meet the requirements of the By-Laws regarding notice of the Annual Meeting. He produced what purported to be documentary evidence to support his charge. The League Secretary was instructed to investigate.

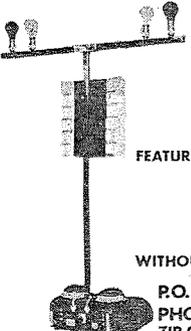
On September 9th Mr. Latzko reported to the Board with evidence from the post office and the mailing agency. The Board unanimously approved the following resolution: "Diligent inquiry and investigation by the Secretary has been made of both the postal authorities and our mailing agency, to establish the facts of the case. The report is detailed and complete. The Board is of the opinion that no evidence whatsoever exists to justify the charge that the mailing of the March issue of American Fencing magazine was untimely."

FLORIDA GOLD COAST

By Sy Eisenfeld

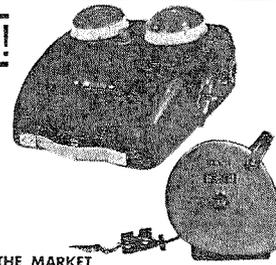
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Marty Davis, Salle Csiszar
Mike Gaylor, NYU
Herb Cohen, Fencers Club
Marvin Grafton, Fencers Club

LONG ISLAND

By Alfred Bachner

Women's Open: 1. C. Benjamin, Lucia; 2. E. Spinella, Unatt.; 3. S. Eskessen, Santelli.

Sabre Open: 1. L. Pongo, NYAC; 2. C. Gall, NYAC; 3. A. Bachner, LIS.

Under-19 Foil: 1. Abby, Wheatley HS; 2. Lang, Van Buren HS; 3. Greenberg, Jamaica HS.

Foil Open: 1. U. Jones, Santelli; 2. Kestler, NYTV; 3. Canvin, FC.

OKLAHOMA

By Arthur L. Wade

Foil Unclass: 1. Spencer Johnson, OU; 2. Lee Lawyer, O. City; 3. Bruce Eden, Wichita.

Women's Unclass: 1. Diane Dowdy, OU; 2. Joan Hagers, Tulsa; 3. Jan Crehore, Tulsa.

Foil Novice: 1. Goodwin, Central State; 2. Butcher, Bartlesville; 3. House, Tulsa.

Women's Novice: 1. Kathy Shanks, Tulsa; 2. Norma Grimes, Bartlesville; 3. Darlene Maze, Bartlesville.

Epee Open: 1. Dennis Jamison, O. City; 2. Spencer Johnson, OU; 3. Lee Lawyer, O. City.

Women's Open: 1. Sandy Attaway, KU; 2. Frances Duke, O. City; 3. Diane Dowdy, OU.

WEST VIRGINIA

By Sue Edmonds

Charles Boer of Huntington is attending Michigan State on a fencing scholarship. This 19-year old Junior is a B-plus student and as a varsity sophomore had 26 wins and 13 losses in sabre and a 3/1 record in foil.

EPEE

Paul Pesthy, New York AC
David Micahnik, Salle Csiszar
Gil Eisner, New York AC
Heizaboro Okawa, Los Angeles FA
Max Geuter, Kansas
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- 25—South American Championships Lima, Peru
 27—Foil Individual Antwerp, Belgium

December 1966

- 18—Dentzer Sabre Individual Paris, France

January 1967

- 29—Spreafico Epee Individual Milan, Italy
 29—Martini Foil Individual Paris, France

February 1967

- 12—Individual, 4 Weapons Wroclaw, Poland
 12—Martini Sabre Individual Bruxelles, Belgium
 21—Under-20 Individual, 4 Weapons Leningrad, USSR
 26—Under-20 Individual Foil Pozan, Poland
 26—Monal Epee Individual Paris, France
 26—Under-20 Sabre Individual Goppingen, W. Germany
 25—Under-20 Epee Individual Genoa, Italy

March 1967

- 5—Sabre Individual Nice, France.
 5—Martini Women's Individual Turin, Italy
 5—Vierzet Epee Individual Huy, Belgium
 8—Under-20 Women's Individual Laziska, Poland
 12—Finski Sabre Individual Warsaw, Poland
 11—Martini Epee Individual London, England
 12—Under-20 Men's & Women's Foil Individual Weinheim, W. Germany
 19—Rommel Foil Individual Paris, France
 27—World Junior Championships Teheran, Iran

April 1967

- 16—Martini & Rossi—NYAC International New York, USA
 23—Individual, 4 Weapons Amsterdam, Holland
 30—Hallett Epee Individual London, England
 30—Longines Epee Individual Berne, Switzerland
 30—Jeanty Women's Individual Paris, France

May 1967

- 6—de Beaumont Women's Individual London, England
 7—Foil Individual Montpellier, France
 14—Coronation Cup Foil Individual London, England
 21—Barbakan Epee & Sabre Individual Cracow, Poland
 21—Women's Individual Como, Italy
 21—Epee Individual Cannes, France
 28—Sabre Individual Venice or Padua, Italy

June 1967

- 4—Gjovanini Foil Individual Bologne, Italy
 4—Epee and Women's Individual Eupen, Belgium
 4—Sabre Individual London, England
 11—Epee, Sabre & Women's Individual Noordwijk, Holland
 25—Epee & Women's Individual Weinheim, W. Germany

July 1967

- 15—World Championships Montreal, Canada
 Aug. 7—Pan American Games Winnipeg, Canada

August 1967

- o Sept. 3—University Championships Tokyo, Japan

September 1967

- 6—Mediterranean Games Tunis, Tunisia
 10—Lake Balaton Individual, 4 Weapons Siofok, Hungary
 17—Under-20 Sabre Individual Warsaw, Poland
 24—Individual, 4 Weapons Munich, W. Germany

BALATON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Anthony (Jack) Keane

Six U.S. fencers competed in the famous Lake Balaton Championships in Siofok, Hungary, and made a profound impression on the more than 700 fencers present from 13 nations.

Mike Dasaro, Robert Dow, Chaba Gall, Jack Keane, Andrew Kemeny and Alex Orban, with Maestro Chaba Elthes, combined a vacation and fencing trip to register one of the U.S.'s best international showings in recent years.

In the sabre event, the only one entered by the Americans, each man passed the preliminary round-robin which drew 164 fencers. Dow and Gall went out in the first direct-elimination; Kemeny, fencing strongly, met defeat in the round of 32; Orban was defeated 8-7 in the round of 16 by two-time Junior World Champion and defender in this event, Zsolt Nagy of Hungary.

Mike Dasaro and Jack Keane reached the final of eight with strong performances against two of Hungary's best second-line fencers. The final thus consisted of five Hungarians, one Pole and two Americans. Dasaro was eliminated by the very strong Rostas who led Hungary to second place in the Posnan (Warsaw) Cup team matches. Keane meanwhile defeated Perenyi (fourth in Hungarian Nationals) by 8-5. Then Keane defeated Olympic Foil Champion Francke (who doubles on the Polish national sabre team) 8-7 in a bout that was closer than it should have been.

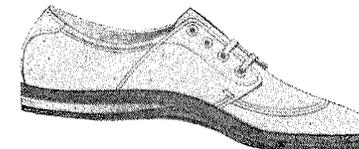
Thus Keane faced Nagy, who had defeated his finalist opponents by 8-1 and 8-2 scores, to decide the championship. With the score tied at 7-7 Keane struck Nagy with what

appeared to the audience to be the winning blow. The President called it "simultaneous actions" and received a chorus of cat calls for his judgment. Nagy then caught Keane on a parry riposte to retain his Balaton title. Dasaro finished seventh and Orban ninth.

(Ed Note:) Prior to this remarkable performance Miguel de Capriles was the first and last American to place in this event. He won the competition in 1936 when it was the Hungarian National Outdoor Championship and all foreign entries competed hors concours.)

The next night the NAYC team of Dasaro, Gall, Keane and Orban fenced the World Club sabre team of Budapest consisting of Boronkoy, Pesza, Slavi and Torday. The NYAC jumped to a 3-0 lead before dropping its first bout. The jury was changed and the score stood at 7-8 against the Americans when Pesza and Orban reached 4-4 in the final bout. Orban then executed three stop-cuts in succession but failed to get a verdict other than "abstain" on any of them. Pesza then scored the final touch. Had Orban been awarded any of the stop-cuts NYAC would have won on touches. Unofficial as it was, the match brought forth many compliments to Chaba Elthes on the ability of the Americans.

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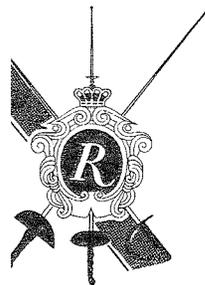
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by C. L. de Beaumont

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Epee: 1. H. W. F. Hosking, England; 2. J. A. Pelling, England; 3. R. G. Reynolds, Wales; 4. P. Bakonyi, Canada; 5. J. Humphreys, Australia; 6. P. Jacobs, England; 7. G. Sandor, Scotland; 8. E. Wiedmaier, Canada.

Sabre: 1. A. R. Cooperman, England; 2. A. M. Leckie, Scotland; 3. A. G. Arato, Australia; 4. J. Andru, Canada; 5. B. Pickworth, New Zealand; 6. R. Jackson, Jamaica.

Foil Team: 1. England; 2. Australia; 3. Scotland; 4. New Zealand.

Women's Team: 1. England; 2. Australia; 3. New Zealand; 4. Wales.

Epee Team: 1. England; 2. Canada; 3. Australia; 4. Scotland.

Sabre Team: 1. England; 2. Australia; 3. Canada; 4. New Zealand.



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Unfortunately, those of us initially involved in AFLA administration, whether National, Sectional or Divisional, are thoroughly occupied in day-to-day operation of the League and thus lack the time to develop comprehensive programs to accomplish the aforementioned objective. To remedy this situation the Board has approved an AFLA Planning Committee composed of members with extensive experience in our sport whose primary responsibility will be the formulation of proposals to the Board of Directors to attain the desired goal. In addition, the Committee will be encouraged to make such other recommendations as it deems appropriate to broaden fencing's base, increase its membership and finances and eventually develop into a world fencing power.

It is expected that the Committee will have phone and mail contact with fencers in all sections of the country so that proposals presented to the Board truly represent the thinking of all areas of the League.

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