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## NOMINATIONS 1968 - 1969 SEASON

by William J. Latzko

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Stephen Sobel, reported the following nominations for the 1968-1969 season:

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The nomination for President was made by the Committee received a letter from man Lewis indicating that he would not accept renomination as President.

The nomination for Vice President (NA) was submitted to the Committee by Nelson Fishman, present Vice President (NA) and chairman of the North Atlantic nominating committee.

## SANTELLI FENCING ACADEMY

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Our best wishes for great success.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**National Championships:** The November 1967 issue of the magazine on pages 12 and 13 — outlined various possibilities with respect to limiting the entry of fencers who could not represent the USA in Olympic competition. Comments also were solicited from AFLA directors prior to our Special Meeting of the Board on January 19, 1968. The replies received indicated such a difference of view that it was decided to submit the question to a mail vote of all AFLA Directors.

The results of such mail vote will be included in the May issue, with prior notification to AFLA chairmen so that qualifying rounds can be conducted in accordance with the agreed-on regulations.

**Rules Books:** The Board approved the purchase of 10,000 copies of the fencing rules section of our present "Fencing Rules & Manual" at an approximate cost of 30¢ each. As soon as such copies are available, your President will propose to the Board that copies be distributed free to all new AFLA members — including students.

**Under-20 World Championships:** The Championships are scheduled for London, England on April 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. The Board approved an expenditure of \$1200 — \$100 for each fencer authorized to participate in such events.

It was most encouraging to see the many requests for entry arriving at your National office. Concrete evidence of the increasing interest developing in our sport — particularly at this age level.

It is hoped that all fencers and officials traveling to London will do so by TWA — the official airline of the AFLA. It is conceivable that sufficient people will be going to arrange a charter group-rate and reservations can be made by writing to our TWA sports representative, Mr. Ed Shevitz, c/o TWA-Sports Department, 425 Park Avenue, New York 10022.

**Visual Aids:** The tremendous interest in our available fencing films prompts us to include in this issue a complete re-listing of films. Your attention particularly is invited to a newly listed item, "Basic Training of Foil Fencing," produced in Hungary — fully

described in this issue of the magazine. It is a most worthwhile addition to our film library.

**Fencing Clinics:** The instruction in fencing technique to persons interested in learning how to teach fencing is one of the areas where considerable development must take place to allow for continued expansion of our sport. Included in this issue of the magazine are details concerning a clinic to be conducted at Wisconsin State University, La Crosse, Wisconsin, from June 10 to June 21, 1968, and information with respect to beginning and advanced fencing courses — for women only — conducted by Julia Jones at Hunter College of the City University of New York.

**3-Year Membership Plan:** Initial responses to our suggestion to establish a three-year membership classification at a proposed cost of 2½ times present annual dues, were most encouraging. The plan, of course, would be in addition to the present one-year plan.

The three-year membership classification hopefully will be available for the 1968-1969 fencing season after consideration at our annual meeting in June 1968 at Miami, Florida.

**Centralized Membership Control:** There appears to be a unanimity of opinion that centralized membership control would relieve AFLA Division Secretaries of considerable clerical work and thus enable them to devote their available time and efforts to more important fencing functions. It will certainly allow new AFLA members to promptly receive their copies of our magazine, "American Fencing." Under present procedures, new members do not receive copies until the Secretaries of the respective AFLA Divisions forward membership rosters to the AFLA National Secretary. Considerable delays have been experienced in many Divisions with resultant disinterest in the AFLA on the part of many new members.

We are confident that the administrative procedures presently being developed will provide that copies of membership forms will be forwarded to AFLA Division Secretaries by the AFLA National Secretary at least **twice each month**. Similarly, the applicable portion of AFLA Divisional and Sectional dues will be forwarded to respective AFLA Division and Section Treasurer by the AFLA

ional Treasurer **once each month.** Such cedures will be available for the 1968-69 fencing season if approved at our annual meeting in June 1968.

**Fund Raising:** Our efforts to enlarge our United States and International Development funds continue. A plan to sell the AFLA through Divisions to benefit both the AFLA at the National level and also to assist the Division treasuries is outlined in this issue of the magazine.

Plans are also underway to provide our members a patch and lapel pin — similar to our AFLA decal — to allow for sales to raise funds and also to popularize our sport of fencing. Funds for such project were allocated at the January 19th meeting of the Board.

While we all should recognize that contributions of monies to the AFLA are most welcome, "securities minded" fencers should be aware of the fact that donations of stock and bonds also should be encouraged.

Under present Income Tax regulations, securities have appreciated in value, and it is possible to donate such securities to the AFLA and secure a tax deduction on your personal income tax return for the net value of such securities as of the date of the gift. In addition, no capital gain tax on the increase in value is required to be paid by the person making the gift. In today's economy, such form of donation presents a worthwhile objective for fund-raising interested persons. Needless to say, all such transactions should be reviewed carefully by your lawyer or accountant before final-

## WHO MAY COMPETE IN U. S. NATIONALS

by W. J. Latzko

The question was submitted to a mail vote of the Board of Directors. Seventy seven votes were cast, with Motion No. 3 being carried by the vote of 24 Directors. The Motion limits entries to other U. S. National Championships to qualified U. S. citizens and permanent residents only. Foreign entries will no longer be accepted.

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## NORTH CAROLINA

by John LeBar

**FOIL, NOVICE:** 1. K. P. Lau, U. of No. Carolina; 2. Randy Peyser, Duke; 3. Walter Bradley, Duke.  
**SABRE, NOVICE:** 1. Richard Betts, U. of No. Carolina; 2. Mike Nnsel, Duke; 3. Jeffery Blackwelder, Duke.  
**EPEE NOVICE:** 1. Burt James, No. Carolina State U.; 2. Harry Goforth, Clemson University; 3. John DeVans, U. of No. Carolina.  
**WOMEN, NOVICE:** 1. Florence Reese, No. Carolina State U.; 2. Jean Cooke, No. Carolina State U.; 3. Elizabeth Benbow, U. of No. Carolina.

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## RULES FOR 1968 NATIONALS

Every competitor is urged to read the Rules Book regarding entries, especially Section C page 159. Everyone wishing to participate personally responsible for filing a complete entry on time.

The Tournament will be held at the Bayfront Auditorium, 499 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida.

**WHAT TO FILE:** Every entry must contain properly executed application blank or similar, the requisite entry and registration fees payable to AFLA-Nationals, and a legal return stamped self-addressed envelope.

**WHERE TO FILE:** Send to Mr. W. J. Szabo, 33 - 62nd Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093.

**WHO AND WHEN:** Every individual or team qualifier, including every automatic qualifier and every alternate, who wishes to participate must file an official entry to be received at the above address on or before June 1, 1968. Note that this includes the Under-19 qualifiers. Team entries are to be filed by the team captain.

**ACCEPTANCE:** Within one week (no later

than June 10, 1968) entries will be checked against the certified list of qualifiers and alternates which has the endorsement of the Secretary of the AFLA. The number eligible to qualify from each Division will be determined and compared to the number of valid entries on hand from each Division. The entries and fees of invalid entries and of those alternates who are in excess of the permissible number from the Division will be returned. All entries that are accepted will be so notified at the same time.

**Note that you can only enter if you are certified as a qualifier by your Division Secretary, and if the National portion of your dues has been forwarded by your Division before the closing date for entries.** All those whose National dues have been processed are mailed a letter to that effect by the Secretary of the AFLA.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Secretary of each Division is requested to mail to the Secretary of the AFLA a list certifying the qualifiers and alternate immediately after the completion of the divisional qualifying round. All certifications must be received by the Secretary on or

before May 25, 1968. The following information is required for each weapon:

1. Number of eligible competitors in the qualifying round (p. 157, Rules Book).
2. A list of all automatic qualifiers, in order of strength.
3. A list of all Division qualifiers in the order they placed.
4. A list of alternates in the order they placed. Note that the alternates must be the fencers who placed immediately after the qualifiers.
5. A certified list of teams and alternate teams.

**UNDER-19 CERTIFICATION:** The Chairman of each Section is required to submit the names of the Sectional Champions and qualifiers for the Under 19 events to the Secretary of the AFLA on or before June 1, 1968.

**FEES:** The fee for each individual event is \$5; for each team event \$10. There is, in addition, a \$5 registration fee for every competitor (individual or team member); this fee includes a ticket to Gala Night.

**EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY:** No fencer in dirty or unsafe apparel will be permitted to fence. In all weapons, fencers' clothing must include a pair of stockings which will cover fully any part of the legs not covered by the trousers. The gauntlet of the glove must, in all circumstances, cover the forearm and overlap the sleeve so that the opponent's blade cannot enter the sleeve. All other requirements of Rule 27 (p. 22 of Rules Book) will be observed.

**WEAPONS:** Each fencer must have a minimum of two acceptable weapons available for every bout at or near the strip where he is competing. Acceptable electrical weapons are only those certified by the technician.

**BODY CORDS:** Foil and epee fencers must have at least two body cords certified by the technician, with a standard three-prong connector at the reel end.

**FOIL:** Men and women must have at least two insulated metallic vests certified by the technician. The strap passing between the legs must be at least 3 cm wide and the metallic collar must be at least 3 cm high. The mask must conform to specifications (Rules 27, 212, 217, 722-4 on pages 22, 38, 39, 123-124). Fencers are advised to have spare masks and gloves.

**EPEE:** The protective undergarment is man-

datory. Points must conform to Rules 732 and 733 on pages 125-127 of the Rules Book.

**REPAIRS:** Equipment should be in perfect condition when you arrive at the Nationals. Any necessary repairs will be at the fencer's own expense.

**TROPHIES:** All 1967 winners of trophies are expected to bring them or have them delivered to the competition. Trophies are to be returned polished and in good condition.

**PUBLICITY:** The publicity at a National Championship depends on the competitors themselves. The more information that can be given to the news media, not only about winners but also about other interesting competitors, the better the coverage. To have this information available for pre-releases and at the time of the event, all competitors are asked to submit the following data to Isadore Wasserman, 2855 Leonard Drive #410, North Miami Beach, Florida 33160:

Name, address, age, college (or high school), occupation, employer, club or team affiliation, major achievements in fencing, marital and family facts, additional items of interest and a sharp 2 in. by 2 in. photograph.

It is requested that each contestant notify his local news media, giving the above facts and requesting that they report the wire service stories particularly as they concern him.

**HOUSING:** Arrangements have been made for housing at \$7.00 per day for a single, \$10.00 per day for a double. The Hotel will have free parking and is located opposite the Auditorium. For further details contact Mr. Fred Sharfstein, 7344 SW 82nd Street #C110, Miami, Florida 33143.

**BOUT COMMITTEE:** William Latzko and Ed McFarland, co-chairmen.

**COMPETITIONS:** Pools will be made up in advance and strips assigned 10 - minutes prior to starting time. Byes, if any, are given for the convenience of the Bout Committee in conducting the preliminary rounds. Byes will be scratched if they are not available to officiate at the assigned time.

**SCHEDULE:** At the direction of the Board of Directors, the schedule provides for the finals of each individual event to be on a day after the preliminary event. The following schedule has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Board:

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Wood, Sharon Tate, Lynn Froman, Stephanie Powers, and many others.

# APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

1968 National Championship Tournament

	EVENT (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)		QUALIFICATION GIVE PLACEMENT		CLASS (A, B, C, or Uncluss.)	Ranking (if any)	(\$5 per Event)
	NATIONALS UNDER 19	AUTOMATIC (applicable)	Regular Qualifier	or Alternate			
FOIL							
EPEE							
SABRE							
WOMEN'S							Plus Registered Fee \$5.00

PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ TO ATTEND GALA DINNER DANCE

EXTRA GALA TICKETS AT \$5/PERSON, No. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (street) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

TO CONFIRM REGISTRATION (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that I am duly qualified to the 1968 Nationals and have paid my AFLA dues.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

line 21 Reception  
line 29 Annual Meeting of the League,  
Gala Night Dinner/Dance

## KANSAS

by Reto Engler

For Olympic benefit tournament raised funds  
for the Olympic Team and resulted as follows:

1. Old, KC Metro; 2. Kanter, KCFS; 3.  
Kramer, KCM.

1. Old, KCM; 2. Mercer, KCM; 3. Engler,  
FC.

Participants: 1. Stovall, KCFC; 2. Claudell, KCFC; 3.  
Sullivan, KCFC.

## LONG ISLAND

by William Streeter

Open: 1. M. Kamki, Santelli; 2. U. Jones,  
Santelli; 3. J. Aviles, NYU.

Time	Day	Morning Event
22	Saturday	Saber Individual
23	Sunday	Foil Individual
24	Monday	Saber Team through finals
25	Tuesday	Women's Individual and Foil Team
26	Wednesday	Epee Individual and Saber Under 19
27	Thursday	Women's Team through finals
28	Friday	Epee Team and Women's Under 19
29	Saturday	Foil Under 19

## Evening Event

Epee Under 19
Saber Individual final
Foil Individual final
Foil Team Final
Women's Individual final
Epee Individual final
Epee Team final

## ARIZONA

by Denise Gordon

We've instituted Unclassified fencing events for  
people fencing one year or less to encourage  
beginners and prevent the frustration that occurs  
when a tyro is matched against an advanced  
fencer. Results:

**Sabre:** 1. Ben Vigil, TFG; 2. Bob Smith, Desert  
Knights; 3. Mike Galloway, DK.

**Epee:** 1. Rush Faber, ASU; 2. Allan Lewis, Unatt;  
3. Ben Vigil, TFG.

**Foil:** 1. Allen Lewis, Unatt; 2. Mike Galloway,  
DK; 3. Ben Vigil, TFG.

**Women:** 1. Yvonne Gallego, TFG; 2. Linda Jordan,  
ASU, 3. Shirley Perry, TFG.

**Women Novice:** 1. Maggie Finnegan, Scotts; 2.  
Banjo Gonzales, TFG; 3. Aida Frederico, TFG.

**Foil Novice:** 1. Frank Wesley, DK; 2. Jack  
Stevens, DK; 3. Jose Budet, Scotts.

## OREGON

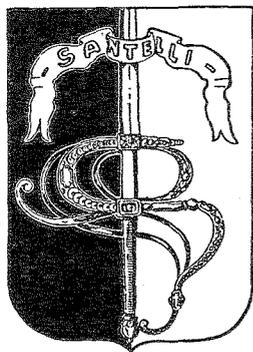
by Marilyn de Hernandez

**Foil 'C':** 1. Stephen Robinson, Reed College; 2  
Simon de Hernandez, Portland FC; 3. Law-  
rence Lahm, Reed College.

**Women's 'C':** 1. Coleen Olney, Unatt; 2. Marilyn  
de Hernandez, Oregon Cadre; 3. Gretchen Stark-  
weather, Salem Y.



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# APPLICATION FOR TEAM ENTRY

1968 National Championship Tournament

## Divisional Place

Team Event	Qual.	Alt.	TEAM MEMBERS	Fees	
				Registration	Team (\$10 Per Event)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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If any team member is not entered in the \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 individual events, mark (G) after name. \_\_\_\_\_ Team Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra Gala Tickets at \$5. per person - # \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Gala \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

entry acceptance to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

I certify this (these) team and its members are eligible to enter the 1967 National Championships.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

# THE WAY I SAW IT

by Nicholas G. Toth  
 U. S. Air Force Academy

The coaches' report is an interesting cut-away illustration on the quality of fencing in the World Championships at Montreal. Of course, everyone saw it in a different light. Some of the reports are humorous, others are pessimistic or lethargic depending on what and how they saw it.

The coaches who went to Montreal were not organized for such an important project. We worked (observed) as separate individuals. During the events some coaches were sitting in the bleachers as well mannered spectators, others invaded the floor, contacted foreign coaches amateurs, and were begging for "new" ideas in coaching and conditioning. This oversolicitous attitude was ridiculous. Could this not have been done more discreetly as the Russians did to us in Helsinki and Melbourne when they filmed all workouts in all Olympic events? Had we no desire to obtain an effective research on their cadence and tactics at Montreal by shooting films on the actions in all three weapons? Seeing something and then talking about it from memory, without hard facts and data, is not research but only conversation.

I was mainly interested in seeing the new "technique" in sabre fencing which has already "conquered" the fencing world. I was also glad to see old European friends, who are coaches and authorities in this field. Regarding this victorious new "technique" — I sincerely regret it, but I come home almost empty handed. However I observed some minor changes in tactics which are culminating into a kind of simplification based on inferior, but not a superior technique. To simplify a bout from superiority makes it a different game than the bouts we saw at Montreal. Sure, the Russians are good in this advocated simplification. It is fine for them, but it should not be recommended for other nations in the world. The Hungarians, the Italians, and the French are disregarding it.

I also observed some changes in the introduction of the attack which are closely related to other minor change in tactics. At

this time, I do not wish to talk about timing, reflexes, physical conditioning or speed — they are all "old hat" in fencing. From my observations, I would like to point out the DISTANCE, which stands in first place in order of importance (distance, timing, speed). It is evident to me why the Russians have built up and based their tactics on distance. Let us examine these distance-tactics sequence by sequence.

1. When both fencers go on-guard behind the on-guard line, they will be out of distance. To keep this out-of-distance position, the idea in the Hungarian system is —after the command "fence", do not jump or step forward immediately (sometimes) but stay out of distance. During the preparation, close it little by little, or let the opponent close it for you. This idea has been changed in the Russian tactics. The attacker closes it without preparation — rapidly, and drastically. They do not let the opponent settle down mentally, but try hard to beat him in "his mind".

2. How? From out-of-distance, they initiate a balestra, which puts the opponent off-balance. Then with the gained speed, they switch to a series of rapid steps and close in to a middle or many times small distance. During the rush they stay in tierce position — no blade transition whatsoever — sometimes a counter tierce, but that is all.

3. If this series of forward motions were initiated in good time, the opponent would be unable to run away, but freeze in.

4. If it was not initiated in time, the opponent would be able to retreat by crossing the legs (walking backward) but many times would fall on his bottom. This is new, and this is technique, but non-aesthetic.

5. If the opponent is able to escape without a fall, then the rushing in would be a senseless chase.

6. Take the sequence now — when the distance is closed successfully, the opponent is frozen in. They execute a straight head-cut or a dry-cut to the chest (dry-cut is without slashing). The question is — Who can parry a cut from close distance? Almost no fencer in the world — but it is more than that. It is the time-breaking element which will greatly help to finish the attack successfully. This time breaking will occur

for a fraction of a second after closing fence. I want to note here that this is the simplest form of the varied attacks the Hungarian sabre system. They used this variation successfully against the United States Sabre Team. Unfortunately, our team had no ammunition to use against it.

The second possibility is (from the opponent's side), after closing in the opponent will be unable (refuse) to parry. Then a better type cut-in will happen. This cut-in is a reflex movement, but many times is a forced action by tactics to eliminate the fencer's right of way. **And this is the beginning of the low level sabre fencing.** With counter attacks and parry riposte the sent sabre fencing does not require brain-k, but footwork only. No doubt about it, excitement and the effort of it are gone. Why has the sabre fencing fallen back in the last ten years? This subject requires much more study, before we can determine the sent decay.

Dr. Bukantz is right — the Russians are doing almost every movement by second intention. When they are charging they are ready to parry any counter attack, which unfortunately never comes. Against the tied tierce position, the stop-cut will be left; against time thrust, or tempo cut, they are ready all the time.

To judge this rushing type bout is not easy. The director of the jury must distinguish between the phases of the rushing cause the balestra and the steps are not parts of the attack. Some eastern European directors interpreted this composite-rushing as an attack (this is another gimmick in sabre tactics). However, Montano (World Champion in 1938 and in 1947) who as a director did an excellent job, broke the rushing into parts. He accepted the final movement only as an attack, therefore, throwing more actions than any other director. In one bout, he threw out thirteen.

The Russian teams are extremely cohesive. During the tournament, they coached stantly. The coaches and the teams were tied together and everyone was observing the opponent. As a result of this observation they advised the fencer, who was on deck, at to do against the next opponent. Even without observation they had a tremendous

psychological advantage over every opponent. First, they are excellent competitors, their attitude is correct, then the myth which their quick success has built up for them, helped overwhelmingly against the competitors who were not sure of themselves. Oh, boy! "The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming!" and the fencer who is not strong enough mentally has already lost the bout on deck.

All in all, I talked with Hungarian, French, and Italian authorities concerning these rushing tactics and simplification but I received only a smile. They are not willing to recognize it as a new combative system. Many of them claim it is just a temporary declination and the good sabre fencing will resume again.

## FENCING COURSES FOR WOMEN

The instruction of physical education oriented persons in fencing techniques present one of the greatest challenges facing us in accelerating the development of fencing. Only by establishment of regular courses can we provide the many instructors so necessary at inaugurate fencing programs in schools throughout the country.

In the Metropolitan-New York area, Miss Julia Jones, fencing coach at Hunter College, conducts a basic fencing course and an advanced fencing course for women only — at the School of General Studies of Hunter College.

The basic fencing course is offered in the fall term — the advanced course in the spring term. Both courses consist of 30 semester hours and are scheduled between the hours of 6 to 8 PM. The courses are available to regular students of the college and also are open to all other persons interested in fencing. Credits are provided to those students successfully completing the course.

Details as to a description of the courses, admission data, costs, etc., can be obtained by writing to Miss Julia Jones, Department of Physical Education, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

## BY-LAWS OF THE AMATEUR FENCERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Amend ARTICLE I to read as follows:

The name of this Corporation shall be "The Amateur Fencers League of America, Incorporated." The Corporation is chartered and exists under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is qualified as a tax exempt organization under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

**COMMENT:** The Tax exempt status of the Corporation is expressly mentioned.

ARTICLES II and III remain unchanged.

Amend ARTICLE IV to read as follows:

### ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1. All persons who have met their obligations with respect to payment of dues as hereinafter provided in Article V shall be members of the Corporation.

Section 2. Membership shall be of six classes: Honorary, Active, Collegiate, Student, Associate, and Life.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be open to anyone who shall have rendered distinguished service to the cause of fencing. A candidate shall be elected an Honorary Member of the Corporation by the Board of Directors of the Corporation upon a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting. Honorary Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Life Members.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all persons upon payment of the dues specified in these By-Laws.

COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all persons who have attained the age of 19 but have not reached their 25th birthday as of the beginning of the current fiscal year upon payment of the dues for the current year as specified in these By-Laws.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all persons who have not yet attained the age of 19 as of the beginning of the current fiscal year upon payment of the dues for the current year as specified in these By-Laws.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person upon payment of the dues as specified in these By-Laws. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active Members, subject to the limitation that they shall not be entitled to fence in competitions.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all persons upon payment to the Corporation of the Life Membership fee specified in these By-Laws. Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active Members, but shall be exempt from the obligation of paying dues subsequent to the payment of the Life Membership fee.

Section 3. All members, except Associate Members, shall be entitled to participate in any competition held under the auspices of the Corporation, subject to the limitations of these By-Laws and to such regulations and limitations as the Board of Directors may from time to time lay down with respect to particular categories or classes of members or competitions.

All members who have paid their dues, as specified in these By-Laws, on or before February 1st of each fiscal year and who have attained their 21st birthday as of that date shall have the right to vote on all matters that may be voted upon by the Corporation pursuant to these By-Laws and, to hold any office to which they may be elected or appointed provided that only amateurs may be elected as an officer of the Corporation. The date of admission to membership is determined according to the provisions of Article V.

Section 4. Membership shall not entitle any member to any share in the assets of the Corporation, all of which are hereby declared to be irrevocably dedicated to the charitable purposes set forth in Article II of these By-Laws. All rights and privileges of membership shall cease upon death, resignation, expulsion or failure to pay dues.

**COMMENT:** The present practice of accepting into membership all persons who tender their dues is written into the By-Laws. The category of Associate Life Membership has been eliminated. Election to honorary membership has been made somewhat easier.

Voting rights and qualification to hold office have been clarified in light of questions which have arisen heretofore.

In order to conform with international practice, professionals are made eligible to become active members of the League with all rights and privileges except the right to hold corporate office.

The category of Associate Membership has been redefined so as to include adherents of the League who do not engage in competitions.

The definition of "amateur status" (formerly Section 2) has been deleted from this Article and included in a later article dealing with the disciplinary powers of the Board of Directors.

Amend ARTICLE V to read as follows:

Section 1. The schedule of annual dues of the Amateur Fencers League of America shall be as follows:

Class of Membership	Annual Dues Prepaid	
	Annual Dues	for a 3-year period
Active	\$10.00	\$25.00
Collegiate	6.00	15.00
Associate	3.00	7.50
Student	2.00	5.00

All annual dues shall be paid directly to the Secretary of the Corporation or his duly authorized agent.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be allocated according to the following schedule, and Divisional and Sectional shares of dues shall be paid by the Secretary of the Corporation to the Treasurers of the Section and divisions to be retained by them.

Class of Membership	Allocation	
	Divisional Share	Annual Dues Sectional Share
Active	\$3.00	\$1.00
Collegiate	1.00	1.00
Associate	1.00	
Student	1.00	

**Annual Dues**

**Prepaid on 3-Year Basis**

	Section Share	Divisional Share
ive	\$2.50	\$7.50
egiate	2.50	2.50
ociate		2.50
lent		2.50

Where the division is not a member of a unified section, the Sectional share of dues shall be paid by the Secretary of the Corporation to the Treasurer of the Division to be retained by the Division.

Section 3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE. The Life membership fee shall be \$150.00. One-half of this shall be paid over by the Secretary of the Corporation to the Treasurer of the Division to which the member belongs to be retained by the Division, except that if the member also belongs to a section, the Secretary of the Corporation shall pay to the Treasurer of the Section \$10.00 to be retained by the section, and \$68.00 to the Treasurer of the Division.

Section 4. All dues are payable on application for membership and thereafter on or before the first of each fiscal year.

Section 5. All dues paid to the Secretary of the Corporation shall be recorded by him and unless designated to a section or division paid over to the Treasurer for general Corporation purposes.

Section 6. A new member is not admitted to membership and an old member is not in good standing until his dues and fees have been received by the Secretary of the Corporation or by a duly authorized agent thereof.

**COMMENT:** The changes implement the proposed three-year membership system and provide for an improved, efficient system of direct national billing.

The amendments also make it clear that persons who have not paid their dues cease to become members of the Corporation.

Amend ARTICLE VI to read as follows:

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President for each established Section of the Corporation, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the A.F.L.A., Inc. and of the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties usually pertain to that office and which are inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Section 3. The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as the President shall delegate to him.

Section 4. The Sectional Vice Presidents shall act as chairmen of their respective Sections and in order of their seniority (or if of equal service, then by drawing lots) in the absence of the Vice President, and the Executive Vice President shall act as chairmen of all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors. Each Sectional Vice President shall within a time specified by the Secretary of the Corporation, file with the Secretary of the Corporation a report of the finances and activities of his Section for the current year.

Section 5. The Secretary shall conduct all official

correspondence of the Corporation, keep a record of all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, issue notices to members of all meetings of the Corporation, and perform such duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by these By-Laws or by the President. If the Board appoints a Recording and/or Corresponding Secretary, the Secretary shall prescribe their duties and supervise their activities.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Corporation; shall receive all moneys, fees, dues, etc.; shall pay all bills approved by the Board of Directors; and shall preserve vouchers for such disbursements. The Treasurer shall, at the Annual Meeting, submit a report, audited by a committee of the Board of Directors, of the financial transactions of the preceding fiscal year. The Treasurer shall keep all funds of the Corporation in such account or accounts, each subject to withdrawals upon such signature or signatures, as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 7. Before exercising their offices the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall each file such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board of Directors may approve.

**COMMENT:** To provide for a more efficient, streamlined and capable management, a new post of Executive Vice President has been created. The post of Foreign Secretary has been eliminated as unnecessary to the effective management of the Corporation.

Amend ARTICLE VII to read as follows:

Section 1. Responsibility for the general management and policies of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of the officers of the Corporation, the Chairman of each Division of the Corporation and Additional Directors from the Divisions of the number hereinafter specified.

(a) Each Division shall be entitled to one Additional Director for the first seventy-five members and an Additional Director for each succeeding seventy-five members or major fraction thereof. Members, for purposes of entitlement to Additional Directors, shall be in good standing as of the end of the preceding fiscal year.

Section 2. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the membership of the Corporation in the manner specified in these By-Laws.

The Divisional Chairmen and Additional Directors, if any, of each Division shall be elected annually by the membership of each Division in the manner specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation and of the Division.

(a) In the elections for Additional Directors each divisional member eligible to vote shall be entitled to cast as many votes as there are Additional Directors to be elected. Each such member may cast the whole number of his votes for one nominee or distribute them upon two or more nominees as he may prefer.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be vested with full powers of management of the Corporation subject to these By-Laws.

Section 4. At any meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be seven members present in person. On failure of a quorum a lesser number shall have the power to adjourn to a given time and place. The date, place and time of each meeting shall be designated by the President.

Section 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be convened, upon not less than fourteen days' notice, during the month of September.

Section 6. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may, and upon written request of seven or more members must, be called by the President on fourteen days' notice. All notices shall state the object of the meeting, and business not mentioned therein may not be acted on at any Special Meeting, except that appropriations shall be in order at any meeting of the Board without notice.

Section 7. Voting by Mail.

(a) Any specific question or matter which might be passed at a special Meeting of the Board shall be submitted to a vote by mail at the discretion of the President, or upon written request of any seven members of the Board of Directors who hold membership, in the aggregate, in three or more Divisions.

(b) On votes by mail, the Secretary of the Corporation shall mail to each member of the Board a clear statement of the question to be voted upon, and of the date on which voting shall be closed, with a request that each member cast his vote thereon and communicate it to the Secretary prior to the closing date. The closing date shall be not less than fourteen days after the mailing of the question.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall have power to constitute an Executive Committee composed of not less than five members which Committee shall include the President, the Executive Vice President and the Secretary. Such Executive Committee, if constituted by the Board, shall have such powers as the Board may by resolution prescribe; provided, however, that the power so delegated shall be limited to the power to take action until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. The Board of Directors may appoint a Recording and/or Corresponding Secretary to serve without vote until the subsequent Annual Meeting of the Board and to perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Board, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 10. The Board of Directors shall appoint annually legal counsel to advise and represent the Corporation, its directors and officers.

Section 11. The Board of Directors shall have power to define amateur status and in the absence of action to the contrary the Board of Directors shall be deemed to have adopted the following definition:

An amateur fencer is one who participates in fencing solely for the love of the sport, who has not derived direct or indirect financial benefits from competition or exhibitions in fencing and who has never been a professional teacher of fencing or a professional competitor or trainer in any branch of athletics or who

has been reinstated as an Amateur by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the sole power to interpret this Section, to enact an amateur code for the guidance of the members of the Corporation; to prescribe and apply disciplinary penalties for infractions of the amateur code, including warning, reprimand and temporary or permanent suspension from amateur competition, according to the circumstances, and to grant reinstatement hereunder. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States duly appointed or assigned as instructors of fencing are exempt from the provisions of this section when in the discharge of such official duty.

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall have power to formulate, establish, and publish the rules governing all amateur member fencing competitions and all exhibitions in which an amateur member of the Corporation shall participate, and in the absence of action to the contrary the Board of Directors shall be deemed to have formulated, established and published the following rules:

(a) All amateur fencing competitions in the United States, its territories and possessions, shall be conducted only under the rules and sanction of the Amateur Fencers League of America, Incorporated.

(b) An amateur fencer willfully competing in competition in the United States, its territories and possession, not held under the rules and sanction of the A.F.L.A., INC., shall be liable to suspension and may be held ineligible to enter any contest under Corporation auspices for such period of time as the Board of Directors may determine.

(c) Any amateur knowingly competing in fencing competition who has been suspended or disqualified by the Board of Directors of this Corporation renders himself liable to suspension and may be held ineligible to enter any contest under Corporation auspices for such period of time as the Board of Directors may determine.

(d) Professionals shall be permitted to compete in amateur competitions only under such rules and conditions as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 13. Board of Directors to arrange for National Championships. The Board of Directors shall receive bids from the various divisions to hold the annual National Championship Tournament and shall select the time and place thereof. In no event shall the National Championship Tournament be held prior to the 30th day from the mailing of notice pursuant to Section 2 of Article XII.

Section 14. Disciplinary Powers of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members voting shall have power to reprimand, suspend, deny continuation of membership to, or expel any member whose conduct may be deemed detrimental to the welfare, interests or character of the Corporation, always provided, however, that any action other than reprimand may be taken only after the following conditions have been satisfied: (a) notice must be served upon

members of the Board and upon the member first whom the proposed action is to be taken, and forth generally the character of the conforming the basis for the proposed action; (b) if requested by the member to be dissolved or by three members of the Board, ten days after the mailing of notice of proposed action, a committee of not less than three members of the Corporation must be appointed by the President to investigate the act charged against the member, said committee must give the member an opportunity to be heard in respect of the charge and, after completing its investigation, must file a report favoring action proposed to be taken by the Board.

Section 15. The Board of Directors may in their election, and upon the same vote as is provided the election of Honorary Members in Article of these By-Laws, elect an Honorary President, Honorary Vice President and/or an Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Any such honorary officer shall be elected for life and shall be entitled to all the privileges of an Honorary Member and to attend meetings of the Board of Directors but shall not be entitled to vote as a member of the Board.

**COMMENT:** The size of the present Board of Directors is already too large and cumbersome and tends to prevent effective representation of the membership. As membership in the Corporation continues to grow, so will the number of directors. Accordingly, Divisions will be entitled to additional directors for each 75 members or major fraction thereof instead of each 35 members.

The minimum time required for the giving of notice of meetings of the Board of Directors has been increased.

In view of the cost involved in submitting matters to a mail vote of the Board of Directors, the minimum number of directors required to authorize such a procedure has been raised from 4 to 7. Adopting international practice, professionals are permitted to compete in amateur competitions under such regulations as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Investigation of disciplinary action may be taken by three members of the Board. Recent experience shows that the five members presently required by the By-Laws is unrealistic.

Amend ARTICLE VIII to read as follows: Reading of Minutes

Report of Officers and Committees  
Proposed Amendments to By-Laws (when appropriate)

Resolutions (when appropriate)  
Unfinished Business  
New Business

**COMMENT:** The change effects a more convenient order of business.

Amend ARTICLE IX to read as follows: Unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws in the Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation, the procedure at meetings shall be governed by the provisions of Roberts Rules of Order.

**COMMENT:** This amendment eliminates the confusion between the direction to follow Robert's Rules of Order and the statement that the

normal form of debate shall be informal discussion.

Amend ARTICLE X to read as follows:  
Section 1. Subject to the provisions of these By-Laws, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors or of its Executive Committee, shall have power to create and appoint the members of such standing and special committees as he may deem necessary or appropriate, designate the chairmen thereof, and assign functions thereto.

Section 2. Every committee shall meet from time to time at the call of the Chairman thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman to call a meeting upon the written request of a majority of the members of his committee or of the President.

Section 3. The Chairman of each Committee shall transmit a full report of its activities to the President of the Corporation prior to the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, and each Committee shall make such special reports as the President or Board of Directors shall direct.

**COMMENT:** The amendment supplies the missing steps from the procedure for appointment of committees and clarifies the role of the President in appointing committees.

Amend ARTICLE XI Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 as follows:

"Section 2. Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called by the President or the Board of Directors at a time", etc.

"Section 3. At the Annual Meeting there shall be elected by the membership a Nominating Committee of not less than five voting members of the Corporation which shall nominate candidates for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Sectional Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and for the National Divisional Directors, which candidates shall be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting.

A motion to close nomination for members of the Nominating Committee shall not be in order until nominations have been made of members of the Corporation who are members of at least five different", etc.

Section 4. Change "ten" to "fifty" in second line.

Section 6. Change "or until" to "and until" in last line.

Section 8. Vacancies in the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Sectional Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or National Divisional Directors, occurring between Annual Meetings shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.

**COMMENT:** In view of the present and prospective size of the corporate membership, a provision that ten members of the Corporation can, by the making of an additional nomination, trigger a costly election contest is frivolous.

To insure that a nominee has at least some minimal support, his candidacy must be supported by not less than 50 voting members of the Corporation. This represents approximately 1% of the estimated 1968 membership of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII remains unchanged.

Amend ARTICLE XIII, Sections 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 to read:

Section 1. Amend first paragraph to read:  
In order to facilitate the development of fencing in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, the Board of Directors may, upon application in conformance with these By-Laws, create administrative units to be known as Divisions. Such divisions shall be created by a charter designating the territorial limits of jurisdiction and setting forth such powers as the Board may prescribe and reserving to the Board the right and power to rescind or amend such charter at its discretion or when the total number of members in the division has fallen below ten.

Section 4. The application for a Charter, addressed to the Secretary of the Corporation, shall be signed by not less than ten persons, accompanied by the dues and fees for the current year prescribed in these By-Laws and outlining the territorial jurisdiction sought for the proposed Division.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall, at its discretion, grant or deny the request for a Charter. If granted, the Charter shall be the Constitution of the Division and the members thereof shall, within six months, adopt rules for the administration of local affairs not inconsistent with these By-Laws and submit a copy to the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 7. At the Annual Meeting of the Division there shall be elected a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, (or Secretary-Treasurer), Additional Directors and members of the Executive Committee.

Section 8. The management of the Division shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall consist of the election officers and directors and other annually elected members in accordance with Section 7 of this Article.

Section 9. The Division Chairman shall, within the time and format specified by the Secretary of the Corporation a complete report of the membership, finances and activities of the Division for the current year.

(Sections 10 and 11 are deleted; Sections 12, 31 and 14 to be renumbered 10, 11 and 12)

**COMMENT:** The present detailed requirements for divisional and sectional administration have been relaxed and greater freedom is accorded the members of divisions and sections to deal with their own affairs.

Amend ARTICLE XIV to read as follows:  
ARTICLE XIV

The National Division

Section 1. All members of the Corporation who are not eligible, or do not apply for membership in a division shall be members of the National Division.

Section 2. The National Division shall be administered by the officers of the Corporation and the Board of Directors.

**COMMENT:** The present "Non-Divisional Group" has been renamed "The National Division".

ARTICLE XV remains unchanged

Amend ARTICLE XVI to read as follows:  
Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing at any Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Corporation called for the purpose

of proposing amendments to the By-Laws upon thirty days written notice, setting forth the general tenor of the amendment or amendments to be proposed at such meeting. Proposed amendments shall be adopted if approved by a majority of those present in person or by proxy and voting at such meeting, subject to the provisions of Article XI, Section 7.

**COMMENT:** Presently amendments to the By-Laws must be proposed and approved at two meetings of the Corporation. This redundant procedure is uncharacteristic of modern corporate and non-profit organization practice. Our past experience indicates that no useful purpose is served by holding two such meetings but that a great deal of expense is unnecessarily incurred thereby. Thirty days written notice of a proposal to amend the By-Laws continues to be required and the notice must set forth the general tenor of the amendments being proposed.

Amend ARTICLE XVII to read as follows:  
These By-Laws shall take effect on September 1, 1964 after their adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation held in Atlantic City on July 10, 1964. Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these By-Laws shall take effect on September 1 next after their adoption. Copies of the amendments so adopted shall be mailed to every Division of the Corporation within thirty days after their adoption and notice of their adoption shall be given to all members. All members of the Corporation who shall not have tendered a resignation prior to the effective date of these By-Laws shall be deemed to have accepted their provisions and to have waived any rights which they may have had theretofore pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws in effect prior to the taking effect of these By-Laws.

Amend ARTICLE XXX as follows:  
Rename Article XXX as Article XVIII. Change "Special Accounts" in the Article to "Separate Accounts", and further amend the first paragraph of Section 3 to read as follows:

Any contributor to the Corporation may direct that his gift be placed, in whole or in part, in one or more of the Separate Accounts provided for in these By-Laws and his instructions shall be carried out by the Board of Directors.

Contributions to such accounts qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under rules of the Internal Revenue Department.

**COMMENT:** This Article has been renumbered and a technical change has been made in the name of the "Special Accounts". Reflecting correct financial terminology, the accounts are not called "Separate Accounts".

## NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors has called a special meeting of the League on April 26, 1968, at 7:00 p.m. in the CBS Building, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York. The meeting has been called to consider proposed changes in the By-Laws (page 13).

## FENCING VISUAL AIDS

**BEGINNING FENCING** — 35mm foil film strips in color and accompanying sound records by Prof. Maxwell Garret of the University of Illinois. Contains excellent data on offense, defense, strategy and tactics. Also related explanatory books "How to Improve Your Fencing" and "Fencing Instructors Guide". Available by purchase or rental from The Athletic Institute, 805 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

**ECHINQUES OF FOIL FENCING** — 16mm black and white film featuring Helene Mayer, former Women's World Champion, in a presentation of fencing positions and actions in normal and slow motion with closeups of hand and foot movements on offense and defense. Available by purchase or rental from The University of California, Extension Film Center, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California 94720.

**BASIC TRAINING OF FOIL FENCING** — 16mm black and white sound film made by master fencers and Olympic coaches from the Hungarian College of Physical Education. Wonderful presentation of foil fundamentals from en-guard position illustrating advance, jump lunge, fencing distances, parries, ripostes, variations of engagements, etc. Available by purchase or rental from the University of California, Extension Film Center, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California 94720. Strongly recommended.

**FENCING - 1964 OLYMPICS — TOKYO, JAPAN** — 16mm black and white film covering men and women training and competitive bouts, individual and team, of world's outstanding fencers plus victory ceremonies. Available by rental only from the AFLA, 33 62nd Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093.

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**LET'S TAKE A TRIP** — 16mm black and white sound film originally prepared by TV personality Sonny Fox. Outstanding propaganda film made at the Fencer's Club in New York City.

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9. **MAN OF PEACE** — 16mm black and white sound film originally prepared for the TV Fireside Theatre starring RALPH FAULKNER, former Olympian, in title role. Superb propaganda film based on the Olympic motto that participation is more important than winning and features the sport of fencing to emphasize the qualities of sportsmanship. Available by rental only from the AFLA, 33 62nd Street, West New York, New Jersey, 07093.

## FUND RAISING BY USE OF AFLA DECAL

Responses to sales of the AFLA DECAL as originally outlined in the November issue of American Fencing have been most encouraging. The funds received are being added to the International and United States Development Trust Funds.

We believe that the AFLA Decal could be used by AFLA DIVISIONS in their fund raising campaigns and we have established a procedure which will provide that the amounts received from the sale of decals will be divided equally between the National Office and the respective AFLA Divisions — that is 50¢ each entity.

To accomplish this, your National Office proposes to sell the decals to AFLA Divisions for 50¢ each, in minimum quantities of 50. As such decals are sold to individuals for \$1.00 each, the Divisions will enhance their treasuries by 50¢ for each decal sold. Such procedure will minimize the outlay of money by each Division and facilitate the administration of the plan. In ordering the decals, please forward your check to our AFLA National Secretary, Mr. Latzko, 33 — 62nd St., West New York, New Jersey, 07093.

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President - AFLA



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## ALO SANTELLI MEMORIAL

by Richard Gradkowski

The third annual Italo Santelli Memorial fencing competition for high school boys held on January 20, at St. Johns University in Jamaica. Organized and managed by Frank Solymosi of St. Johns, the pop-met drew 59 entries from 16 New York high schools. The hard fought competition saw the early elimination of Craig Jack-PSAL champion, and resulted in a one-sweep for Martin Van Buren High School's Steve Star and Gus Nicholson. The boys brought their proud coach, Mr. Syng, the set of beautiful trophies donated by Maestro Georgio Santelli, son of the famous Italo Santelli. In a well deserved place was Robert Berger of Stuyvesant High School's New York City championship. The well organized meet was officiated by top Metropolitan and Long Island directors headed by Norman Lewis, AFLA ident.

### FINAL RESULTS

Steve Star, M. Van Buren H.S. (5-0); 2 Gus Nicholson, M. Van Buren H.S. (4-1); 3. Robert Berger, Stuyvesant H.S. (3-2); 4. Curtis Gatz, Stuyvesant H.S. (1-4); 5. Edward Ballinger, Hewitt Clinton H.S. (1-4); 6. Steve Gall, Stuyvesant H.S. (1-4)

## CORRECTIONS IN DIRECTORY

**Colorado** — Chairman Elizabeth Hyland, 1367 Larson Lane, Denver 80233.

**England** — Additional Director Ed Richards — address is 41 Central Ave., Lewtonville, Mass. 02160.

## BASIC TRAINING OF FOIL FENCING

6mm, black and white, sound film, 22 minutes. Sale \$135.00, rental \$9.00.

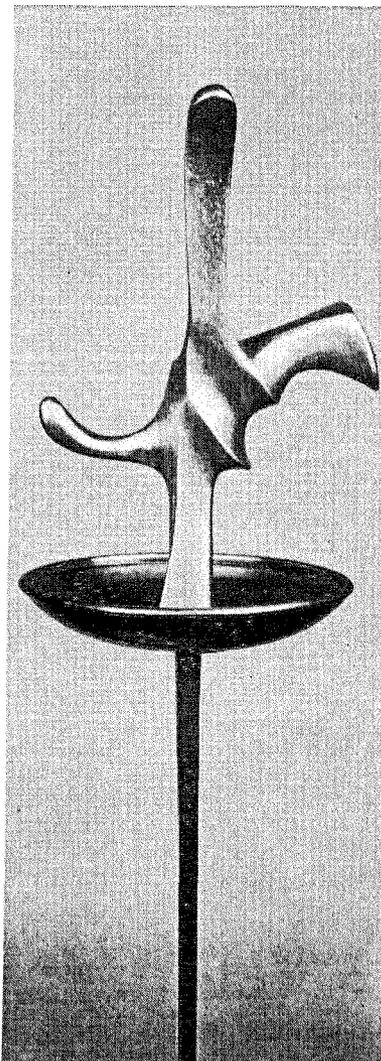
This film was prepared by Master Fencers who coached for Olympic teams and championships from the Hungarian College of Physical Education in Budapest. It begins with basic training in foil fencing; correct guard position from front line and through the use of slow-motion, stills and trick-shots), advance forward, step back,

jump, lunge, and left leg sit. Parts of the foil are shown; its dimensions, various types of grips, and correct gripping and hand positions are discussed. The valid target is shown through the use of trick-shots. Instruction continues with invitations, fencing distances, straight thrust from various fencing distances against various invitations, fundamental parries, semi-circle parries, circle parries, thrust-party-thrust exercises, variations of engagements, transfers, croises and their parries, beats, beat-thrust and its variations, and evasions. The film concludes by showing a master and a student fencer demonstrating the exercises and basic elements. Authors of the film are Master Fencers Bela Bay and Jozsel Hatszegi. English narration. (Distributed in the U. S. by University of California Extension Media Center, Berkeley, Calif. 94720).

**Note:** This film is outstanding and strongly recommended for viewing.

## WORKSHOP

"The Women's Physical Education Department at Wisconsin State University, La Crosse, will present a two week workshop in fencing, June 10 — June 21. Emphasis will be placed on teaching and coaching techniques utilizing group instruction, group-paired instruction and individual instruction methods. The course will include fencing customs and courtesies, skill progressions, safety, mobility exercises, officiating, scoring and timing, conditioning, planning meets and a discussion of the rules and terminology. There will also be discussions on the purchase, care and use of equipment, as well as a demonstration of electrical equipment. The work will include six hours daily in lecture and activity. Visiting lecturer will be Professor Maxwell Garret, University of Illinois Fencing Coach and former U. S. Olympic Squad Coach. In addition, there will be other outstanding visiting lecturers. The workshop may be taken for graduate (P. E. 660) or undergraduate (P.O. 460) credit. Those interested may contact Dr. Ernest Gershon, Workshop Director, Mitchell Hall, Wisconsin State University, La Crosse, Wisconsin.



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## COMMENTS TO ACTUALITIES

by Dr. Edo Marion

Harvard University Fencing Coach

Following each Olympic or World Championships for years, we have been reading in **American Fencing**, the whining over poor performances by our fencers. National team coaches and captains reiterate "lack of international experience"; this is true, but now boring.

Articles by Michel Alaux and Mel North the November 1967 issue, however, are refreshing and constructive critiques. In the following I shall try to answer the perpetual question: Why is the performance of American fencing so far behind that of Europe? I shall try to both explain the causes and suggest ways toward improvement. The first question should be: Is there a shortage of good, competent fencing masters in the United States? The answer is a definite yes. Second, are those recognized as superior fencing masters truly good, knowledgeable and generally equal to top coaches abroad? Yes, they are, and furthermore there is an abundant supply of such coaching for the number of amateurs who aim and strive for national ranking and for places on the national teams. Third then, is it the coaches' fault that the level of the United States international competitiveness has not risen in the last 35 years? The answer is not directly, but indirectly, yes it is. How?

Unlike Europe, fencing in America draws most exclusively from Colleges and Universities. But so do other sports, and Americans are among the best in these. Here, however, we meet a small but important difference. With few exceptions until recently, fencing here begins in Colleges, i. e., the beginner is typically aged 18. Is this too old to begin? I say definitely not. Why is it then that College fencers going on into amateur fencing after graduation have never really made it? The coaching during College? Yes, but only indirectly, as stated above. The situation of a fencing master at College offering fencing as an intercollegiate sport is something as follows. Freshman turnout is enormous. Sixty percent of his turnout consists of students seeking physical training credits against the school's

requirements, or non-athletes motivated by curiosity. Another twenty percent are boys unsuccessful in high school sports, attracted to fencing by its novelty, and what is often the first opportunity to study it. The last twenty percent are athletes and hitherto non-athletes, who are really interested and willing to learn fencing. After a week the freshman class shrinks to half its starting size; dabblers find the sport difficult, with less immediate fun than expected. Three weeks later still, the precipitation is completed, and for the remainder of the year the coach continues with about one quarter the starting number, which class we wish to assume will contain all the fencing talent.

Seven or eight weeks after the first day of instruction, intercollegiate dual meets begin, and so does the nightmare of any coach. Here is where the first and the principle trouble with American fencing occurs; and here, as said above, it is indirectly the responsibility of the coaches. Because they alone have the responsibility for the extent and depth of the fencing program which they teach their first year pupils. We all know that a beginner cannot be made ready for competition in a year, no less within two months. But, regardless of preparedness, a freshman team must be produced and fielded. Coaches, concerned mainly with having a winning freshman team; instead of restraining the beginners' natural impulse to fight, encourage time actions, remises, running attacks all far beyond the beginners' comprehension. Such teaching may produce success in the first year. A fencer who has been taught time actions before style, footwork, hand mechanics and a sense of defense have developed will never arrive at a top level of fencing no matter what his talent. We all know how easily and quickly we adopt bad, wrong fencing habits, and how long it takes to correct even a single one of them. In brief, the first and main reason for America's low international level is that we start our beginners prematurely in full scale competition, for which they are not yet ready.

Another, no lesser contribution to low international performance, are AFLA fencers who assume responsibilities of directing AFLA and intercollegiate competitions with-

out nearly enough competence or a general knowledge of fencing right-of-way to direct correctly and to consistently and correctly interpret actions and counter-actions.

American fencing is losing many great talents who get annoyed and quit the sport because of the often too large gap between what the coach teaches and how the bad directors apply the rule of right-of-way. Let me dwell a little on this point.

Electric foil had childhood problems; for a time all over the world the machine dominated directors, the lights pre-empting the action on the strip, rather than serving as side judge to the director's analysis of that action. But for the last few years foil judging has improved, and this revival has saved foil from becoming lightweight epee with a limited target.

We are all greatly concerned over sabre fencing's trend. Once spectacular, the weapon has been for a decade, in the higher level, a boring and disgusting compulsory event, fought in middle distance by contestants addicted to straight actions on the head, out of terror lest a stop cut or thrust interrupt a compound attack. The results are innumerable, simultaneous actions, excusable in the case of beginners in their first bouts but intolerable at higher levels of fencing. The problem is squarely in the hands of the FIE, which should rigorously enforce existing rules of right of way via the body of directors at Olympic and World championships. The effects will be felt immediately at all national and local events throughout the world.

In my opinion, this trend started in the late twenties and thirties. The fleche was then the latest fashion in fencing, introduced by Pulitti and promoted by Attila Petchauer. I remember practicing it for hours as a student at that time. In the early thirties Budapest was the powerhouse of sabre fencing. That now past up-and-coming generation of fencers included Kovacs, Kabos, Gerevich, Rajcsy, Rajcsany and Bercsely. The great master Itallo Santelli, who didn't like the fleche at all, concentrated against it on arm cuts, followed by rapid parryripostes as one movement, developed to extreme perfection and speed. Kabos was known in the fencing circles as

the "**Maniqueur**" for the arm cuts of which he was indisputable master. But he knew other things too. Looking back, the popularity of arm and tempo cuts and thrusts seems to begin at this point, and subsequently to gain favors with directors, who carried their limited validity beyond correct bounds. It reached a point where arm cuts prevailed over simple attacks when both arrived at the same time.

Now, fencers adapt their games to interpretations of the **President de Jury** (director), and thus we arrived, **volens nolens**, to middle distance sabre fencing with all its consequences, which no one likes, neither the fencer and still less, the teacher. Some call it "Modern Fencing" instead of curing it. As in other sports, excepting gymnastics, figure skating and diving, increasing speed and distance have marked current progress and new records, so too in fencing, it is only greater speed that appears to us to be the change from 50 to 60 years ago. On this point some great fencers of the past, now in their eighties, recently expressed to me their feeling that speed was then as it is now a critical asset for success in competition, and rather emphasized that the difference between then and now was that in the past fencers kept the primary concept — hit, without being hit — more in the forefront of their minds. Simultaneous actions were more strenuously eschewed. Today's fencers have to gamble on the officials and their interpretations. As I see it, the future of fencing is in the hands of officials and what is called "Modern Fencing" is actually an adaptation to bad judging. While on the subject of judging I must take up the issue of the bent arm. It is in the last six or eight years that I hear more and more this unfortunate "bent arm" phrase from officials. More than I see it on the strip. There is no reason for an attack with a bent arm to forfeit the right of way. Such a posture is normal to a second intention attack and in actions **contra tempo** anticipating a time action from the opponent to be parried with the completion of the advance, and riposte executed with the lunge, an action technically similar to a double-feint attack in its execution. While there is no question about the priority of a

the action landing when the attackers arm bent, average directors consider the bent as inviting an **a priori** penalty, irrespec- of when the time action arrives. The n bent arm should not be used in offici- ing at all; there is no need of it in order justify a decision. The time action hits proper fencing time, or it does not, re- dless of bent or extended arm.

n conclusion let me outline what should done to raise American fencing up to quality of present international competi- :

1. Extend fencing in high school athletic grams.

2. High school fencing in all cases should taught by qualified coaches or advanced steurs. The latter may be teachers of ar subjects, permitting them to receive without loss of amateur standing.

3. High school fencing should be re- cted to foil in the first year, with special hasis on style and foot mechanics. The .A and NFCAA should specifically recom- d that high school teams should only ude competitors with at least one year instruction behind them.

4. College beginners should not be taught permitted to use tempo actions and fleche all, but only advance-lunge attack and ty ripostes, with special attention to de- pping speed, foot mechanics and style.

5. Freshman dual meets should be di- ed by competent officials and temp ons should be systemically ignored, re- es as well, leaving attacks and party stes as the only scoring actions permitted his level of fencing.

6. AFLA Prep and Novice competitions uld be run under the same restrictions.

7. Fencers and officials need to be re- ded that one, two or multi feint attacks iated from long distance are, if continu- one single attack and not a series of icks, and that a continuous attack car- the right of way with it; time actions not be allowed unless they land a full ing tempo ahead of the attacker's hit- ) action. American fencers and officials ) should be reminded that mere opposi- ) to a beat or **filo (coule)** does not consti- e a parry, and too, that a disengagement **coupe** in tempo takes the right of way

from an unsuccessful attempt to beat, or bind, or in general, any type of "**praise de fer**".

8. Nationally ranked fencers, candidates and members of the national team should drill fundamentals, practice limited bouts, attack and defense, and build condition and stamina.

9. AFLA divisions should organize and schedule interdivisional (three or four di- visions) team championships. Such events would stimulate divisional pride, which would have no doubt an important effect on subsequent national competitions.

10. Club team championships should be removed from the Nationals and be fought in the Divisional competitions.

11. Separate National Championships should be held for the Divisional Teams.

12. United States fencing should be fully represented by a National Team at every World Championship, wherever held. Expenses paid by the AFLA should be limited to those incidental to sending the team it- self, the captain and one coach.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON

by Marianne Ray

**Foil Unclass:** 1. Mike Jaross, Portland; 2. Bud James, Seattle FC; 3. Lin Wells, Tacoma FS.

**Women's Unclass:** 1. Diane Rulien, Pac. Luth. U; 2. Virginia Ramm, Seattle FC; 3. Sally Rockett, U of Wash.

**Foil Open:** 1. Madgy Conyd, Vancouver BC; 2. Mike Jaross, Portland; 3. Don Naylor, Portland.

**Women's Open:** 1. Denise Wild, Vancouver BC; 2. Lillian Zahn, Vancouver BC; 3. Marianne Ray, Tacoma FS.

**Women's Dual Draw Team** won by Marianne Ray and Kathy Eckland.

**Sabre Open:** 1. Rich Wayland, USAF; 2. Hassan Khatab, Seattle; 3. John Brekelmans, Van- couver BC.

**Epee Open:** 1. Peter Bakonyi, Vancouver BC; 2. Rich Wayland, USAF; 3. George Beleicicks, Seattle.



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## WASHINGTON D. C.

by Joan Huguenin

**Iskraut Foil:** 1. Bruce Lyons, DCFC; 2. Forrest Carter, WFC; 3. Mike Mamlouk, WFC.

**Darriault Epee:** 1. H. Wallner, Va.; 2. Harry Schaff, WFC; 3. Ronald McMahan, Ft. Lee.

## SECOND RIVIERA FENCING CLASSIC

by Salvatore De Bellis

Although the Classic is not billed as an international competition, this year's event was greatly enhanced by a strong interna- tional field from Canada, Holland, Mexico and Sweden in addition to the four U. S. National Champions and many nationally ranked fencers.

Our appreciation goes to Mr. Goodman, President of the Riviera Hotel for a beauti- ful setting and most attractive trophies; to Elmo Ellsworth, Mr. Goodman's Assistant, who arranged for AFLA sanction and to his charming Secretary Dixie Hawley for her gracious assistance; to Nico and Zita Charisse who helped promote the event; to our Technicians Ben Vigil of Arizona and Eugene Spencer of Southern Cal.; and to the Executive Committee of the Southern Cali- fornia who acted as the Host Division.

The results of the open events

**Foil:** 1. Heizaburo Okawa, Mori; 2. Hans Jacob-

son, Sweden; 3. Dave Micahnik, Csiszar; 4. Magdy Conyd, Canada; 5. Uriah Joones, Santelli; 6. Paul Pesthy, NYAC; 7. Paul Agar, Sacramento; 8. Rudy Martinez, Faulkner; 9. John Beatty, Princeton.

**Epee:** 1. Hans Jacobson, Sweden; 2. Paul Pesthy, NYAC; 3. Dave Micahnik, Csiszar; 4. Peter Bakonyi, Canada; 5. C. Presson, WEFC; 6. Bob Andre, Princeton; 7. Magdy Conyd, Canada; 8. David Shedd, Sacramento; 9. N. Nichless, Salle d'Escrime.

**Sabre:** 1. Al Morales, NYAC; 2. Tom Balla, Csiszar; 3. William Fajardo, Mexico; 4. Paul Pesthy, NYAC; 5. Bob Crawford, Faulkner; 6. Rudy Martinex, Faulkner; 7. George Clovis, Los Angeles AC; 8. Sam Crowe, WEFC.

**Women:** 1. Harriet King, Lucia; 2. Elly Botbiji, Faulkner; 3. Emily Johnson, LGH; 4. Maxine Mitchell, LAFC; 5. Dorothy Ichiyasu, LAFC; 6. Sheila Armstrong, WEFC; 7. Donna Jones, Sacramento; 8. Andrew West, San Antonio.

A special Women's Handicap event was won by Maxine Mitchell, with Harriet King second and Sheila Armstrong third.

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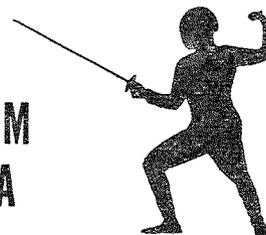
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part of the Riviera Classis, were held in conjunction with it and proved an exciting ture:

**s' Foil:** 1. H. Hambarzumian; 2. Nonomura; 3. ay St. Clair.

**s' Foil I:** Yvonne Kriens; 2. Margot Reynolds; . Sheila Armstrong.

**pee:** 1. H. Hambarzumian; 2. Nickless; 3. resson.

**ree:** 1. H. Hambarzumian; 2. Nonomura; 3. ickless.

## NEW ENGLAND

by Ellen Lewis

**e Open:** 1. E. Richards, NYAC; 2. R. Spinella, IYAC; 3. F. Anger, Unatt.

**ard Open:** 1. S. Posthumus, Unatt.; 2. L. Aylward, Boston YMCA; 3. P. Mullarkey, Salem MCA.

**Open:** 1. E. Richards, NYAC; 2. U. Jones, antelli; 3. S. Bozek, Salem YMCA.

**re Open:** 1. E. Richards, NYAC; 2. R. Barnard, larvard; 3. W. Duane, Concord-Carlisle FC.

**e C:** 1. G. Pommares, Grasse; 2. R. Waterman, oston YMCA; 3. E. Kaktins, Boston YMCA.

**C:** 1. G. Pommares, Grasse; 2. D. Swindell, olem YMCA; 3. E. Kaktins, Boston YMCA.

**re C:** 1. R. Tykodi, Unatt.; 2. M. Lewis, Boston C; 3. W. Duane, Concord-Carlisle FC.

**nen C:** 1. L. Aylward, Boston YMCA; 2. A. 'Donnell, JCSC; 3. M. Masiero, Saltus.

**Olympic Sabre:** 1. D. Sanderson, Concord-Carlsie FC; 2. B. Edes, Concord-Carlisle FC; 3. V. ils, Concord-Carlisle FC.

**Open II:** 1. E. Richards, NYAC; 2. L. Zucker, natt.; 3. D. Swindell, Salem YMCA.

**Olympic Epee:** 1. G. Pommares, Grasse; 2. J. ullarkey, Salem YMCA; 3. D. Swindell, Salem MCA.

**ice Foil:** 1. J. Mullarkey, Salem YMCA; 2. N. larrington, Concord-Carlisle FC; 3. S. Hintlian, oston YMCA.

**ice Women:** 1. T. Korzeb, Salem YMCA; 2. l. Sullivan, Salem YMCA; 3. K. Fairbanks, oston YMCA.

**e Open II:** 1. S. Bozek, Salem YMCA; 2. R. oinella, NYAC; 3. R. Waterman, Boston MCA.

**nen Open II:** 1. S. Pechnsky, Salem YMCA; 2. . Aylward, Boston YMCA; 3. E. Epinella, Unatt.

## COLORADO

by Elizabeth Green

**Open:** 1. Charles Wakefield, Colo FC; 2. Neil ireene, Colo FC; 3. Bruce Howard, La Salle 'Armes.

**men's Open:** 1. Lyn Kalinowski, Colo FC; 2. izabeth Green, Colo FC; 3. Julie Kreisheimer, olo FC.

## EXT ISSUE —

COMMUNITY PLAN — by A. John Geraci

MODERN FOIL TECHNIQUE — by Charles A. Selberg

**Unclassified Foil:** 1. Bruce Howard, La Salle D'Armes; 2. John Kalinowski, Colo FC; 3. Larry Shaffer, Cali Macon.

**Sabre Open:** John Kalinowski, Colo FC; 2. Earl Winston, Colo FC; 3. Larry Sampson, Colo FC.

**Women's Open:** 1. Elizabeth Hyland, La Salle D'Armes; 2. Elizabeth Green, Colo FC; 3. Julia Kreisheimer, Colo FC.

**Foil Open:** 1. Charles Wakefield, Colo FC; 2. Bruce Howard, La Salle D'Armes; 3. Larry Akin, La Salle D'Armes.

## NEW JERSEY

by Madeline Miyamoto

**Women's Novice:** 1. Juanita Colo, FDU; 2. Neida Latham, CCNY; 3. Rita Korponay, HAAC.

**Sabre "B":** 1. Don Cantrell, Salle Sieja; 2. Carlos Grana, 3. Keifetz.

**Epee "B":** 1. Irwin Berstein, Columbia Alumni; 2. Ed Gwazda, Princeton; 3. Mack Douglas, Princeton.

**Women's Prep:** 1. Lee Ann Weidner, PSC; 2. Lililian Bonta, PSC; 3. Susan Violand, FDU.

**Foil "B":** 1. Wayne Krause, NYU; 2. Tom Boutskaris, NYU; 3. Paul Levy.

**Women's Unclassified:** 1. Elainen Cristiani, FDU; 2. Betti Marchesani, USC; 3. Karen Van Bavel, MSC.

**Women's Open:** 1. Denise O'Connor, Salle Santelli; 2. Sally Pechinsky, Salem Y; 3. Carol Benjamin, Salle Lucia.

### Men's Collegiate Invitational —

**Foil:** 1. Gus Mavroudis, Rutgers; 2. Ted Sieja, Princeton, 3. John Beatty, Princeton.

**Epee:** 1. Mack Douglas, Princeton; 2. John Bowen, Seton Hall, 3. Larry Pletcher, Princeton.

**Sabre:** 1. Robert Dow, NCE; 2. John Visceglia, Seton Hall, 3. Jerome Fischer, Rutgers.

### High School Championships

**Foil:** 1. Paul Gaylor, IHHS; 2. Rich Freda, ECHS; 3. Pete Gaylor, IHHS.

**Epee:** 1. Rick Fastiggi, SCHS; 2. Clarke Keller, ECHS; 3. Don Blokk, Tenafly HS.

**Sabre:** 1. Bruce Soriano, ECHS; 2. Wayne Baker, IHHS; 3. Greg Soriano, ECHS.

**Women's "B":** 1. Virginia Wade, Salle Csiszar; 2. Emily Grompone, Salle Santelli; 3. Sandra Ferretti, Terry's Tigers.

**Open Foil:** 1. Walt Krause Jr., NYC; 2. Wayne Krause, NYU, 3. Ted Sieja, Princeton.

**Women's Under-19 Christmas:** 1. Kathy Keiler, RRHS; 2. Beverly Lyons, DCFC; 3. Karen Van Bravel, MSC.

**Foil Under-19 Christmas:** 1. John Aviles, NYU; 2. Dan Abby, Temple; 3. Wayne Krause, NYU.

**Women's Open Team —** won by Salle Ssiszar (Anne Drungis, Louise Dyer, Virginia Wade).

**Open Foil:** 1. Walt Krause, NYU; 2. Steve Sisa, ECHS; 3. Angelo DeVito, NYAC.

## OKLAHOMA

by Bob Saxon

**Foil Open:** 1. Bob Saxon, OCFC; 2. Oz Parsons, OCFC; 3. Elmer Hoyle, TYFC.

**Women's Open:** 1. Francis Duke, OCFC; 2. Joan Hagers, TYFC; 3. Arpha Harnish, TYFC.

**Epee Open:** 1. Art Wade, TYFC; 2. Elmer Hoyle, TYFC; 3. Oz. Parsons, OCFC.

**Beginner Foil:** 1. Terry Eastham, OSU; 3. Tom Davidson, OSU.

**Beginner Women:** 1. Donna Collins, OU; 2. Julie Short, TYFC; 3. Toni Barber, OSC.

**Beginner Sabre:** 1. Dick Roszel; 2. Doug Henderson; 3. Frank Adler.

**Foil Open:** 1. Elmer Hoyle; 2. Bob Saxon, OCFC; Dick Roszel, Phillips 66.

**Women's Open:** 1. Frances Duke, OCFC; 2. Laurie Maxon, OCFC; 3. Joan Hagers, TYFC.

**Saber Open:** 1. Ozzie Parsons, OCFC; 2. Bob Saxon, OCFC; 3. Doug Henderson, Phillips 66.

## SOUTH TEXAS

by Maria Nowell

**Boys Under-19 Foil:** 1. Larry Butcher; 2. Ted Johnston; 3. Tim Scarlett — all San Marcos Baptist Academy.

**Girls Under-19:** 1. Maggie Parker, St. Mary's Hall; 2. Joanne Lash, St. Mary's; 3. Marie Christine Paujardieu, Alamo Heights.

### ALL-HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT:

**Junior Boys:** 1. Brant Miller, San Antonio Academy; 2. Wallace Roger, SAA; 3. Ramon Arrizola,

Truman Jr. High.

**Junior Girls:** 1. Diane Varner, Truman Jr. High; 2. Rosario Cano, T. Jr. H; 3. Joanne Lash, St. Mary's Hall.

**Senior Boys:** 1. Dan Wigodsky, Alamo Hts; 2. Larry Butcher, SMBA; 3. Ted Johnston, SMBA.

**Senior Girls:** 1. Maggie Parker, St. Mary's Hall; 2. Kathy Ford, Alamo Hts; 3. Nancy Falbre, Alamo Hts.

The best feta average went to Harry Truman Jr. High.

**Girls Under 19:** 1. Maggie Parker, St. Mary's Hall; 2. Nancy Falbre, Alamo Hts; 3. Belinda Flores, Truman Jr. High.

**Boys Under 19 Foil:** 1. Walter Johnson, SMBA; 2. Ted Johnston, SMBA; 3. Larry Butcher, SMBA.

**Girls Under 14:** 1. Joanne Lash, St. Mary's Hall; 2. Rosario Cano, Truman Jr. High; 3. Virginia Rodriguez, Truman Jr. High.

**Boys Under 14 Foil:** 1. Ramon Arizola, Truman Jr. High; 2. Bart Curry, San Antonio FS; 3. Charles Chenoweth, San Antonio FS.

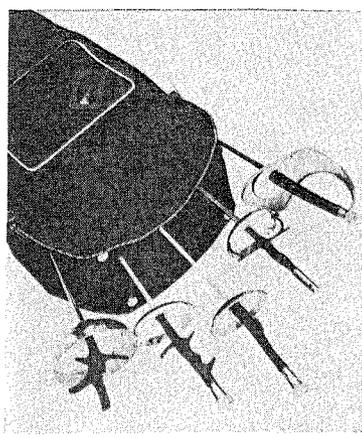
## FLA. GOLD COAST

by P. De Carlo

**Novice Foil:** 1. Sam Rosenstrauhg; 2. Karl-Heinz Thomas; 3. Mike Gaitanis — all Miami Dado JCN.

**Foil Open:** 1. Jose Saseck, U. of Fla; 2. Manny Forrest, EAL; 3. Seymour Eisenfeld, CGYC.

**Women's Open:** 1. Sophie Trett, Unatt; 2. Bessie Cureton, Unatt; 3. Pam Culshaw, CGYC.



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## HELP FOR THE NEEDIEST

(An appeal to Directors)

by Curtis Ettinger

Unlike the N. Y. Times, the AFLA has no Fund for the Neediest. But it has a case for the Neediest. It is a good case and whenever we lawyers see a good case we take it, if we can. Let me tell you how I got this one:

Of a recent Saturday I was unavoidably unable to perform my assigned duty as director of an important Inter-collegiate match. Even though I knew that the quality of directing was bound to suffer, I looked for a replacement. After several frantic but futile telephone calls for help I dialed 914 — OW 3 — 2359 and there he was, my true friend and helper, Albie Axelrod. He stood in for me and when he came back, miraculously unharmed bodily by the losing team, he brought me a check for \$14, cleared his throat and asked with less tact than purpose: "Curt, do you need these 14 bucks?" "Not really". I said, realizing suddenly that Albie was about to present me with an idea which I should have had many years ago. "Then why don't you indorse that check to the AFLA and send it to my good friend Norman Lewis for the International Fund?" "Shall do", I said, "and thank you for the help and idea". But Albie had not finished, because this was not his whole case. "Look", he continued (and when Albie continues, he continues) "you don't need it and so don't most of those who receive these checks for having a lot of fun watching the boys fence and playing directors. Why don't we all send our checks to the International Fund? It certainly can use the money, for it is the neediest fund of the AFLA".

This, then, was Albie's case for the International Fund. And now it's mine. Because I think Albie is right, for a change. I felt

always a little bit embarrassed when I received such a check. Like something of a lesser-grade amateur, at least to the extent that the fee exceeded the cost of the gasoline. Now I know how to get rid of this uneasy feeling and my self-destructive urge to accuse myself of professionalism. And if I get a receipt from Norman I may even be entitled to a deduction from my gross income, if any, as a contribution to a tax-exempt organization. Of course, if they send me to Ithaca and if I feel only moderately generous, I might not send the whole check but exchange it for my own, for the difference between fee and fare. But in general, up to New Haven and down to Princeton, I pledge all my checks. And if you do the same, my friends, the International Fund should, at the end of the college fencing season have enough additional funds not only to send Albie abroad so that he finally learns some good fencing but also a few good directors among you to direct the real thing (if you can ever overcome my deadly opposition to the use of funds for directors as long as young fencing talent is kept home for lack of funds). And those among you who are not good enough to be sent abroad should not have been paid that fee in the first place.

## OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL

The fourth annual Governor General's International Fencing Tournament will be held on April 12 and 13 at the Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association. Preliminary rounds in all weapons, by pools and direct elimination, will reduce each field to three. The finalists will fence off at a Gala before an invited audience of dignitaries.

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