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EDITORIAL

Much sadness that we send you this issue of *American Fencing* which honors the memory of its founder and editor, whose untimely death leaves a great gap in our sport. As you can attest, each of us knew Jose R. de Capriles from a different aspect, yet we all share the same love for him. He was a truly remarkable man: kind, patient, generous, the epitome of a gentleman. He was at home in everything he did: competent, thorough, tireless.

We dedicate this issue of *American Fencing* to Joe — to his memory and to his continuing contribution to the many activities he founded.

WILLIAM J. LATZKO

In this issue is devoted to Jose de Capriles, there is not sufficient space to include details of his championships (NCAA, IFA, Martini & Rossi) nor some articles of interest. Other items will be reported in the coming issues of *American Fencing*.

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Jose R. de Capriles

At a memorial service for Jose R. de Capriles on February 26, 1969, Miguel de Capriles presented the following:

IN MEMORIAM — JOSE R. DE CAPRILES

My brother Jose was born on February 13, 1912. On the 57th anniversary of his birth, February 13, 1969, he was admitted to Memorial Hospital, critically ill with a form of cancer that had not been previously identified, and he died on Friday afternoon, February 21. In his will he directed that his body be turned over to the New York University Medical School, and this has been done. He also stated his wish that only a simple ceremony be held in his memory, and we are gathered here in this lovely chapel pursuant to that wish.

I need not tell you about Jose's capacity for love of his fellowman, nor of the extraordinary way in which this love was reciprocated. All of you with whom I have spoken in the last few days have expressed your sorrow and then have added, in anguish and in almost identical words, "I loved him dearly" or "I loved him like a brother." It will not surprise you to learn that he did not wish his passing nor his memory to be a source of grief to his family or his friends. It is impossible to deny the emptiness that is in our hearts at the realization that he is no longer with us, but I think he would have wanted us today, on the occasion of our farewell to him, to remember the joys and not the sorrows of the past, and to recapture the precious moments of our personal association with him that we treasure in our hearts. I suggest, therefore, that we all follow the advice that I received only last night in a letter from an old friend: "You must try to console yourself with the thought of how well he used the years that he had."

If I presume to speak about those years, I do so with deep humility, claiming the privilege only because I knew him longer, and perhaps better, than any of you. I would like to recall some of the incidents in

his life as a fencer, as a soldier, as a lawyer, and as a family man, so that those of you who knew him in only one or another connection may round out your understanding of his remarkable personality.

The world knew Jose de Capriles best as one of the great American fencers of all time. The record books and his collection of medals and trophies, numbering well over 100 major tournament awards, attest to his talents as a swordsman in all weapons. Everyone of us who had occasion to fence with him or against him, or who watched him in competition, has his own favorite recollection of one or another highlight of his extraordinary career. My own preference at this time would tend to choose the following: His inspiring leadership of the NYU team to its first intercollegiate team and individual championships in Philadelphia in 1933. Then, later in the same year, his fencing left-handed because his right hand had been injured in an automobile accident on the way to the Chicago World's Fair, and reaching the finals of the national outdoor epee championship held there. His sweep of the three gold medals at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland in 1937. A crushing victory, 10 touches to 3 over the second-place winner, in the final match of the 1938 national epee championship. His undefeated record in an international match against a very strong Cuban epee team just before the war. A similar result against Great Britain in the 1952 Olympic Games, followed by an outstanding performance in the individual sabre events of the same Games. But, of course, there were many others that will come to mind at another time.

It is said that a man's fencing style reveals his inner character. Jose was an elegant fencer, a handsome figure of a man

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of an Olympic medal in our sport for the Soviet Union. Jose was a tower of strength when he served as Deputy President of the International Fencing Federation from 1961 to 1965, and he was one of the few persons primarily responsible for establishing the Martini-Rossi tournament in New York, the only fencing event on this side of the Atlantic that is internationally recognized as a top-rated world-class competition. He was a member of the international committee charged with the duty of conducting the fencing events of the Olympic Games both at Tokyo in 1964 and in Mexico last October. It was while performing his functions in this capacity that he was struck with the illness that eventually led to his death.

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I should like to say a few words about Jose's three-and-a-half years as a soldier. He was in his last year of law school when Pearl Harbor was struck, and he was inducted as a private in May 1942. In fact, the law school had to advance the final examinations of his class a whole month in order to accommodate the urgent draft calls at that time.

The Army determined that Jose had a good ear, and sent him to school for a few weeks to become a radio operator. He was assigned to the Troop Carrier Command of the Air Corps and flew to Africa and back several times. Less than a year after his induction, he went to Officers Candidate School and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in June 1943. He came home long enough to marry the charming girl he had grown up with and known all his life, Adela Casanova, and then left for England, where the long preparations for the invasion of Europe were under way.

In the midst of the bombing Jose found himself both as a lawyer and as an administrator. Deeply conscious of the stresses and strains upon the men of his outfit, he frequently volunteered to defend them in court martials, with a remarkable record of success. He was then assigned to the other side, and in that capacity he improved procedures and instituted stricter standards of preliminary investigation, in order to dispose

of unwarranted prosecutions at the earliest possible moment.

By the time D-Day came, in June 1944, he was a captain. He crossed over to Normandy in the first wave of transports that carried paratroopers, and later participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He came home a major, decorated with the Bronze Star, and in command of the ship that brought his outfit back to the United States in August 1945.

I have personally met only a few of his fellow officers and of the enlisted men who served under him. They all spoke of Jose as a gallant soldier and an inspiring leader whom they would follow to the ends of the earth.

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Jose's professional life as a lawyer and administrator was completely devoted to the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He came to the law—as a profession relatively late, after five years of mild participation in business activities that paid him just enough to permit him to fence to his heart's content. When he decided to go to law school, however, he sharply curtailed his social and athletic calendar, rose to the rigorous challenge of law study at New York University, served with distinction on the board of editors of the Air Law Review, and at graduation was elected permanent president of his class. Then he went to war.

Upon his return to civilian life late in 1945, he joined the legal department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad as Claims Attorney. He became an expert in personal injury litigation and often participated in the trial of cases. He came to love the railroad and its people, and he made a serious effort to familiarize himself with every fact of railroad operations. He went back to law school as a graduate student to modernize his knowledge of administrative law and of finance and taxation, receiving the degree of Master of Laws in 1954. In 1958 he was appointed General Council of the Railroad. He became Vice President and General Counsel the following year, and Vice President for Law and Administration in 1964.

Our common interest in law led us from time to time into consultation with each other when a particularly thorny question was bothering us, either in his field of activity or in mine. Sometimes we would debate a point — he on one side and I on the other — with all the heat of the courtroom, and it did not make much difference which side we chose. Apart from my natural affection for him, I came to have the utmost respect for the quality of his legal mind. It was sharp in analysis, inexorable in logic, and yet profoundly aware of the underlying non-legal realities of a situation. He must have been an invaluable counselor to his company.

On the administrative side of his duties, I can only judge by casual impressions. Jose had shown in his fencing activities that he knew how to delegate authority and how to supervise performance. I think he exhibited the same qualities in his job, and it always seemed to me on my occasional visits that his department was very efficiently run. I believe he commanded the respect of both his superiors and his subordinates.

At least part of his success, I think, was due to his love for the organization in which he spent more than twenty-three years. Down to the last days of his life he was concerned with its problems and their possible solutions. My contacts with his office after his final hospitalization gave abundant evidence that the love he had for his organization was fully reciprocated. The warm affection in which Jose was held by all his associates gave solace to his family in those trying days, and will I am sure be a constant source of comfort in the years to come.

I am going to say a few words about Jose's family life. His childhood was not easy, for he was only eight years old when we lost our father, and our mother had to work very hard to raise us and give us an education. Jose had great sensitivity for the matters that worried our mother, and he knew how to help her over the difficult spots. He had a wonderful relationship with his wife, Adela, and with his sons, John and Charles. His family had its share of joy, perhaps more than its share; and it had its share of sorrow, perhaps

its share. Jose had the unusual ability of being able to accentuate the joys and minimize the sorrows. Both on our side and on the other side of the family, Jose was turned to in moments of need or hope. He was also the person at our gatherings who led the fun and the laughter that made us glad to be there.

He loved his native land, Mexico, but he worshipped the United States. He was fiercer than most men the weaknesses of our society; but he also knew its tremendous strengths, which perhaps are better appreciated by those of us who have lived long enough to see other societies than by some of our youngsters. Jose embodied the wisdom of reason in political affairs. He understood the hysteria that characterizes so much of our political argument of today. His criticism of men in the academic profession he often told me, was that somebody failed to provide many of our students with a sense of perspective and the urgent problems of our time. He, in words of one of his favorite songs, "I would like to see every mountain," hoped that somehow restore to our young people the sense of excitement and high adventure that he had in his own youth and which he had so materially to his personal development.

Now, of course, that — quite apart from the life of the spirit after death — the memory of our friends on this earth lasts long after their physical departure. We will hear their voices, see their eyes, feel their hands as we do the things we did together. Jose still lives with us, in my life and in the lives of all others who loved him, and will continue to do so for a long time.

MIGUEL DE CAPRILES



A GUY NAMED JOE

I first met Joe in a match at NYU in 1931. As I recall he took me 5-0 in about 40 seconds; in fact our middle western team lost 16 to 1! We were so bad that "Papa" Castello offered to give us fencing lessons after the match.

The next time I met Joe was at the high school tournaments at NYU. I had brought our local team and Joe was directing our match. That team lost too. But Joe was most considerate.

In 1949, I found my new neighbors were Mike de Capriles and Drenel Every. We all agreed that fencing needed better communications. Mike told me about the old *Reposte* and suggested I talk to Joe. The upshot was the publishing of *American Fencing*. Our first issue was published in the fall of 1949. Our purpose was to spread fencing across the USA and to increase the membership in the AFLA. When we started, the membership was about 1,000. Today it is about 6,000.

Over those 20 years it was my pleasure to know more about Joe. I don't think I have ever met a finer person, a greater sportsman, or gentleman. Joe loved to work with kids. He knew that fencing had to depend on them. He went out of his way to encourage high school fencers. He was always ready to direct a college match. His greatest pleasure was to find another school or fencing group coming out of the middle west or south. He was a very good writer. His efforts and time spent on *American Fencing* kept it going as the voice of fencing. He was not afraid to publish articles from all kinds of people. Whether he agreed with them or not. He tried his best to show both sides of any fencing problem. But above all—he was a friend to everyone. We shall miss you Joe
Vaya Con Dios.

W. L. OSBORN



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MY TEAMMATE — "PEPE" DE CAPRILES

The unfortunate and sudden loss of Jose de Capriles has left a great void in the fencing world. His attributes and accomplishments, devotion and dedication to our wonderful sport of fencing are so aptly covered elsewhere in this magazine that I know I can add little more to our admiration for Jose.

My initial personal contact with Jose came, when soon after graduating from New York University, I joined the University Fencers Club (UFC). There, under the guidance of George Santelli, I was fortunate in fencing on the foil and epee team of the UFC—generally with the brothers de Capriles—Miguel and Jose. Never having fenced in AFLA competition before joining the UFC—it was unusual in such days for college fencers to participate in AFLA tournaments—I can never forget the endless hours and personal attention that both Miguel and Joe conveyed in trying to "adapt" me for competition.



Jose de Capriles
1937

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It was during such time that my personal nickname Jose PEPE—took hold as his competitive spirit dominated our team. Often, during a fencing bout, his voice could be heard urging — "watch your distance" — "attack" — "riposte".

The UFC eventually became part of Salle Santelli and many were the medals we garnered under the team of de Capriles, de Capriles and Lewis or de Capriles, Lewis and de Capriles — the order depending on the strength of our opposition. Pepe was the pillar of strength of our team and his calmness, leadership and sagacity in competition will never be forgotten. In retrospect, during this period he revealed those elements of his character and initiative which were to lead to President of the Amateur Fencers League of America, Vice-President of the International Fencing Federation, and fencing representative on the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee—where he worked unstintingly for USA fencing.

So-long "PEPE"—We'll never forget you!

NORMAN LEWIS

JOSE

How can I add to what has already been said and written about Jose? One simply had to know him even briefly, and I was fortunate to have known him well for many years.

He was a brilliant person who at the same time was gentle and sweet-natured. In everything he did he had a grand style and yet a sense of humility which endeared him to all.

This is his magazine and I regret that he will never be able to read this tribute to him. He was too young to leave us, too important to his family and friends, too valuable to fencing. He was that rare creature: a true gentleman, and I'm afraid he will never be replaced.

GIORGIO SANTELLI

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PUPIL

TEAMMATE

DEAR FRIEND

Julio, Hugo and James Castello

any of us who knew him as much as a fencer, it will be impossible to perform a fencing function without assuming that he is there. He passed this way of life, and for generations to come, will reflect his great skills and dedication.

JOSEPH I. SONNENREICH

I was in shock to read of our loss of Jose de Capriles, one of our most devoted fencers.

In 1933 he gave me a start in fencing at Washington Square College and I have fenced actively today.

When I have met him many times I have always remembered me.

He will always be my big memory in fencing.

CONSTANTINE A. ROTUNDA

Jose was a star pitcher in high school. When he came to N.Y.U., his brother Mike urged him to become a fencer. I thought he had unusual ability and was, in addition, a fine young man. He was quiet, determined and developed into a truly great fencer. He became the first and, possibly the greatest, of a long line of N.Y.U. Intercollegiate Fencing Champions when he won the Epee Championship in 1933.

JULIO M. CASTELLO

I never met anyone who didn't admire and like Joe — aside from their respect for his skills as an athlete. I fenced with him and against him and always knew him to be a remarkable fencer and a most considerate and kind person who went out of his way to help others.

HUGO CASTELLO

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JOSE DE CAPRILES PRESIDING AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1955.

The best way I can indicate how strong an influence Jose had in American fencing life is to mention a personal matter. When I became President of the AFLA, my first act was to drive up to Jose's home and discuss with him what role he wished to play in the new administration. We were so accustomed to his presence on the fencing strip or in administrative activities that it seemed inevitable to start with him in planning an administrative structure for the league.

PAUL MAKLER

JOSE DE CAPRILES

Jose was possessed of enormous energy and talent, and made a prodigious contribution to fencing. But I shall remember him most for his warmth and charm. His courtesy, his thoughtfulness and his sense of humor made him a delightful companion.

During my service to the Amateur Fencers League of America, I was fortunate to be thrown into considerable close contact with him. His knowledge, his integrity and his sense of proportion commanded confidence and made him one of my most trusted and valued tutors and advisors. He was unstinting in his help.

DONALD S. THOMPSON



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JOSE R. DE CAPRILES

A mantle of grace covered Jose's shoulders and he wore it well.

Here was a man of gentleness, integrity, warmth, and devotion to duty. When shall we see his like again?

It is difficult to sort out from a host of recollections the few to share with you.

There was the time when Joe and I met in the Quarter Finals of the National Championships. It seemed as though I could do nothing wrong and Jose could do nothing right. In mock despair at his lack of success, Joe proceeded to mimic my own peculiar straightarms style of Epee fencing for the rest of the bout and practically broke up the strip.

But in the finals of the team Epee event another year it was Joe's day. With the bout at "La Belle" I made the mistake of recovering too slowly after an unsuccessful beat attack. In a flash Joe capitalized on my error by lifting my Epee in what I can only describe as a sabre head parry and somehow managed to riposte dexterously from the quinte position. As we shook hands after the bout, he solemnly apologized, with a twinkle in his eye, for having taken unfair advantage of his three-weapon abilities. Jose's unflagging good-humored enthusiasm was evident in many spheres outside the fencing room.

He did such a fine job testifying before the special Master appointed by the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas to take evidence upon the League's application for a corporate charter that at the conclusion of the hearing the Master inquired where he might go for instruction.

Once Jose and I were on opposite sides at a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Lehigh Valley Railroad's petition to discontinue passenger service. At one point Jose made a routine objection to a question I had put to a witness and I replied with a lengthy and vigorous defense. Jose

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patiently, his chin cupped in his hand at the conclusion of my remarks, smiled and said, "Touche".

a man who will be missed as long as those who knew him have a memory.

ALAN RUBEN

JOSE R. DE CAPRILES Former Vice President of the FIE

As a fencer of the Federation Internationale d'Escrime were deeply moved by the death of Jose R. de Capriles.

Jose R. de Capriles was indeed a delightful person, having a charming nature, valued

for having been a very outstanding fencer in the use of all weapons, and in particular in the sabre where he distinguished himself on many occasions in the Olympic Games, Jose R. de Capriles continued to involve himself as an active administrator.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Federation Internationale de la Fie, later the President of this Federation representative to the U. S. Olympic Committee, he evidenced a tremendous acting and acting successfully the fencing magazine **Riposte** and later **American Fencing**.

As a standing international judge, he was on many occasions to participate on the International Committee, notably at the last Olympic Games in Mexico.

For four years he was Vice President of the F. I. E.

After a mild illness in Mexico, he appeared to have recovered well. Therefore, the news of his death was a deep shock to

his brother, Miguel de Capriles, to his death and to all American fencers I extend my best sympathies.

PIERRE FERRI
President, F. I. E.

JOSE R. DE CAPRILES

His many friends among British fencers have been saddened by the news of the passing of Jose de Capriles. We had many contacts with him at the Olympic Games, the World Championships and the British-American Matches and I personally recall many pleasant epee bouts with him through the years.

Jose was a delightful companion, and a dedicated and knowledgeable fencer and his distinguished appearance, impeccable manners and keen sense of humor endeared him to us as an American gentleman and a "preux chevalier sans peur et sans reproche".

We remember him as a person who gave a lifetime of service as competitor and administrator to world fencing and all British fencers join me in expressing our sympathy to his family and to our many friends among American fencers.

C-L de BEAUMONT
PRESIDENT AMATEUR FENCING
ASSOCIATION

FROM THE GERMAN FENCING FEDERATION

We have been greatly affected by the sad news of the sudden death of our mutual friend, Jose de Capriles, the brother of our former esteemed President of the F. I. E., to whom we have written a personal letter.

Please accept the assurance of our sincere and cordial sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

We shall bear Jose de Capriles in kind remembrance.

DEUTSCHER FENCER-BUND
WILHELM BLUMENTHAL
Secretary General

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A TALL AMERICAN

At Martini & Rossi, our first memory of Jose is that of a tall, personable leader of American Fencing who spoke so earnestly of the possibilities for "an American Martini". Of course he was referring to the established successes of Paris and London in foil and epee.

The first meeting in our offices is very clear to all of us. Joe, Mike, Leo Nunes, Jack Keane and Gregory Cavalchini and I discussed the chances and it was Jose who was the most articulate and enthusiastic.

He heartily endorsed the idea of making this a three weapon tournament, not only for the obvious crowd appeal of seeing all the weapons but also for the technical consideration that the quality of the personnel varied from year to year.

He served as the Bout Committee Chairman for the first several years of the tournament willingly and ably. It was he who conceived of the now established and very popular three weapon team event — a contest now considered in the original planning.

The sight of the angular, smiling man who knew everybody and anybody in fencing darting around the gymnasium at the NYAC is one we shall not forget. He did so much to establish this as perhaps the premier event on the entire International fencing calendar.

But he did more.

For many years, Martini & Rossi helped to send to the national championships the champions of the various sections. This was directly attributable to Jose for it was he who convinced us of the soundness and value of doing this under the conditions then prevailing.

Jose de Capriles stood tall in several ways. A complete gentleman, he impressed us with his personality and his love for his—and in a way—our sport: Fencing.

His loss is a great one to fencing. To the

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international brotherhood of sport. And finally, and most importantly, to the friends who knew, loved and admired him.

BRUNO TORTI

JOSE R. DE CAPRILES

In addition to many fond memories of Jose, there are three incidents which stand out in my mind. One is of long standing, where Jose was fencing sabre in a final—and winning—many years ago. I saw him with fierce competitive spirit and acknowledging all sweaty and panting, the applause of the crowd. A few moments later, he appeared in white tie and tails, the epitome of elegance and masculine handsomeness — smooth and polished — a true example of our sport.

A second episode is when we were broadcasting a television program at the Fencers Club, and Jose was acting as director and narrator. I was one of the fencers, under instructions to make wide and obvious moves and beats. I remember Jose, suave and completely straight-faced, saying: "See what a wonderful fencer — how he moves and attacks smoothly!" This may well have been my greatest praise in fencing!

The third note in my mind and sadly the last, is when Jose fenced in our Veteran's Competition at the Club last year. Here I remember how the competitive spirit I had seen so many years earlier was still fiercely bright, overcoming for those moments, with his old friends and opponents, the toll which time takes, and ignoring any lack of training, in his love for the sport.

These vignettes are little things, but they illuminate his character and versatility and his ability to endear himself with so many.

EUGENE BLANC, JR.

I wish to send American Fencing my testimony of regret for the passing of Jose R. de Capriles. Fencing in U. S. A. lost a big supporter.

The mourning is for everybody that loves the noble art of fencing.

ALFONSO LOPEZ

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ADIOS AMIGO

id it for all of us in his eulogy, eloquently than any one could it.

you say goodbye to a very close an Olympic team mate, to a club great guy you loved, admired and or 32 years? How do you say a big part of your life?

t a poet so I can't write a poem. i composer, I can't put my words Maybe you don't say it at all.

l, Joe has not left me. When I h my scrap books, view my mō- tures, Joe is there every minute. many of his friends will miss him t in a way, because of our close through so many years, will al- ber this calm, gentle, just man many things to so many of us.

you have not left us and you

GEORGE V. WORTH

THIS WAS A MAN

ICAPRILES walked the Earth for nd left it richer than he found it. gentle man, yet could fight with ess of a tiger. He loved his fel- is smile sparkled with warmth and presence in a gathering was a edient that added excitement to was he so pressed by duties that ake time to listen, to help and to companions.

mpetitive record is amazing; his fencing and to the AFLA is well l. But, Joe's biggest achievement enuine humanity he showered on activity and on his surroundings. a man who will live long in the other men.

CONNIE LATZKO

REMEMBER?

In those days, electric epee was fenced for three touches. Joe was team captain and Salle Santelli was fencing against the Fencers Club for first place.

After a bad start we were trailing 4—1 and they needed only one more bout to clinch the Championship. With the score 2—0 against me, I overheard a voice from the sidelines saying: "Well, that's it—Santelli loses when Goldstein is hit on this next touch."

Joe must have heard it too, because in a loud clear voice — to make certain that I'd hear, he turned to Norman and said: "Ralph will win this bout, and then we'll take the next three in a row."

What a difference this made! Joe had confidence in me! I just had to win! The rest of the story is history—I made three quick hits, and we followed with three quick wins. Joe acted as though it were the most natural thing in the world—and our opponents were completely devastated by the time the team score reached 4—all. The last bout was a cinch.

That was Joe — installing confidence in us — never giving up — relaxed — cool — confident.

We owe him a lot.

RALPH GOLDSTEIN

IN MEMORIAM JOSE DE CAPRILES

Two qualities which every successful competitor in fencing must possess are the determination to win and self-control. Self-control applies not only to the great discipline required for precise physical movements but also to the psychological approach to the game, to the opponent, and to the jury. The perfect balance is rarely achieved. Jose was one of the few who unquestionably had it. Above and beyond this. He had a genuine desire to serve others and to share his enjoyment of the sport with everyone. Not

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having been close to Jose personally, I nevertheless believe that what I observed on the fencing strips for more than 30 years was a good indication of his character as a man. A bout with him was always an enjoyable and stimulating experience, both physically and mentally. Many fencers do not disguise their joy in winning . . . losing is another thing! I will not easily forget the look of pleasure on Jose's face and the sincere congratulations he expressed to a younger and unranked fencer who took from him his 3-weapon title . . . many years ago.

Notwithstanding the lack of any intimate tie of friendship, I was greatly shocked and felt a strong sense of personal loss when I heard of Jose's death. I know that he will not easily, if ever, be replaced in the fencing world, and I am sure that this applies equally to all his other spheres.

HERB SPECTOR

IN MEMORY OF OUR ABSENT MEMBER, JOSE

The entire Fencing community is saddened by the untimely death of Jose R. de Capriles. His accomplishments as a competitor were widely known, internationally as well as domestically. Likewise, his contributions to Fencing as a president of the AFLA, as a many time member of the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee, and as the Editor of the magazine **American Fencing** are unparalleled in United States Fencing history. The rise and stature of American Fencing at the international level was and is due largely in part to our absent member, Jose R. de Capriles.

No one man will be able to "fill his many shoes". Therefore, we must find in our ranks, amateur and professional, those persons who can carry forward the many functions heretofore superbly performed by Jose. In this way, we who survive him will be able to memorialize this great fencer by our acts and deeds in our roles as amateurs and as professionals.

A. E. SIMONSON
NFCAA PRESIDENT

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JOE

I was absolutely stunned by the news of Jose de Capriles death. It just can't be true that someone so full of life and vitality stands among us no more—I am deeply saddened—I feel I've lost not just a friend but an older brother.

Joe was the AFLA to me. He cared so deeply about it—what it meant to people, its activities and its impact on fencing. He was constantly working to build it up, seeking out fresh, talented fencers, officials and administrators, getting them involved and helping him in the Great Effort. But for Joe, I would probably have put my weapons away and forgotten all about fencing after college was over. Joe gave me the encouragement I needed to go on to the World Championships and finally serve as a League Vice-President. There were others, too, of course but now I can just think of Joe. My case was certainly not unique—how many others he also inspired, I'll never know.

Joe was a wonderful person—intellectually keen, warm and witty, a fine sense of personal integrity and dignity. I tried to emulate him and I would have been tremendously pleased if my sons could have known him to observe the example he set. Joe made my life richer, fuller and more satisfying for having known him—I'll miss him more than I can say.

ROGER JONES

FROM THE INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING ASSOCIATION

The Intercollegiate Fencing Association owes a great debt and sincere gratitude to Jose R. de Capriles.

First as a spirited contestant in collegiate ranks, secondly, as a champion in the early years of New York University's fencing successes and later as an ever-willing meet official, AFLA committeeman and officer, and knowledgeable devoted editor of **American Fencing**.

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and the IFA many years with loyalty and interest and was always willing in illece days to travel and officiate the entire IFA territory to repay the college fencing fraternity the aid assistance he had earned from officials while a college competitor.

A and Olympic Committee promised a guiding light to the young men led in his footsteps in the field of art, competition and administration.

the Eastern College Athletic Conference through the media of the Intercollegiate Association, called on him unless for cooperation and guidance is never found wanting and gave of his time and fencing know-

GEORGE L. SHIEBLER

THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

with the deepest regret that the late Olympic Committee learned the death of Jose de Capriles.

Capriles had been a valued and a member of the USOC Board of Directors and most effectively served not only the sports of fencing in international events, including the Pan American Games, but he had given free experience and wise counsel in all aspects of this nation's representation in sports competition. He will be missed.

It is obvious that the sport of fencing has lost a member of great strength. Jose was himself a great fencer, the records show that. He devoted his energies and much of his time to sport as a highly respected official and administrative officer of both the national and international organization for

I express the sentiments of all members and USOC Board members in our loss is that of a fine friend

too. And this can never be replaced. A true sportsman has left us. But he has left behind the effects of his constant contribution over many years.

FRANKLIN L. ORTH

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION TO JOSE R. DE CAPRILES

At its meeting on March 21, 1969 the Board of Directors of the Amateur Fencers League of America, Inc., adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Amateur Fencers League of America has, in the death of Mr. Jose R. de Capriles, lost a leader whose broad vision and energy had made him one of the most earnest and continuing promoters of fencing in the United States, and

WHEREAS, his proven ability as a fencer, his strong character, good sportsmanship, and loyal spirit earned him not only the admiration and warm respect of fencers, but also such tangible awards as six national championship gold medals, and in 1946 a medal in every weapon (gold in foil, silver in epee, and bronze in saber), and a place on every Olympic team from 1936 through 1952 as competitor and in 1956 as captain, and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Capriles served the Amateur Fencers League of America in various administrative capacities which included his Presidency from 1952 to 1956, and was a member of its Board of Directors for many years, also representing the AFLA on the United States Olympic Committee, Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Capriles was Vice President of the Federation Internationale d'Es-crime in the years 1961 to 1965, serving as one of the first American officers in this international association, and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Capriles founded the fencing magazine **Riposte** and later the fencing magazine **American Fencing**, being its editor except for the period 1952 to 1956

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when he was president of the League and,

WHEREAS, as an experienced fencer and administrator, his constructive policies, expert advice and respected judgment contributed heavily to the sound and progressive growth of fencing in the United States, and

WHEREAS, his untimely death, which put an unexpected end to his experienced counsel, came as a shock to everyone who knew him,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Officers, Board of Directors, and members of the Amateur Fencers League of America express their extreme sorrow at his sudden death on February 21, 1969, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this memorial resolution be published in the permanent records of the Amateur Fencers League of America and that a copy be sent to his family.

MR. JOSE

Most of you were privileged to have known Jose R. de Capriles far longer than I. As his personal secretary for many years I have been asked, and am most grateful for the opportunity to share my memories of him with you.

He once remarked that he would rather be remembered as a good lawyer than a great fencer. Those of us who were acquainted with his participation in each field of endeavor recognized with awe his extraordinary talent in both. Although jurisprudence was his chosen profession—fencing was his great love.

All of us were charmed by his innate goodness, humility and sense of justice. None of us could help but be aware that he possessed an intellect superior to the norm. It was demonstrated in daily routine where the demands of his legal responsibilities required decisions that were brilliantly rendered, with careful consideration and without hesitation.

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Out of my initial respect for a kind and sympathetic administrator grew a friendship that shall ever be cherished by me. When personal tragedy entered my life his wisdom and philosophy, so gently offered, sustained me through weeks of agonizing grief.

We all knew his zest for life—he looked forward to the future with equal eagerness. Unfortunately—few of our personal dreams become reality. His plans for retirement at the appropriate time — involving more constant companionship with his beloved family and devoting leisure time toward the enlargement of the horizons of fencing—were not to be realized.

Necessitated by pending corporate matters, Mr. Jose told me—in a simple statement of fact—this his life expectancy was to be far short of what he had hoped. This he accepted, not bitterly nor complaining of the injustices of life. He continued his daily routine with the same elan

Thus, my last remarks about a cherished friend and mentor; a poem I've always loved and which I think epitomizes the character of the man:

*Lord, if I had the choice to don
One virtue as a cloak of gold
'Twould be the cloak of courage I would
wear.
Courage to speak when speech would help.
The strength to leave unsaid the words
That passing anger tempts the lips to
speak;
Valour to fight when only death
Can be the end, and fight so well
That men shall see in death but victory;
Daring to raise my thoughts above
The mundane cares that strangle life.
Courage to bring none pain, courage to
dream —
So when the end comes I may pass
Into the vale that lies beyond
And wear the cloak of courage as I go.*

KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN

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The new President of the United States Olympic Committee, Franklin L. Orth, paid a signal honor to Miguel de Capriles by naming him Associate Counselor, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and Chief of Mission for the Pan American Games. Mike's brilliant performance in chairing the meeting during the consideration of a host of proposed constitutional amendments was roundly and deservedly applauded.

The new chairman of the Olympic Development Committee will be Mr. Philip L. Krum. As part of the AFLA's development program for the new Quadrennial, we will shortly request approval and funding of a detailed plan for the holding of regional fencing clinics designed to train physical education teachers in how to give fencing instruction.

World Championships and Under-20 World Championships — Team Selections

The National championships will be held June 28—July 5th at the Los Angeles Valley Junior College in Van Nuys, California. Achievement in this competition will serve as the basis for selection of the team which we have tentatively decided to send to the 1969 World Championships in Havana, Cuba. The results of the Nationals will also be considered in choosing the teams to be entered in the 1970 Under-20 World Championships awarded to Russia and in 1970 World Championships scheduled for Turkey. All fencers who are interested in trying out for any of these teams should participate in the Los Angeles Nationals.

Certificates of Appreciation

Bill Osborn, publisher of American Fencing, has a supply of certificates suitable for acknowledging the contribution of individuals to the sport of fencing. The certificates are particularly appropriate for presentation to those who participate in clinics and awards to student fencers up to the college level. Chairman of fencing clinics and school coaches who would like to have these certificates inscribed with the names of participants and pupils may write to Mr. Osborn at P. O. Box 144, Terre Haute, Indiana 47808.

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WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES: A STATUS REPORT by Archie E. Simonson

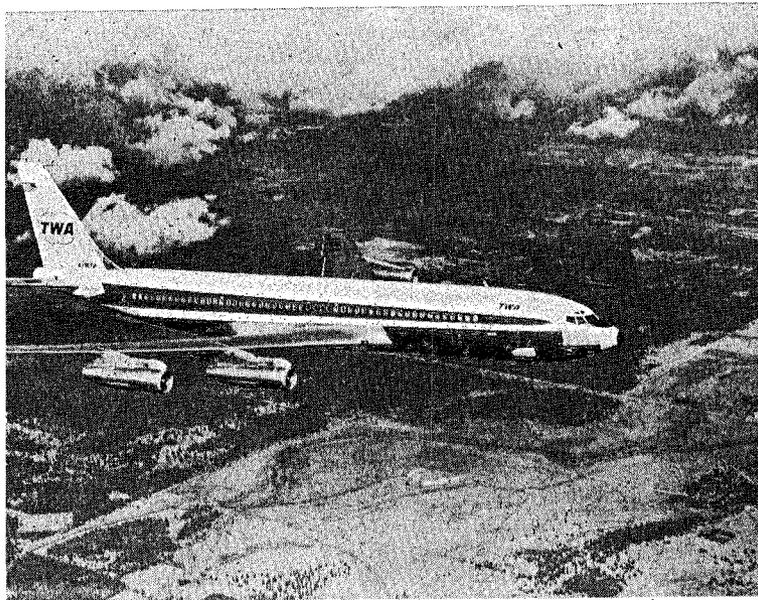
As all of us now know, the World University Games have been rescheduled to be held in Turin, Italy August 27 through September 6, 1970. As a consequence, the various try-outs scheduled in the East, West and Mid-West have also been rescheduled, that is to say, the Eastern try-outs will be held at Princeton, New Jersey on the weekend of April 17 and 18, 1970. The Midwest qualifying tournament has been rescheduled to be hosted by the AFLA at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle Campus on Saturday, April 4, 1970. The Western qualifying tournament has been rescheduled to be held at the time and site of the Western Intercollegiate Fencing Championships. The championships from these three qualifying tournaments and the All-Americans from the NCAA Championships at Notre Dame will compete at the University of Notre Dame on April 25 and 26 for the purpose of selection of the team.

The Men's Eastern qualifying meet has been limited by necessity to 1, 2, or 3 entries per school on the basis of previously demonstrated strength and their probable ability to field graduate students. The limits are as follows:

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Cornell, 3; Buffalo, 2; all others 1.
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2 men - Brooklyn
1 man all other school
3. New Jersey
3 men each - Princeton, Rutgers
2 men each - Stevens
1 man - all other schools
4. Penn. - Maryland
3 men - Navy, Penn, Temple
2 men - Penn
1 man all other schools
5. Southern: one from each school
6. New England
3 men - Harvard, Yale
2 men - MIT
1 man - all other schools

For the Eastern Women, Mrs. Julia Jones Pugliese will organize the Women's qualifying rounds at such time and place she

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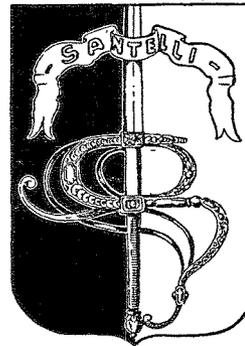
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chooses. The six top women from the Eastern College Championships will qualify to a final round of 12. Another six women will qualify from an open tournament for women eligible only by F.I.S.U. standards. If necessary, the number of entries per school may be limited by Miss Pugliese.

In the Midwest, the Men's and Women's qualifying trials will be sponsored by the AFLA on Saturday, April 4, 1970 on the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle Campus. There will be a final round of 12 in each men's event from which four will qualify to the Nationals. The final round in the Midwest will be made up of the top three in each weapon from the Big Ten Championships, the Great Lakes Championships, the Southwest Championships, and an open tournament. The Midwest women will fence in an open meet of which the top three will qualify to the Nationals.



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The West will have Mr. Toth as organizing chairman who will determine the qualifiers in conjunction with the Western Collegiate Fencing Championships. Mrs. Muriel Bower will be the organizing chairman for the Women qualifiers.

The National or final trials for both men and women will be held at Notre Dame on April 24 and 25, 1970. This tournament will be conducted on a round robin basis of 15 women and 20 men. Of these numbers, six women will qualify from the East, six from the West, and 3 from the Midwest. The Men competitors will be made up of six in each weapon in the West and four from each weapon in the Midwest.

Any questions concerning the format of the qualifying tournaments should be directed either to those in charge of the individual programs or the members of the Games Committee who are as follows: A. E. Simonson, Chairman, 16 North Carroll St., Madison, Wisconsin 53703; Michael DeCicco, 622 East Oakside St., South Bend, Indiana 46614; Stan Sieja, 149 Terhune Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; Muriel Bower, 19718 Stagg Street, Canoga, California 91306.

Because the tournaments will be delayed by one more year, it is anticipated that the Executive Committee of the USCSC may increase the age of the qualifiers to 29 and increase the years in graduate school from two years to three years.

As future changes develop, they will be published in subsequent issues of the magazine.

MRS. SUSANNE TOTH

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Susanne Toth, wife of Mr. Nicholas Toth, Fencing Coach at the United States Air Force Academy, died April 14 in Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado, after a prolonged illness.

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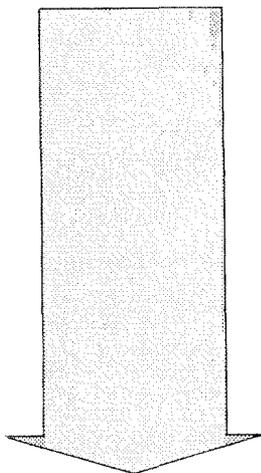
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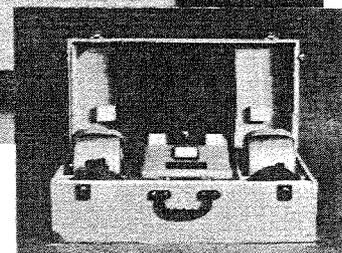
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ANNULMENT OF HITS WHEN USING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

By Irwin Bernstein

basic reasons for annulling hits

ne hit was registered on a surface her than the opponent or his quipment.

ne opponent was placed at a disadvantage by electrical equipment failure.

ferences are in the 1968 EDITION OF RULES - AMATEUR FENCERS LEAGUE

I. EPEE:

on Invalid Surface:

made by the meeting of the points d (RULE #324). This rarity alertness of the Director since there o prevent it or to verify its occurrence.

its on the ground are annulled n most epee competitions in our o ground judges serve to assist . Unless there is a majority dehit is considered doubtful (#74). or may inquire of both judges, h each will usually concentrate on if the contestants. It is recomat ground judges focus on the a around the contestant being ither than attempt to follow the of the epee. If this practice is e judge should then vote "GOOD" not scored on the ground, without ty of seeing the hit actually arrive ntestant or his equipment. Too ground judges ABSTAIN because ack of the epee point in trying to novement to the target.

metallic strip, the "benefit of fts and hits are not annulled ns a positive decision that a ground d (i.e. outside strip or on a dam-of it).

B. Electrical Equipment Failure:

There are various types of equipment failures that can occur to prevent a contestant from registering a proper hit or allow an opponent to register an improper hit.

The following principles apply:

1. Only the last hit registered can be annulled (#327a).

2. Equipment tests must be conducted immediately under the supervision of the Director, without any modification of equipment (#327b). The most common problem here is that fencers sometimes try their own points on the ground before requesting an official test. Although the Director may then refuse to annul the hit, on the grounds that the unauthorized "test" may have caused the point to malfunction, the Director need not refuse to annul merely because the fencer depressed his own point, unless it was obviously done in a violent manner calculated to induce a malfunction. However, it is always best for the fencer to request the test be made by the Director if he thinks a malfunction took place.

3. A fencer loses his right to claim the annulment of a hit once he effectively starts to fence again (#327d). Coming back on guard and being ordered to "FENCE" does not here constitute a restarting of play—the disadvantaged fencer may still ask for an annulment as long as the fencers have not engaged in a phase that could affect the equipment. For practical purposes however, such requests are best made before coming back on guard preparatory to fencing for the next point.

4. The equipment fault need not be repeated each time a test is made as long as the Director establishes it with certainty at least once (#327e). If it is impossible to conduct a test, (for example when a blade breaks) the hit must be annulled (#327h, j).

5. The hit is **not** annulled if the equipment failure is the fault of the disadvantaged fencer (#327f, g). Examples of this are rust or other insulation on the guard or blade causing the opponents hits to register and the unplugging of the contacts of the body wire. An exception to the latter is significant in some of our events where old reels are used—the fencer is **not** held responsible for the unplugging of the contacts at his back, if the safety device is missing or not working properly.

C. Double Hits

In the case of a double hit where one is established and the other is doubtful because of equipment failure or judges uncertainty, the fencer who has made the established hit may choose to accept the **double hit** or neither (#331).

II FOIL:

A. Hits on Invalid Surface:

In foil, hits on invalid surfaces will register as "non-valid" (white light) and therefore cannot even inadvertently score points. They can affect decisions however, since a fencer hitting an invalid surface and then the valid target (colored light) cannot be awarded the point. There is always the chance that his point hit off-target (such as the arm) in addition to the invalid surface (such as the ground) prior to hitting the valid target.

B. Electrical Equipment Failure:

1. The principles outlined for epee are generally applicable to foil as well (#231).

2. The two most significant differences in foil as compared to epee are:

(a) In foil the existence of two pairs of lights and the metallic vest provide additional items to be tested and analyzed in case of possible equipment failure. A fairly common related problem is the fact that a mask not properly insulated may register hits as valid when in contact with a wet metallic vest. Such faults in personal equipment are the fencers responsibility and such hits are not annulled (#231c).

(b) In foil there is a priority of hits that governs the awarding of points. A fencer may therefore be at a disadvantage because

of equipment failure and still be considered hit. For example, a fencer who has priority can score a valid hit even if his opponents' foil registers all valid hits as non-valid.

The introduction of electrical equipment has resulted in a significant modernization in the sport of fencing. It is important that all participants understand the rules for electrical competition and use the proper equipment and techniques to benefit from them.



HARRISBURG DIVISION by Carol Buerdell

Foil Open: 1. Andy Nightingale, LFC; 2. Tim Reekie, LFC; 3. E. Cohen.

Epee Open: 1. Andy Nightingale, LFC; 2. Tim Reekie, LFC; 3. Steve Potts, YFC.

Epee Open: 1. Tony Poulos, LFC; 2. Roark Mitzell, YFC; 3. Andy Nightgale, LFC.

Foil Open: 1. Tim Reekie, LFC; 2. Tony Shaffon, Har. YMCA; 3. Roark Mitzell, YFC.

Epee Open: 1. T. Poulos, LFC; 2. Andy Nightingale, LFC; 3. Roark Mitzell, YFC.

Saber Open: 1. Roark Mitzell, YFC; 2. S. Villanyi, LFC; 3. T. Poulos, LFC.

Saber (Qual.): 1. S. Villanyi, LFC; 2. Roark Mitzell, YFC; 3. Tim Reekie, LFC.

Foil (Qual.): 1. T. Poulos, LFC; 2. T. Reeki, LFC; 3. A. Nightingale, LFC.

Epee (Qual.): 1. A. Nightingale, LFC; 2. L. Gerwitz, Unatt.; 3. T. Poulos, LFC.

INDIANA by Elmer White

March 15-16 saw the emergence of a new annual competition, the Hoosier Open. Held at West Baden, Indiana, in the heart of the French Lick resort area, the Hoosier Open drew 49 entries, including a number from neighboring divisions.

Women's: 1. Claire Hanamoto, U. of Ill; Karen Nichols, U. of Ill. 3. Joan Ibanez, SWO; 4. Lou Felty, SWO.

Foil: 1. Bill Seiler, Louisville; 2. Jim Gilchrist SWO; 3. Randy Majors, Ind. U.; 4. Francis Wolff, Louisville.

Sabre: 1. Galinton Bryan, Ind. U.; 2. Jim Gilchrist, SWO; 3. Fred Coons, Ind. U.; 4. Carl Burge, Louisville.

Epee: 1. Greg Kiel, Ind. U.; 2. Jim Gilchrist, SWO; 3. Bill Seiler, Louisville; 4. Ron Farrow, Indianapolis.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATES

by Roger F. Jones

g on home ground, Temple Univer- the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Conference three-weapon title and Trophy, for an unprecedented fifth year. Coach Allen Kelley's fencers l on to the Association Foil Team and the Karl Spaeth Saber Team or the fifth straight time and won ed title to the R. F. Jones Epee ophy for the first time since 1965. rg College, coached by Dr. Andrew was voted the Franklin D. Jones Award for Sportsmanship. Coach Temple was named "Coach of the

mpetition, held 3/1/69, was smaller 59 since Lehigh University has re- dropped fencing as a sport and John University was hard hit by a series of experienced fencers and unable to arsiy team. Nevertheless, the event

was hard fought and every school was represented in the individual finals by at least one qualifier. It was the first MASCAE in mem- ory unmarred by protest, so competent was the officiating!

Norman Campbell, Temple, took the indi- vidual foil honors with a record of 5-0 in the final. Joe Shamash, Temple, won the silver medal (for the second time). David McKir- achan, Lafayette, was third. Other finalists were (in order) John Lynch (Stevens), Noel Verrillo (Drew) and Fred Thomas (Muhlen- berg).

Muhlenberg's Daniel Pettyjohn successfully defended his individual epee title, only the second man to do so in the tournament's 18 year history. Xavier Wardlaw, Temple, was a close, second—his only loss in the meet be- ing at the hands of Pettyjohn. Frank Coulter of Stevens placed third, followed by Michael Kafrrissen (Temple), John Royal (Stevens) and Marc Lindsey (Haverford).

Temple's William Glassgold repeated his 1968 individual saber triumph with the day's only undefeated performance. Joseph Pigott, Stevens, was second and Dan Edelman, Tem- ple, third. The remaining finalists were Miguel Pryor and Steven Cropper (Haverford) and Andy Hartman (Drew).

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by Kate Alexander

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by Nanette LaVerne

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3. Adomian; Mari.

Foil "C": 1. Martinez; Faulkner. 2. Nickless;
Esgrima. 3. DeRossett; Faulk.

Saber Open: 1. Crowe; West End. 2 Schiele; Esgrima.
3. Martinez; Faulkner.

Under-19 Women's Qualifying: 1. Armstrong;
West End. 2. Sampera; Faulkner. 3. Devan; LAAC.

Women's Open: 1. Mitchell; LAFC. 2. Drago;
Nord. 3. Devan; LAAC.

Under-19 Saber Qualifying: 1. Orlando; West End.
2. Toovey; West End. 3. Nickless; Esgrima.

Under-19 Epee Qualifying: 1. Nickless; Esgrima.
2. St. Clair; LAAC. 3. Kriens; Esgrima.

Women's "B": 1. Kriens; Faulker. 2. Armstrong;
West End. 3. Brown; Wet End.

Women's Under-19 Pac. Cst. Champ.: 1. Devan;
So. Cal. 2. Sampera; So. Cal. 3. Brown; So. Cal.

Under-19 Saber, Pac. Cst. Champ.: 1. Orlando;
So. Cal. 2. Payes; N. Cal. 3. McDaniel; So. Cal.

Under-19 Epee Pac. Cst. Champ.: 1. Nickless; So.
Cal. 2. St. Clair; So. Cal. 3. Kriens; So. Cal.

Under-19 Foil, Pac. Cst. Champ.: 1. Payes; N.
Cal. 2. St. Clair; So. Cal. 3. Nickless; So. Cal.

Class "C" Epee: 1. Martinez; Faulkner. 2. La-
Verne; Torrance. 3. DeRossett; Faulkner.

Women's Open: 1. Mitchell; LAFC. 2. Filerman;
Nord. 3. Armstrong; West End.

Foil Open Team: 1. Nord, 2. Faulkner, 3 Mori, 4.
West End.

Epee Open Team: 1. Mori I. 2. Faulkner I, 3
Esgrima, 4. Faulkner II.

Women's "C": 1. Kriens; Faulkner. 2. Browne;
West End. 3. Sampera; Faulkner.

Saber Open Team: 1. Faulkner, 2. L.A.A.C., 3.
Couturier, 4. Esgrima.

Foil Open Team: 1. Nord, 2 Mori, 3. Faulkner, 4.
Couturier.

Women's Open: 1. Filerman; Nord. 2 Mitchell;
L.A.F.C. 3. Clovis; L.A.A.C.

Foil Open: 1. Borack; Nord. 2. Collins; L.A.F.C.
3. Martinez, Faulker.

Saber Open: 1. Kirchner; L.A.A.C. 2. Fuertes;
Faulkner. 3. Crawford; Faulkner.

Epee Open: 1. Goldberg; L.A.A.C. 2. Morgareidge;
Nord. 3. Bleamaster; Esgrima.

Foil Open Team (Qualifying): 1. Mori I, 2. Faulk-
ner, 3. Nord, 4. Mori II.

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2. Fitzpatrick; Nord. 3. Dobbins; S. F. V. S. C.

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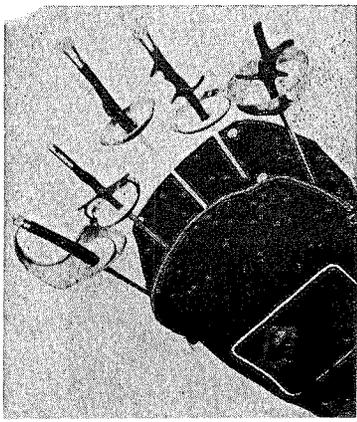
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**BEGINNER WINS
STATEWIDE WOMEN'S
FENCING MEET**

by Herb Spector

Geraldine "Jerry" Edmonds of the Richmond Fencers Club scored a tremendous upset victory in the Virginia Women's Open Individual Foil competition. Sponsored by the Amateur Fencers League of America, the action started in the V. C. U. gymnasium at noon and continued until late in the day, with competitors from all over Virginia.

In the final round robin of eight, Mrs. Edmonds lost only one bout, surprising competitors, coaches, and on-lookers with a virtuoso display of speed and skill. Mrs. Edmonds who had never held a foil before last fall, is a housewife and one of the regular students at the Richmond Fencers Club. Second and third places were won by Judith Ann Thomas and Mary Francis Baldwin, both of Longwood College.

OKLAHOMA DIVISION

by Roger Van Denhende

The Four Weapon Team Competition, held February 22, 1969 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, was sponsored by the Phillips Petroleum Co. The first place team award, a three foot tall, \$250 traveling trophy was presented by Phillips "66". The individual members of the first, second, and third place teams also received personal trophies. Two teams from Phillips "66" of Bartlesville, one each from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma University, and Ft. Worth, Texas were represented in the meet.

1st Place: Oklahoma City: Frances Duke; Bob Saxon; Lee Lawyer and Oscar Parsons.

2nd Place: Ft. Worth: Bob Nash; Vincent Bradford; Chuck Todd; and George Stone.

3rd Place: Tulsa: Joan Hagers; Roger Van Denhende; Art Wade and John Shanks.

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