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The Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Christian University, home of the Frogs," will be the venue for the the five individual events of the National Championships. For formation, see page 19. (T.C. photo).

Editorial

Probably the most important page in this issue is the one which contains the proxy form for membership voting on proposed changes in our By-Laws, especially in relation to the change in name of our organization. With our members' help, it is just possible that the Amateur Fencers League of America, Inc. will emerge from its archaic cocoon into the twentieth century: United States Fencing Association, Inc. If this brilliant butterfly does emerge, it will be none too soon, for it is already almost the twenty-first century. We urge you to read our President's message, which discusses the opportunities and advantages of our adoption of a moden nomenclature.

One wishes that our other problems might be as easily solved by a yes or no vote. However, after deciding on a new name (or not, as the case may be), we can once more face the questions of how to develop and implement national junior and Olympic fencing programs, how to train and develop

more coaches, how to increase our membership, how to get more and better directors, how to make a dent on the international scene, and a few other perennial problems which cannot be solved overnight.

There are almost as many ideas and opinions on the above subjects as there are fencers. Is it too much to hope that, with a new name, we will with untypical unaninimity start to work on some of our more basic problems?

---- MTH

The Olympic Fencing Committee, at its meeting held on February 16, 1981, post-poned determination of the structure of the National Coaching Staff and appointments to the Staff until its next meeting to be held on March 28, 1981 at the International in New York. The Committee felt that further consideration should be given to the entire matter and particularly to the question of whether there should be a coordinator with limited powers or a Technical Advisor with somewhat greater powers.





From the Fresident

by Emily Johnson

Apparently the printers feel as I do that \$2,000 is a ridiculously small sum for a fencer to earn teaching fencing without risking his amateur status, but I wish they had consulted me before changing the figure to \$12,000 as was misprinted in my column in the last issue. No, friends, there has not been a change. The maximum is still \$2,000 as year.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find printed out in full a number of proposed By-Law changes and a proxy. Please sign the proxy and send it to Eleanor Turney, National Secretary. It is impossible to continue to function on a deficit budget. If we don't change the dues structure we will have to eliminate most of our programs. We want to offer our members more, not less. It takes money to put on camps and clinics, to put out a magazine, and to run the League. It's as simple as that. Our Board of Directors has agreed that these changes are necessary. We really don't have a choice.

Why change our name? This is not an organization of amateurs only, it is not a private elitist fencing club which is what the name implies, it is THE fencing organization in the United States to which all those interested in fencing belong or should belong. It is the National Governing Body for fencing in accordance with the constitution and rules of the United States Olympic Committee. United States Fencing Association, Inc. Has a great ring to it, doesn't it? Practically, according to our fund raisers, it will make it easier to raise money. Potential donors are leery of an "Amateur Fencers League" but are impressed with a "United States Fencing Association". The name has more appeal to those who are not yet members. In the questionnaire many coaches grumbled about "amateur" and others have told me that they have not joined because they are professionals not amateurs. When coaches join, their students are more inclined to join.

It is a basic principal of merchandizing that when you want to sell a product you make it as appealing as possible - you polish your car, you paint your house. If we want to grow and prosper we have to sell our

tion from Michel Mamlouk, urgin Nationals be scheduled the las May or the first week in June s results of the Nationals can be or in selecting teams to the World C ships. He intends to ask that this the Agenda for consideration by Board of Directors at the meeting I Nationals the end of June for im tion in 1982.

Since many of our fencers are s teachers, the question of when sc is of major importance. This varie rent areas. Please check into thi area and advise me or Eleanor Tur member of the AFLA Board of Dire will be at the Board of Directors

In your spare time you might als a competition schedule for your I the Nationals were held the firs June. The Sectionals should be minimum of three weeks before. The Divisionals have to be correleast three weeks in advance of the als. Easter and the Junior Olympic two weekends. There are collegicand circuit events. Compare you schedule with this and see if it we problem.

The AFLA Board of Directors a ing on February 13, 1981 voted to decision about qualifying for Championships to be sponsore Capitol Division (Washington D.C ginia). The essential change is the tion of alternates as qualifiers. The a slight potential increase in the automatic qualifiers. This is mere you. The exact wording will be puthe agenda for the next meeting

Other items of interest: the Nat cuit seems to be going very well. T been a few minor SNAFUs which be expected in a new program. It fierce, tough competition.

The 1982 Sports Festival h awarded to Indianopolis, Ind. by t The site selected for fencing (a seems more than adequate. This chance for all of you from that a



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Lynne Cornelius Mollie Sullivan

Andrea Metkus (1st Alt.)

Sabre: Doug Powell Richard Blum

John Friedberg

Michael Lofton (1st Alt.)

Epee: Greenen McMullen John Leuna

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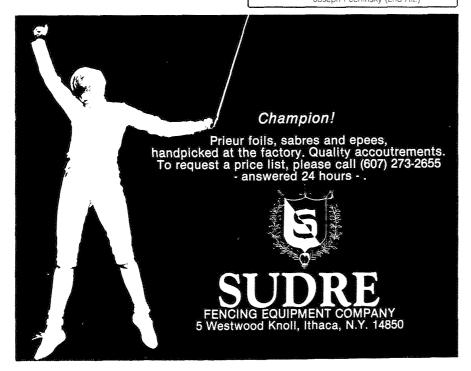
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1980 Olympic Team Trip to China Report of the Captain

In lieu of competition at the Moscow Olympics, the U.S.O.C. approved funding for a substitute trip to China, a country that also did not participate in the Olympics.

The team left the U.S. on November 19 and returned on December 4. The point of entry to China was through Hong Kong, where a transportation mix-up delayed departure for Canton. Another day's delay occurred in Canton because of airline seat shortages. Consequently, the matches in Peking had to be postponed a day and the total schedule rearranged. The proposed Tientsin matches were cancelled and the Nanking and Shanghai matches rearranged. The trip then proceeded flawlessly under two assigned interpreter-guides, Mrs. Li and Mr. Liu.

This report will detail the matches in each city. But it is perhaps more important to point out to the U.S.O.C., the Olympic Fencing Committee and to the League at large that China has mounted a most impressive fencing program, encompassing both senior and junior programs and coaching development as well.

I was told that China is quite "serious about making this sport popular." They have succeeded not only in popularizing it a great deal but also in preparing a solid base of technically proficient fencers. The skill level hardly changed from the opening matches against the national team members in Peking, through Nanking (where, if anything, the fencers actually were better than in Peking) and, finally, Shanghai.

It was generally agreed by the U.S. contingent that the Chinese women rated strongest, followed by the male foilists. The saber and epee were rated about equal in skill. All teams presented tall, lithe, quick, long-lunging athletes. Some individuals on the various teams approached the lower international level. (It should be noted that three members of the national men's foil team and two members of the women's team were not present, since they had been sent to the Championships of Vienna for early-season experience.)

The cadre was particularly impressed by the generous number of coaches available

in each city. They seem to be the p a single teaching system, since the appear quite similar in content a tion. The fencers also help in trai other, displaying the same "lesso as their coaches.

There is clear evidence from texpect that China will move up in the tional ranks within three to four yealso be said fairly that the national threatened most with loss of posunited States. The Chinese leadmitted to pursuing a training progethree-hour sessions per day for methon the national and regional team fence one 3-hour period per day

The system is paying off. I was p impressed by the advance in significant years ago, in Hamburg, we fee Chinese and won, 13-3. They his show but an anachronistic extestyle somewhere between the seconde-prime and the Hungaria method." Their style is now comodern, although lacking in finesse such as multiple feints, e

I do not believe any words a minced about what the United St do to stay in the international pidignified way. It is imperative the velopment programs aimed at junior and senior fencers be pur tremendous vigor. Every teaching velopment tool now in the AFL should be employed and additioned developed. Everyone in the lethose associations attached to it rogether in a common cause.

If this is **not** done, America will s its place to such actively developin as China, Bulgaria, and Cuba. In t the latter two, we are clearly in a lost for the right to be in the top 8 interr

I would like to express my appri Dr. Marius Valsamis for his usual fi agerial job, to Csaba Elthes and Y for their expert help and guidant Byrnes for his great skills at the trade and to Al Davis and Bill Goe did yeoman work as President throughout. Peking-November 25. The competition was held in the basketball stadium of the College of Sport Culture. About 800 fans were present, the crowd having been reduced because of the postponement. Mr. Li, Vice Chairman of the Olympic Committee, was present to preside at the ceremonies.

The matches started at 2P.M. with women's foil and epee. The U.S. women lost 11-5, succumbing to the guickness of the Chinese and their own travel weariness. The starting team consisted of Stacy Johnson. Gay D'Asaro, Jana Angelakis and Elaine Ingram Cheris, with Nikki Franke - whose equipment has been lost on the airliner - in reserve. Johnson and D'Asaro chipped in a pair of victories each, and Nikki gained a victory after replacing Elaine in the third bout of that position. Jana Angelakis found that her big balestra wasn't much help in chasing down the quick and balanced Chinese girls. She lost all four bouts. The Chinese Numbers 5 and 8 fencers, Misses Wu and Han. took four victories each, Miss Wong took three and Miss Chang, one.

Things were much better on the other side of the gym where the epee team was wolloping the Chinese, 11-4. Pesthy had four victories, Glass and Nieman, three each and Johnson, one.

The evening matches were at 7:30 PM, after a march-in ceremony and exchange of gifts. The men foilists won handily, 10-6, as Mike Marx, effectively employing his new parry-riposte approach, took four bouts. John Nonna took three, Greg Massiales, two, and Mark Smith, one. Mark had an agonizing winless match until he switched to parry-riposte in his final fight and won, 5-3.

In saber, the U.S. was having a bummer, with the brillant exception of Peter Westbrook. He won his four bouts, but his mates looked rotten. Phil Reilly, Alex Orban, and Stan Lekach, (with Tom Losonczy in for Orban in a single bout) each won only one bout. The final score was 9-7. The Chinese were simply not the same team we had seen in Hamburg just two years ago and neither were we at this moment.

The Peking tournament ended with two victories each for China and the U.S. The next two days were filled with sightseeing and shopping. The Great Wall, the Ming Tombs and the Friendship Store were the objects of a total team attack and seemed to put the group in a more relaxed and positive state of mind.

Nanking-November 28. After a sumptuous banquet at the leading Peking Duck restaurant in Peking, hosted by Mr. Li, the team departed for Nanking via a sumptuous wagon-lit. The train trip took 14 hours but was quite enjoyable, everyone agreed. The fencing in Nanking was to prove less so.

Nanking is the home base of the Chairman of the China Fencing Association and there is a powerful regional program here. Mr. Wu, the Chairman, agreed that the Nanking fencers are probably China's overall best. They have contributed six people to the national team. The level quickly showed in the competition proper.

The afternoon events were switched to men's foil and epee because, as the Chinese put it, Nanking was "delirious about its girls" and wanted to see them in the evening after work. So the smaller afternoon crowd of about 800 saw the two winning teams from Nanking.

The men foilists gave a good account of themselves before succumbing 9-7. The U.S. problem was two-fold: Mike Marx was dreadfully ill with the flu and the Chinese Number One, Ling, was too much for all four foilists. Massiales, fencing tough, nearly saved the day with his three victories. But Smith and Nonna could manage just one victory each. Marx grittily captured two.

The epeeists continued their domination of the Chinese teams. This was a happy, relaxed, together bunch of athletes with the "Rock", Paul Pesthy, to keep them anchored in wind squalls. They won 10-6. Glass and Pesthy took three each and Nieman and Johnson, a pair apiece. The powerful Glass nearly elevated one of the slim, tall Chinese fencers into the balcony during one contrasix parry-riposte action.

The matinee session ended with one team victory each and the squad was looking forward to the evening session. A crowd of between 1800 and 2500 people filled many seats in the large sports center. The parade and exchange of gifts was made with Mr. Wu, once again, taking his place in the seat of honor.

The ladies, led by Stacy Johnson (practically terminal with a chest cold), nearly pulled victory out before succumbing by four touches with the bout score tied at 8. Stacy had three nice victories and had the crowd laughing at her exuberant screams and yells. She was matched by the Chinese girl, Joia a nifty implor who had been at the

Under-20's. Joia won four. Nikki and Jana grabbed a pair of victories each but Gay D'Asaro, strangely phlegmatic, could capture but one.

On the other side of the gym, the first hints of non-objectivity came into play. An all Chinese jury (with the Presidency shared by Bill Goering and a Chinese) appeared to be watching some other match. The voting pattern was truly strange. The team of Westbrook (4 victories) Lekach, Orban and Reilly traded victories until the last three fights. Then the judging began to turn obviously biased and we lost all three matches. Final score China 8 (54 t.a.) U.S. (64 t.a.).

Nanking result: China-3— U.S.-1

Shanghai-December 1. At the Nanking train station, the local officials apologized for the officiating and stated they were upset. We explained that the object of the trip was friendship and exchange of sporting ideas and were sure it was not deliberate. Good feeling prevailed but watchfulness seemed in order.

Like the receptions in the other cities, the Shanghai gesture was wonderful. We were lodged in the best hotel in town, even if only for one evening. The program was arranged to fence twelve bouts in each weapon on the same evening with the match stopping when one team reached seven victories. The women and the epeeists opened the show. Perhaps tired from the long week of competition and travel, the U.S. women succumbed, 7-0. The Chinese had too much foot speed and tactical sense for our team, at least on this evening. On the other side of the gym, packed with about 1800 people. the epeeists were finishing an unbeaten tour. They took the Chinese out, 7-4. Pesthy and Nieman were undefeated in three bouts each and Glass chipped in a single, but vital, victory. Timmy made his first team trip a memorable one.

Now the foilists and the sabreurs swung into action. Both affairs were hard fought. The foilists prevailed by five touches in a 6-6 affair. Smith again went for the collar as his telegraphed attacks and ill-timed stop thrusts into strong lunges cost him. Marx, fencing beautifully once more, won his three and Greg Massiales took a pair. John Nonna, looking frazzled toward the end, came up with one victory. The Shanghai foilists were judged the least strong unit of the tour.

One lovely piece of crowd shortsmanshin

occurred when Massiales opened victory. The crowd gave him an

The saber team was more watc lot sharper against the agressive team. The Chinese showed speec simple attack and defense acti could not cope with multiple feints as the U.S. prevailed 7-3. Westbr to remain undefeated. Orban fe beautiful bouts and Reilly and chipped in a victory apiece.

The team departed Shanghai Peking and, after an overnight sairport hotel, left by air for Tokyo stop-over in Hawaii.

Shanghai results: U.S.-3— Chir The individual records:

	Bouts V
Marx	11
Massiales	11
Nonna	11
Smith	11
Pesthy	11
Glass	11
Neiman	11
Johnson	10
Johnson	10
D'Asaro	8
Franke	8
Angelakis	11
Cheris (Ingram)	4
Westbrook	11
Orban	9
Losonczy	5
Reilly	11
Lekach	6

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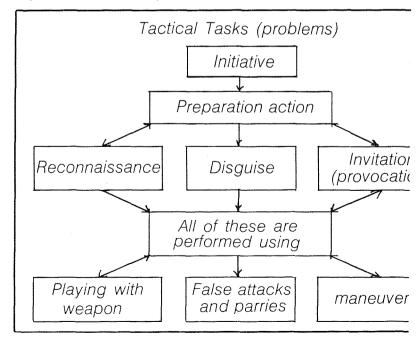
by Stanislay

In the previous part of this article I tried to characterize the various methods of conducting a fencing bout which are moments of "tactical thinking." A physiological model of a fencer's thinking was also given -- which can be summarized as: a plan is created in the motor cortex of a fencer's brain which sends signals to the muscles - which in turn perform a certain movement or action. The brain then conducts an analysis of the performed action and prepares a new plan. This process continues during the entire bout.

Tactical thinking directed at the preparation and application of means for conducting a fencing bout consists of:

I. Initiative is the fencer's aspiration to be first in performing an action. In other words, to lead an opponent's actions, forcing that opponent to fence in a manner suitable to your own manner. It is a common misconception that the fencer who presses his or

her opponent back is the one th initiative, but if the retreating fenforming false movements to fortacker (the aggressor) to react to t moves, then in this case the I fencer has the initiative. It is espe portant in foil and sabre fencin pronounced initiative (noticeable rector), because in cases c touches, the reacting fencer lose II. Reconnaissance is the actic learn some information a opponent -- e.g., the opponent's capabilities, the nature and spe opponent's actions and reaction ponent's tactical scheme for a bo as the opponent's physical and m dition. The success of reconnais pends on whether it surprises o pated by the opponent, and also the opponent considers that he truly revealed his or herself or n-



Exercises to learn opponent's defense reactions

Signals for defending fencer are attacker actions which differ in speed and depth in the beginning phase of an attack, in the nature of closing distance and actions with one's weapon.

- Coach or Opponent: Middle distance. Six position (engagement). On false attack into fourth sector reacts with parry four with one retreat.
 - **Pupil or Fencer**: Six engagement (no pressing). Performs 1-2-3 false attacks with disengagement into fourth sector. Then, having understood opponent's wish to defend himself with parry four, performs an attack with two disengagements.
- C or O: Middle distance. Octave position. Moving. On false attack into fourth sector reacts with counter-four parry and with one retreat.
 - **P or F**: Any position. Performs 1-2-3 false attacks into fourth sector. Having understood opponent's wish to defend with counter-four parry, performs an attack with double.
 - ... and so on, exercises becoming more and more complicated.

Exercises in reconnaissance of attacks.

- C or O: Middle distance. Six position. Performs 1-2-3 identical attacks into fourth sector.
 - **P or F**: Six position. Watching attacks, retreats. During one of the attacks parries four and ripostes.
- (sabre) C or O: Long distance. Third position. Performs 1-2-3 identical attacks, trying to make a cut to the mask. P or F: Third postion. Watching opponent's attacks and not parrying, retreats. On one of the attacks, staying in place, takes fifth parry and makes a riposte into the open sector.
 - ... and so on, making exercises more complicated.
- **III DISGUISE** is an action which constantly distracts the opponent from concrete intentions or future actions. The main purpose is to make the opponent have a mistaken notion about one's technical and physical conditions, technical capabilities, and intentions.

Exercises in disguising defensive actions.

1. **C or 0**: Long distance. Any postion. Performs 1-2-3 identical reconnais-

- sance actions into fourth sector. Then, believing that fencer (or pupil) will use parry four, makes a real attack with a feint into the fourth sector, intending to touch with a disengagement.
- **Por F**: Six postion. On coach's or opponent's false actions shows intention to parry attack with four and retreat. On the real attack destroys opponent's attempt to execute touch with disengagement by standing and taking counter six with riposte into open sector.
- (sabre) Cor O: Long distance. Any position. As above, but false attacks to the head. Then makes head cut feint with flank cut.
 - **P** or **F**: Third position. On false attcks, retreats, taking fifth parry. On real attack, seems to start taking fifth parry but at that moment, with retreating, takes third parry and makes riposte to open sector.

Exercises in disguising beginning of attacks. All weapons.

- C or O: Middle distance. Any position. Maneuvering, plays with the weapon, performing false attacking actions.
 - P or F: Any postion. Reacts on every false attack with long retreats and parries. On one of the false attacks, makes an attack with a beat and disengagement (coupe).

Some exercises in disguising the contents of attacks.

- 1. **C or 0**: Middle distance. Six position. Maneuvers, expecting an attack.
 - **P or F**: Any postion. Performs 1-2-3 false attacks with taking the blade in four and feinting straight. Then, as if starting the same action, takes opponent's blade in six and touches with disengagement.
- (sabre) C or O: Long distance. Any position. Maneuvers, showing different positions as reactions to pupil's (opponent's) feints.
 - **P or F**: Any position. Performs false attacks, alternating between feint to mask and flank, and feints to flank and mask. Then makes a real attack with feint followed by beat and cut to open space.
- IV. Provocation is the action forcing the opponent to use certain actions or tactical means, making it hard to follow the bout plan.

Some exercises to get the opponent to make defensive actions

- C or O: Middle distance. Six position.
 On false challenge (attack) takes fourth parry and ripostes straight.
 - P or F: Any position. Maneuvers. With feint to fourth sector extends the arm as if for the beginning of an attack, at the same time having a plan to make opponent (or coach) make a parry, riposte. Having provoked the riposte, take counter parry and makes own riposte.
- (sabre) C or O: Long distance. Third position. Maneuvers. On false attack to the head, takes fifth parry and ripostes with flank cut.
 - **P or F**: Third position. Maneuvers. Extends the arm as if for a head cut. Having made coach parry and riposte, takes own parry and ripostes into open space.

Some exercises to get the opponent to parry-riposte.

- C or O: Bout distance. Any position. Periodically performs attacks. On the parry-riposte "provocation" performs counter parry-riposte.
 - P or F: Arbitrary postion. Maneuvers. Escapes from attacks by breaking the distance. On one of the attacks, without retreat, takes four or six parry and extends the arm, feigning a riposte. Then performs planned counter parryriposte.
- **V.** Playing with the weapon is the movement of the blade, with or without having contact with the opponent's blade. This playing with the weapon has several intentions, namely:
 - a) to determine opponent's muscle perception
 - b) to provide successful reconnaissance
 - c) to disguise one's attacking, defending, and counterattacking intentions.
- **VI.** False attacks and parries are done to effect:
 - a) reconnaissance
 - b) disguise
 - c) provocation

These actions are done with different depths of movement in one's weapon with the threat of making a touch.

VII. Maneuvering is different in depth and nature from movement (footwork). It is aimed at creating conditions for winning the distance and for choosing the best moment to perform an attack or parry.

This succession in tactical thinking is pur-

poseful because it contains the almost all tactical problems:

- 1. to suppress opponent
- 2. to conduct a reconna
- 3. to disguise one's inte
- 4. to challenge
- 5. to provoke





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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The proposed changes in our By-Laws are set forth on the following pages. There are three different types of proposed changes. The first group dealing with the provisions for arbitration, the ban against discrimination and the provisions for affiliate membership by Sports Organizations must be approved if we are to continue to be recognized by the U.S.O.C. as the National Governing Body for Fencing. The second Group (Group II) deals with changes in membership categories and in the dues structure. The AFLA BOARD OF Directors has approved these changes. With these changes we will be able to assist all fencers. The third change is the name of our organization. If this is approved we will campaign vigourously to get all coaches into our organization and will have many items for sale with our new name prominently displayed.

Since the AFLA is a non-profit corporation, its name is derived from the Certificate of Incorporation. Therefore, adoption of the Bylaw will not result in an immediate change of name, which can only occur by amending the Certificate of Incorporation. Adoption of the Bylaw will indicate the approval of the membership, and the officers will thereby be instructed to take appropriate action necessary to amend the Certificate of Incorporation for that purpose.

If you feel as we do that these changes are necessary and will benefit our organization just sign the proxy and send or give it to Eleanor Turney, Secretary or Emily Johnson, President or one of the officers of the League. Unless you X a box under the word "NO" you will have voted "YES"

PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

The undersigned hereby appoints Eleanor Turney, Charles Thompson and Colleen Olney, or any of them, in his stead, attorneys and proxies to vote with all power which the undersigned would possess if personally present at the Annual Meeting (including all adjournments thereof) of members of the Amateur Fencers League of America, Inc. to be held on June 27, 1981 at the site of the National Fencing Championships as follows:

	GROUP I (USOC Requires)	YES NO
1.	Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Law: Article VII, Section 1 Subdivision (c)	
	Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Law: Article XIX Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Law: Article IV, Section 1 Subdivision (c) and (d)	
4.	Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Law: Article VII, Section 1.	
1.	GROUP II (dues and membership) Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Laws: Article IV, Section 1 Subdivision (a) and Article V Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.	
2.	Approval of Proposed New AFLA By-Law: Article V Section 5.	
1.	GROUP III (Name Change) Approval of deletion of Article I of the By-Laws and replacement with United States Fencing Association, Inc.	
	Upon other business as may properly come before the meeting or an adjourn proxy shall be voted as directed, and if no direction to the contrary is received voted in favor of the proposed amendments. PLEASE SIGN HERE IF OVER 18. I hereby certify that I have attained my 18 and am eligible to vote.	, it shall be
	SIGNED DATE-	

SEND PROXY TO: Eleanor Turnev, 601 Curtis St. Albany, CA 94706

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES (NEW) I

ARTICLE VII, Section 1 Subdivision (c): "The AFLA is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex. It is the policy of the AFLA that there shall be reasonable representation of both sexes on its Board of Directors."

ARTICLE XIX: "The AFLA shall submit to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association in (1) any controversy involving its recognition as a national governing body for the sport of fencing, as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the USOC and Section 205 of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-606), or (2) involving the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur athletic competition in the sport of fencing, as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the USOC."

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1

- (c) Affiliate Membership shall be open to any amateur sports organization which (i) conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur fencers to represent the United States in international amateur fencing competition, a national program or regular national amateur fencing competition and (ii) has met its obligation with respect to the payment of dues for the current fiscal year as specified in these By-Laws. Any such amateur sports organization shall submit an application to the Secretary which shall set forth its qualifications to be an Affiliate Member and include the payment of the Affiliate Membership fee. The qualifications of the organization shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee shall either accept or reject the application. The Secretary shall notify the organization of the decision of the Executive Committee.
- (d) Business Membership shall be open

proprietorship or other butity which has an interesting the development and fencing in the United State payment of the dues for fiscal year as specified in Laws.

ARTICLE VII Board of Directors

Section 1. Responsibility for t management and policies of the tion shall be vested in a Board c composed of the officers of the Country that the Composed of the officers of the Country that the Country that the Division and Additional Direction that the Divisions of the number of specified:

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES II

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

Classes. The membership of this tion shall consist of four classes: it club affiliate and business:

- (a) All individuals who have me ligations with respect to the of dues as hereinafter practicle V shall be individual of the Corporation. There shappes of individual member ary, Senior, Junior, Assoc Life:
 - (I) Honorary Membershi open to any person whave rendered distirservice to the cause of candidate shall be elemonary Member of the Corporation upon a twote of those present at a ing. Honorary Members and I the rights and I of Life Members.
 - (II) Senior Membership attained 20 years of a January 1 following the k of the current fiscal ypayment of the dues fo rent year as specified

- (III) Junior Membership shall be open to all persons who have not attained 20 years of age as of the beginning of the current fiscal year upon payment of the dues of the current year as specified in these By-Laws.
- (IV) Associate Membership shall be open to all persons upon payment of the dues for the current fiscal year as specified in these By-Laws. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Senior Members, subject to the limitation that they shall not be entitled to fence in competitions.
- (V) Life Membership shall be open to all persons upon payment of the Life Membership fee specified in these By-Laws. Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Senior Members, but shall be exempt from the obligation of paying dues subsequent to the payment of the Life Membership fee.
- (b) Club Membership shall be open to any organization or group of permanent character which (i) actively promotes or offers instruction in or provides facilities for engaging in the sport of fencing, (ii) consists of at least 10 individual members, and (iii) has met its obligation with respect to the payment of dues for the current fiscal year as specified in these By-Laws. Any organization or group meeting the Club Membership requirements shall submit a list of its individual members to the Secretary prior to December 1 of each year and, upon the payment of the Club Membership fee, the Secretary shall notify the organization or group that its Club Membership has been approved.

ARTICLE V Fees, Dues and Arrears

Section 1. The schedule of annual dues of the Corporation shall be as follows:

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Class of	Annual Dues	Dues prepaid fo
Memberships		a 3-year period
Senior	20	55
Junior	10	25
Club	30	N.A.
Affiliate	30	N.A.

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 sections and divisions to be retained by them.

Allocation of Dues

Class of Membership		Annual Du		prepaid for ear period
	Divisional	Sectional	Divisional	Sectional
Senior	4	1	7.50	2.50
Junior	1	1	2.50	1.50
Club	-0-	-0-	N.A.	N.A.
Affiliate	-0-	-0-	N.A.	N.A.

Where the division is not a member of any specific section, the sectional share of dues shall be retained by the Corporation.

Section 3. **Associate Membership Fee.** Associate membership in the Corporation shall be divided into the following categories:

Class of Associate	Annual Dues	Dues prepaid fo
Membership		a 3-year period
Regular	\$10	\$25
Sponsor	\$25	\$65
Patron	\$100 (or more)	\$250

30% of this fee shall be paid by the Secretary of the Corporation to the treasurer of the division to which the member belongs to be retained by the division.

Section 4. **Life Membership Fee.** The Life membership fee shall be \$300. \$90 of this fee shall be paid 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 \$15 to be retained by the section and \$75 shall be paid to the treasurer of the division.

Section 5. **Business Membership Fee.** Business membership in the Corporation shall be divided into the following categories:

Class of Business Membership	Annual Dues	Dues Prepaid for a 3-year period	
Regular	\$100	\$250	
Sponsor	\$500	\$1.250	
Patron	\$1,000	\$2,500	

10% of this fee shall be paid by the Secretary of the Corporation to the treasurer of the division to which the business member belongs to be retained by the division.

Section 6. All dues are payable on application for membership and thereafter on or before August 1 of each fiscal year.

Section 7. All dues paid to the Secretary of the Corporation shall be recorded by the Secretary and unless allocated to a section or division paid over to the Treasurer of the Corporation for general Corporation purposes.

Section 8. A new member is not admitted to membership and an old member is not in good standing until the member's dues and fees have been received by the Secretary of the Corporation or by a duly authorized agent. Payment of dues to a divisional secretary or other duly appointed agent will render a fencer eligible to fence. However, no person will be eligible to vote in Corporation affairs at the national level until the person's dues for the fiscal year in which the person seeks the right to vote are received by the Secretary of the Corporation and only if received by the Secretary of the Corporation prior to February 1 of that fiscal vear.

PROPOSED BY-LAI CHANGE III

WHEREAS, it is desirable to chame of the Corporation to "Unit-Fencing Association, Inc." bu changing the purposes for which thration is organized:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOI Article I of the By-Laws of the Corp deleted and replaced by the follo

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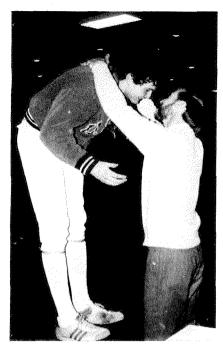
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(above) Wilbur Wheeler has his weapon checked on his way to winning the National U-16 Men's Foil Championship.

(left) James Melcher, former National Epee champion, presents the gold medal for the National U-16 Epee Championship to his son, Charles. (AF staff photos).

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1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

The 1981 National Championships will be held June 20 - 28 on the Texas Christian L Campus in Ft. Worth, Texas, The gyms and dorms are air conditioned and a near by s mall of fast food places, restaurants, and the like. A car is not necessary, but you would have one if you wish to stay at a hotel. There are no hotels within walking distance of t There are a number of very nice new hotels in downtown Ft. Worth, which is an easy dr mornings, and parking is available at the gyms. The T.C.U. dorms are very nice but without room service and phones or T.V. Double occupancy dorm rooms will be \$10.0 plus a \$3.50 bedding package which should do for the week. If you have no row preference, you might wish a nonsmoking partner; if so, so state.

The competition will be "held as the coming World Championships are to be held" by pools to 32, (Jr's to 16), then by direct elimination plus rep. to 8, then a direct elimination plus rep. to 8, the plus rep. To final. This procedure makes the seeding very important, so please fill out your er completely. How we seed you in the first round could, in theory, be the only difference I the second and the eighth placements. Our computer does not know anyone. To seeding, it needs to know how you came in, in your division, in your section, if you hav points, and if you are an A. B. C or U. The Schedule is set up to avoid conflicts in open e a main object.

The open events start at 8:00 AM and are completed the afternoon. Team events run (The under-19 events start in the afternoon, as will the Sr. Olympic events. The events s men's saber, Sat. June 20, women's foil is Sun., men's epee is Mon., women's epee ar team is Tue., men's foil is Wed., women's team is Thu., epee team is Fri., and men's foi Sat. The only conflict is saber team with the epee completion; but teams do not give int points. A full schedule is shown elsewhere.

A late entry fee of \$2.00 per day will be charged fencers whose entries have either r received by May 18, 1981 or are not postmarked before that date. No late entries can be in the program, nor can entries which do not actually arrive before the dorm contract (noon on June 1) be given a room unless there has been a late withdrawal; in which c late enterer would have a room and the late withdrawer would get a full refund.

The regular qualifiers will be notified by return mail, or as soon as certified if the info has not yet been received from your division. You might make sure that your di secretary knows that you are going and the information must be sent in. Alternates certified as of June 1, 1981 and later entries from others, even with higher standings, ca accepted if their division's eligibility is filled. Theoretically a late entry of a certifiable c could be accepted up to the time the seeding begins the night before the event, but the would in the \$60 range. Note that the above is a late ENTRY fee. There is no late regi fee. Fencers who will compete on teams only would not have to register until the tea seeded, which is after the individual event in the weapon. The late entry fee will not app non-official women's saber nor to the Sr. Olympic events, but fencers in both must fill sign the entry form.

There will be an IOC type doping test. Be certain that your doctor and/or dentist known it. We must know about any such substance before it shows up in the test.

We will have equipment and an official "T" shirt for sale as well as a concession stan

If you wish to stay at a hotel, the new Tandy Center Hotel will be open by May and it very nice. It is about nine miles from the gyms. In the mornings that is about 12 min's. The Mid-town Holiday Inn is only about half as far, but you would still need a car. I expensive (\$42 for a double).

We hope to see you at the Nat'ls. Send your entry on time and avoid the late fee. If you slip up on you, drop us a night letter with your name, division, events, first and last night wish to stay at T.C.U. and your VISA # and it's date. It you follow it the next day with the

SCHEDULE 1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday, June 19	7:00 PM	Weapons Check
Saturday, June 20	8:00 AM	Men's Sabre, Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
	1:00 PM	Under 19 Women's Foil
	2:00 PM	Under 19 Men's Epee
Sunday, June 21	8:00 AM	Women's Foil, Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
•	2:00 PM	Under 19 Men's Foil
	3:00 PM	Men's Sabre to conclusion
Monday, June 22	8:00 AM	Men's Epee, Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
	2:00 PM	Under 19 Sabre
	3:00 PM	Women's Foil to conclusion
Tuesday, June 23	8:00 AM	Sabre Team to conclusion
	10:00 AM	Women's Epee, Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
	3:00 PM	Men's Epee to conclusion
Wednesday, June 24	8:00 AM	Men's Foil, Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
	3:00 PM	Women's Epee to conclusion
Thursday, June 25	8:00 AM	Women's Foil Team
	3:00 PM	Men's Foil to conclusion
Friday, June 26	8:00 AM	Epee Team
	10:00 AM	Women's Sabre Preliminaries to Quarter Finals
	7:00 PM	Special Meeting of Board of Directors
Saturday, June 27	8:00 AM	Men's Foil Team to conclusion
•	12 Noon	Women's Sabre to conclusion
	4:00 PM	Annual Membership Meeting of AFLA
		GALA NIGHT



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THE TEAM ENTRY IS TO BE FILED BY THE INDIVIDUAL SENDING THE FEE.

NOTICE: THE 1981 TEAM EVENTS ARE FOR TEAMS OF FOUR (4) !!!!

ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED.

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THAT'S WHAT GAME THIS IS

from "the tencing news," Sept., 1980

by Jack Es

There are so many interesting and often hilarious incidents associated with the wonderful years I spent with my fencing master and closest friend Julio Martinez Castello, that I cannot resist telling them to my students during the tedious hours we spend learning the game of fencing.

Papa, as we affectionately called him, had already reached the zenith of fame when he retired from coaching at New York University and came to spend the autumn of his incredible life with us in Tampa. I discovered him in 1956 when he visited a fencing group that met each Wednesday at the University of Tampa. We were practically inseparable until his death nearly 20 years later.

Over those years he recalled global experiences that dated back to the last kings of Spain, Teddy Roosevelt, silent movies, cavarly charges ... ad infinitum.

Even though most of my students have never met him, I have so saturated their thinking with the "old man's" zest that they rattle off his clever adages as though they had known him for a lifetime. He so imprinted my mind that I even sound like him when I teach or retell his many stories.

When two members of yet another new generation of fencers, my students Vicki and Jenny McGovern, used "What Game Is This?" as the motto for *the fencing news*, it showed the influence Papa Castello still exerts as a personality as well) as a great teacher and authority.

Between 15 and 20 fencing students gathered in the service club at MacDill Air Force Base each week for lessons. I had stopped fencing for about a year after a severe re-injury of a knee and was now concentrating on teaching. Papa was teaching me to teach. He went with me that night to observe my technique and to spend time with fencing. Two unknown men came into the room and asked if they could use the facility to "work out." They were not interested in lessons because they "already knew how to fence." Most of my students

were learning foil, so I informed the I they could use the strip on the far en room.

All their equipment was new anfrom gloves to fencing bags. They a jackets, masks and gloves, pulled shiny sabres, and commenced to be other as if they were driving rail spik sledge hammers. The groans and the of resounding arms were most discing. We became concerned not only safety of the violent combatants, but impression such ferocity was having ginning students. The deliberate who fone another with steel blades we exactly an inviting prospect.

Papa was trying to ignore the bellig but it was like ignoring a stamp elephants. He would shudder with clash. Finally, he stood up and walke to the embattled corner of the room. F many years on guard, Castello v slightly profiled with his right arm le When he spoke he gestured with hi as though he were fencing. Thrust — riposte, his arm always ahead of hi — never late. He approached the bald head shining — glasses resting half way down his prominent nose — beady eyes alertly peering from abc top rims. He looked like a grand, old

"Excuse me," he said. They sto faced the ancient one and courteousl "yes, sir."

"I have a question to ask," he repl "And what is that?" they asked. Papa's nose wrinkled, his eyes focus

a ceiling lamp.

"What Game is This?"



THE 1981 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By William Reith, Organizing Chairman

The 1981 National Junior Olympic Championships were an overwhelming success. I would like to personally thank all those Northern Ohio Division members who gave of their time and efforts to make this event the greatest Junior Olympics ever held. I also want to thank all those from other Divisions who gave of their time and efforts to help us and the AFLA succeed in this effort.

Bill Goering, Gerry Baumgart, Carla Mae Richards, Dan McCormick, Pat Van De Motter, Erwin Bernstein, Steve Sobel, did a terrific job of handling the Bout Committee table. We appreciated the support and confidence of the directors who came from outside divisions and those from our own division who officiated so well. It was another typical weekend in Cleveland. I don't recall that the Bout Committee was ever called for a protest.

Special thanks to Pittsburgh, Columbus. Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan Divisions for supplying machines, reels and strips to facilitate the smooth running of the tournament. And to Hand Brass, Nancy Sokolov, Paula Caple, and Joe Fazekas for picking up and delivering the equipment to these divisions. Jill Sheehan-Burke, Leroy Jones and the City of Cleveland did a fantastic job with the program. Margtuild did a great job on the medallions, and there were medals for all eight places. The Weapon Prizes were donated by Sudre, Santelli, Renaissance, American Fencing, Zivkovic, Diplomat Travel Service, The Fencing Times, and The Alcazar Fencing Club. There were over 400 registrants, a new record, all processed by Dan McCormick's computer which also processed the pool sheets for seeding purposes. This really turned Eleanor Turney and the Bout Committee on. Lisa Erdos, Dave Moss, Hugh Overholser, Peter Rozsa, Andrei Radivoyevitch, all helped with the strip setup and teardown, Laura Veneskey, Ann Ezzell, Paula Caple, John Fraser, Alex Krivchenia served as Registrants, medical staff,

Peter Rozsa did a fantastic job keeping the 18 electrical strips operational. At one time on Sunday we had 23 strips going. All events started smoothly and were kept flowing with no long breaks. The Direct Elimination Finals were a great idea which provided many upsets and lots of excitement, especially on the raised strips. Stouffer's Inn of the Square was the ideal place to hold the tournament with direct connection to the airport. The accommodations were excellent. We could have reserved more rooms and paid less for the ballroom. The Exhibit Hall was free. The Hotel booked over 200 rooms per day for four days. Any division wishing to host a Junior Championship is now set because the hotels will confer these numbers and want to give the space free to host the tournament. The Hotel was very pleased with the quality of the fencers and the events. They want us to come back for another Tournament.

We figure roughly to have made about \$3,000 with this tournament and it is not over yet, as more fund raising efforts are still coming in. People are ordering the special commemorative medallion. All the T-Shirts were sold and orders taken for the extras. We are in the process of putting together a packet of information on how to run and organize a tournament.

The Class act of the weekend was the semi-final match of the Under 16 Men's Foil Event between Wilbur Wheeler and Kevin Hunter, both of the Alcazar Fencing Club and the Northern Ohio Division. They showed classic form and style, with the match going even one by one to 9-all when Wheeler took it with two fine attacks. Kevin finished third and Wilbur went on to become the Under 16 National Foil Champion.

Cleveland, you ought to be proud!

The officiating was the greatest we have ever seen with Conrad Gniewek performing outstandingly.

Our thanks to all of you far and near for your time, effort, and money to make this the

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Tangs. How's that for a subject? What can be said about tangs? Well, as a Victorian novelist might put it. Reader, perpend.

If there is one thing that fencing does not have much of, despite the size of the rule book, it is very precise standards for many of the physical details of our weaponry, etc. There are no specifications for the precise size of a tang, beyond a deducible maximum length; neither is anything said about how hard the metal should be, or may

Having recently had some unpleasant confrontations with recalcitrant tangs on replacement blades, I write with feeling.

Let us consider foil. Suppose you use a French handle, improbable as that may be these days. You will buy your replacement blades in the expectation that they will fit easily, when needed. You will not expect to find that the threading has not been carried down far enough to allow your pommel to seat itself. You will not expect to find the tang simply too long. If it is not threaded, you will not expect to find that the metal is so hard that it almost ruins your threading die. You might be surprised to find that the diameter of the threadable portion is rather too big to take your die, and the amount of grinding or filing (ugh) required to bring it down takes, seemingly, forever. (You ought not be too surprised: after all, blades come from Europe, and tangs are therefore usually shaped to take a metric (M-6) thread. Our standard U.S. pommel is smaller--a "12-24 N.C."type.) You may be startled to find that the metal is so tough that you can't put the "set" into the handle that you have grown used to. You might even discover that the tang is so thick that it will tear apart your handle, assuming that it can even be driven on with a special setter.

If you use any of the various shaped handles (the kind the purists sniff at as "orthopedic"--serve you right, you fencing cripple you), then at least if you buy Frenchtang replacement blades, you will presumably know that they are going to have to be

cut down and re-threaded to fit your handle.

If you just toss a couple of replacement blades in your bag and head off to a competition, you could be heading for grief. You could get any of the nasty surprises I've mentioned. And if they come--as they usually do--when you have just broken a blade, and another one or more aren't working, and you are down to maybe one weapon, or are borrowing stuff that just doesn't feel right, and you are not at your home salle, and there's no friendly coach or salle armorer to solve your problems--you get the picture. In short, it's real grief if a repair involves any of the problems I've touched on above.

Word to the wise: before you need them, check your replacement blades, or have them checked for you--and I don't mean just for electrical functioning, though that's important. It would be a good idea to save the broken (handle) end of a blade that fitted well, and keep it around somewhere as a gauge against which to check your new purchases, and adjust them as necessary. The overall tang length should be the same; the depth of threading should be the same. The dimension of the square (or heavier round) part should be such as to fit into your handle without excess force. You might as well match the "set" right away, to suit yourself. If the tang is threaded, and it should be, try one of your pommels or pommel nuts to be sure it's the right threading for you.

If you've got more than one kind of handle, be sure that what you are carrying will fit them all; otherwise you need more spares. Ever think of standardizing?

All these points apply equally to the fitting of epee and sabre blades. With sabres, there's an extra detail: since you aren't allowed to have any threaded tang sticking out behind the pommel, you might as well have your blade cut to the right length in advance.



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