

## **Dateline San Antonio TX, July 26 2002, 9pm:**

This has got to be the biggest news event of the year! Next Monday, at approximately 7:00pm, give or take a few minutes (mere trifles in to a computer genius?), our Web Goddess, alias Meredith Andrichak, will wed. And a hundred or so male UTSA students will weep. Our heartfelt good wishes to Meredith and sincere congratulations to her groom-to-be. I probably knew his name once, but as good as I am with names - first or last - I forgot what it was. Old-Timer's disease. (Luis Vega is the groom)

On a less dramatic note, except to Sherice, our Women's Epee stand-out has been accepted at Ohio State University and will be moving into their dorm on the day following the Junior A World Tourney which is to take place from the 20th to the 22nd of September.

As for Cassidy, she gets third billing this time where in the past, she was always our headliner, and for good reason; her record while at Salle Poug, has been tremendous. But...Cassidy has decided to take her talents to NYC where she will be coached by the (in)famous Buckie Leach. Knowing them as we do, we can at least wish them both luck; they will need it.

Robert, and this is BIG NEWS, after winning the Qualifiers for Div1A Men's Epee, drove all the way from San Antonio to Greenville, SC (I know, it's not that far from Texas, but getting out of Texas is really a \*\*\*\*\*!), and won the gold at the Div1A Men's Epee National Championships. He actually made the first page of the Greenville newspaper Sports Section; AND, Sports Illustrated wants to do an article about him in their "Faces in the Crowd" section. Not bad.

Also winning the gold in his event, Edward, Technique or no technique, took the title in Youth10 Men's Epee. He and his parents flew to Greenville, though, not that it would have made any difference.

Other medals were won by Billy (third place, Youth14 Men's Foil - flew) and by Kat (5th place, Youth12 Women's Epee - drove).

And for how well Salle Poug fencers did as a group, please consult the Competition Results page on this site.

All in all, if we include our results since the beginning of 2002, we really can be proud especially since we are the only Texas club which in the last 10 years has developed "A" fencers in two different weapons: Cassidy in Foil in '99 and now Chris in Epee this year.

And that's pretty much all the important news for now.

Now for some Rumors: we call them "rumors" not "gossip" to protect the not-so-innocent and because, frankly, they deal with matters not worth checking for veracity or plausibility. To wit...

It seems that the other two main "fencing" organizations (and I use the term VERY loosely) of our city are closed for the summer, one perhaps to reopen at the end of this month - and that's creeping up - on Bandera @ 410 (or is it Bandera at 1604?), the other not to reopen until October. Thank God there is Salle Poug, eh? Anyway, to make up for some of the lost practice time of the one, Jonny is running a program in San Marcos, for those who want to drive up there...

As far as Salle Happenings are concerned, we're all working very hard in anticipation of the Junior "A" Worlds to be held in Louisville in September (Chris, ME, Erin and Sherice, WE, Jared MF & E), the Div 2/Div3/Cadet NAC - October, Orlando, FL - the Junior/Cadet NAC - November, who knows where - the Div1/Vets NAC - December, Columbus, OH - the Youth NAC - January, Saratoga Springs, NY, etc.

And now for the "What-Have-You's"...Let's stay healthy, all of us, and no matter the number of medals we garnish this coming season, it'll be a great, great year!

By the way, did you know our Web Goddess is getting married? \*wink\*