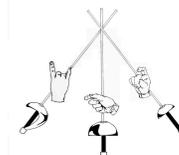


Fall 2011

# The Point



*A Bi-Annual Newsletter of the Boston University Fencing Club*

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## Men's Squad Captains

Foil: Ralph Conserva (SMG '13)  
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Sabre: Russell Roth-Peltz (CAS '13)

We are proud to present the first semi-annual Boston University Fencing Club newsletter. We hope to share with you the current state of affairs at the club and all of its happenings. At some point, if we can dig it all up, we'd like to provide an in-depth look into the history of fencing at Boston University. We'd also enjoy it if you wrote back to us with letters, opinions, tips, advice, tournament information, or anything else you can think of. You can check us out at our website: [blogs.bu.edu/bufence/](http://blogs.bu.edu/bufence/).

Right now in the bowels of the Fitness and Recreation Center, the Fall 2011 semester has finished and we look forward to another great semester. We enjoy all our times with the BUFC, but this semester we really outdid ourselves. We currently have over 60 members! Unfortunately, next semester we are temporarily losing some friends. Our treasurer, Ralph Conserva, will be studying abroad in London. Filling his shoes will be our women's epee captain, Arielle Sharma. Emily Bushold, a foilist, will also be leaving to study abroad in Guatemala. We wish them all the best in their adventures. We are also saying goodbye to Juan Díaz-Laviada, a study abroad student from Spain. It was great

to have you join us for a semester. And now for some tournament news:

## THE BIG ONE

On November 5, the club journeyed to Smith College for "The Big One". A shocking and unprecedented event occurred the morning of the tournament: everyone was awake, on time, in the vans, and driving away at the time we had set to leave! As far as the club's collective memory goes, this has not happened in years. We also took what could be a record number of fencers to the tournament: 43 (plus a few extras). After a long, but fairly well run tournament, we had some pretty kick-ass results. The following fencers placed in the top 25:

### Men

Hudson Rowland (ME) in 21<sup>st</sup>  
Cameron Gebhard (MF) tied for 13<sup>th</sup>  
Austin Walker (MF) in 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Women

Kelly Miller (WS) tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Emily Brewster (WS) in 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Katherine Gillman (WF) in 9<sup>th</sup>  
Michelle McInnis (WF) in 20<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to everyone who competed, you all did awesome!



## Northeast Fencing Conference (NFC) Meet #1

On Nov. 19, we competed against Brandeis, UNH, UMass, Brown, MIT, and SHU in the first meet of the Northeast Fencing Conference, held at UNH. We couldn't bring quite so many people this time, but we still cheered the loudest! Our women's squads won 53 bouts and beat UNH (14-13) and UMass (14-13) overall. As individual squads, sabre beat Brandeis and UMass, epee beat UNH, and foil beat UMass. The men's squads won 34 bouts overall, with the foilists beating UMass and the saberists beating UNH.

## T-SHIRT TIME

We have new gear for the new year. As many of you know, our coach, Dave, is hard of hearing. Since we love him so much and have accepted sign language as our second favorite mode of communication, our new t-shirts and sweatshirts have some American Sign Language incorporated in them. Our president, Michelle McInnis, designed them herself and they turned out so awesome that the UNH coach even bought a shirt! And, we even have BUFC socks this year. Check out all our new gear in the pictures below:



T-shirts



Sweatshirts and "new" flag



Socks

## ALUMNI

If any of you have contact information (email preferably) for other past members of the club, please send us that info so we can include them. That way everyone can stay informed about their favorite fencing club. Our email is: [bufence@bu.edu](mailto:bufence@bu.edu)

## Spring 2012 Schedule

NFC #2 at UMass - 2/11

New England Championships - 2/19

New England Intercollegiate

Fencing Championships - 2/25

Club Nationals at West Point - 4/14-15



## Other cool articles to check out:

[www.bu.edu/bostonia/summer10/club-sports/](http://www.bu.edu/bostonia/summer10/club-sports/)

[www.bu.edu/today/node/11913](http://www.bu.edu/today/node/11913)



Stay tuned for the Spring 2012 newsletter.

~Katherine Gillman and David Marulanda

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