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Tourneys, Exhibitions And Gossip

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San Jose State College won the Inter-Collegian Chess Championship at Los Angeles. The team consisted of Erik Osbun, Jim Iwashita, Ray Schutt, Leonard Hill and Peter Kelemen. University of Texas was second. There were 21 teams.

Jerry Spann of Oklahoma City has been named an International judge by the FIDE (International Chess Federation). Welcome to the club, Jerry!

It's old news that the USSR won the Chess Olympics at Tel Aviv, but it still hurts to know that they beat the U. S. 40. Paul Keres writes to say that he is badly under the weather and feels that he will be extremely lucky if he were to be picked by the USSR Chess Federation to play in the Piatagorsky Cup in Los Angeles starting in July.

Peter Berlow of New York State is planning on starting an organization for tournament directors who would have their own publication . . . Good idea!

The new Kolty invitational tournament starts on February 20. Those interested in playing (for high cash prizes) should phone JO 7-2410 before the 6th of February.

A new tournament starts at the Kolty Chess Club, Pacific Heights School, Jackson and Webster Streets, San Francisco, on Thursday February 5, from 6:30 p.m. on. There will be three sections (E-A, B and C) with three prizes in each section. Players should bring their board and men.

Impending tournaments that I have to direct include: Las Vegas, February 6-13 (First National Open) Monterey, California; March 20-21. (Second Annual event) El Paso Texas: March 26-28 (6th year in a row).