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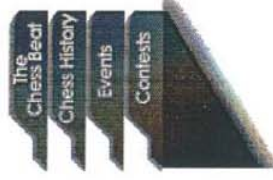
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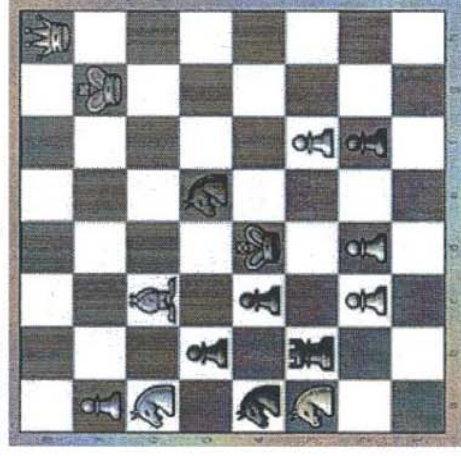
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Evans on Chess



White mates in 2 moves

College Credit



Two universities – Maryland in Baltimore and Texas in Dallas – began offering scholarships to chess players in 1995. Now about 15 colleges have followed suit.

Chess is popular with juniors, who comprise over half of the 90,000 members in the U.S. Chess Federation. "Recruiting is good for colleges because chess players are bright," said director Frank Niro (www.uschess.org).

Last April four teams from Texas, Maryland, Stanford and Harvard clashed in the finals of the national collegiate championship held at the Chess Hall of Fame in Miami which sports a 45-foot tower shaped like a rook.

Texas emerged victorious for the second straight year. They award eight chess scholarships annually with a four-year value ranging from \$19,000 to \$43,000.

"We don't have a football team. Chess is a way of making a name for a strong university that doesn't have a long history," said [Tim Redman](#), an [English professor who runs their chess program](#) (chessweb.utdallas.edu).

