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I know of many coaches in the state of Kansas who have questioned me concerning a M.A. degree here at K.U. Many of them have been forced to attend other schools to get their advanced degrees. I merely quote that to show that there is definitely a growing demand for M.A. degrees and since we will have the men qualified to give advanced degrees, why then I believe we should have a graduate course in physical education.

I might mention here that I am planning to get my doctor's degree in physical education, which will give our department four doctorates, i.e., yours, Dr. Lapp's, Prof. Elbel's and my own.

Concerning my present work here at the university. I am teaching classes in swimming, fencing, boxing and I have also taught tennis, and handball. In fencing I am the originator of the American School of Fencing. It is primarily a different method of instruction in fencing. I have divorced my method from the old European schools such as the Italian, French and Spanish schools with their "fencing masters" and have given fencing an American psychological approach in my teaching methods. At present I am writing up my American school of fencing and will have it published as soon as it is completed. As you probably know, using my American method, I coached and taught the members of the K.U. fencing team both in 1935 and last year through undefeated seasons.

In teaching my classes I try to emphasize two things. The first is the individual difference and second the situation. For example in boxing I take the individual and try to understand his particular physical and psychological makeup and then give him instruction in boxing by showing him how and also the situations in which the fundamental boxing technique may be used to the greatest advantage so that he gets a whole related picture and not isolated elements. Last year using this method I was able to teach and coach the Haskell Indians to an unusually successful season. In fact my team won 5 golden glove championships at Topeka, one state championship and one of my boys was semi-finalist in the National A. A. U. Also we chalked up five wins over other teams.

In swimming I am a holder of an American Red Cross Senior Life Saving Certificate. In 1935 I was chosen as a member of the All Big Six Conference swimming team and listed in the Spalding swimming record of that year. I hold a championship in one-wall handball (intramural all-university competition 1935) and in clay court tennis play.