

Herb - This stroke is much different from the orthodox breast stroke, because in the butterfly stroke the arms are brought out of the water simultaneously, and in the old stroke the arms were always kept under water. The legs kick back and together simultaneously in both strokes. There was much discussion among the coaches in the National Collegiate Athletic Association when this stroke first came out whether or not it was legal, but after some argument it was finally declared legal by this Association. The butterfly is much faster than the orthodox breast stroke, but can be used for speed and exploitation only. At the present time it offers no practical value as a utility stroke.

Allen- Well, anyhow, I'll bet Jim fluttered just the same, whether he used the butterfly stroke or not, because he made the all-Big Six team. Jim, everything is streamlined these days. What is streamlined in fencing besides the girls' uniforms?

Jim- As you probably know, Dr. Allen, I've originated a school of fencing which I've termed The Functional or Recreational School of Fencing. I attempt to teach the student as much as he will need to enjoy participation in actual fencing, as quickly as possible. In other words, after 10 hours of instruction my students can enjoy actual combat. In Europe the beginning student never gets the foil until after about 3 hours of instruction and he gets competition only after a year's work.

Allen- These rapiers look pretty dangerous to me, Jim. They really look like weapons. Is it all play with those things when the boys and girls take hold of them?

Jim- Quite, Dr. Allen! There isn't any greater satisfaction than out-witting your opponent and scoring a perfect touch. You know the feeling Dr. Allen, when you see your basketball boys execute a play just as you've taught it to them and have it score a basket. I'll say it's play! Why, I even enjoy fencing with my elementary students. I remember one of the boys scored a touch on me and he acted as though he'd found a million dollars! Yes, D'Artagnon still lives at the University of Kansas.

Allen- That's certainly most interesting, Jim. But now let's get back to the old countries for a moment. That is where this duelling started, isn't it, and it looks like they are still at it.

Jim- Yes, they are still fighting over there. But the beginning of fencing is a little in doubt. Some claim Germany and some claim Spain as the place where the sport originated. They all agree, though, that it began back in the 1400's. Its beginning isn't as important as the fact that it rapidly spread to France, Italy, Hungary, Argentine and nearly every modern country.

Allen- Jim, whom would you say is the greatest fencer at the present time?

Jim- Well, Dr. Allen, at the present, the greatest fencer is Aldo Nadi, the lithe Italian who has captivated the Eastern states with his grace and speed.

Allen- Now, let's get back to home ground. Let them do their fussing and fighting over there. We want to talk about body-building sports at the University of Kansas. Jim, will you enumerate some of the benefits of fencing?