

Jim - Fencing, like swimming and many other sports, is definitely physically beneficial. Herb has already mentioned some general benefits derived from swimming which might easily be said of fencing. The grace and rhythm of muscular effort, the finesse of accuracy and speed, are some of the physical advantages of fencers. But a most important part of all our play in sports is not only the physical, but also the mental relaxation and enjoyment accruing to participants in the game.

Allen - These are very important points, Jim. How long have you been developing fencing at the University of Kansas? I know everybody likes it, because our gymnasium halls are lined with interested spectators watching your classes in fencing every afternoon. It's alluring. Maybe its the alluring co-eds, Jim.

Jim - In 1935 Prof. Elbel and Dr. Naismith offered me the opportunity of assisting them in building the sport. With their aid and some of my own ideas I coached the University of Kansas fencing team through to the first all-victorious season. My first class of students was a group which included some of the Hill leaders, such as Clyde Nichols, Philip Renick, Lyman Field, Tom Orr, and others.

Allen- Who are your best fencers now - or your "Three Musketeers"?

Jim- Well, Tom Orr, son of Dr. T. G. Orr, of our own Medical School, is our Porthos; For Aramis, the second Musketeer, we have Kalman Oravetz, of Newark, New Jersey; and our Athos is Carlos de Janon, of Panama. All these boys are members of the fencing team.

Allen- But don't you have any good women fencers? I notice lots of girls in your fencing classes.

Jim- Oh, yes! Incidentally, we have the largest group of women fencers we've ever had. The three outstanding fencers among the women are Miss Ernestine Swafford, a senior in the School of Fine Arts, from Fort Scott; Miss Nellis Hurtgen, of Topeka, a freshman in Fine Arts; and Miss Nell Clark, from Troy, Kansas, a sophomore in the College.

Allen- Herb, your sport is in the basement of the gymnasium, but I'll bet a lot of splashing goes on down there. On the varsity swimming team who are the stand-outs this year?

Herb- Well, Dr. Allen, we have 3 letter men of 1937 to form the nucleus of the squad: Wm. Gray and Proctor Ritchie, back strokers, and Vete Nowosinske, distance swimmer. Charles Stipp, diver and Paul Fisher, distance man, of last year's team are also back. The new men out for the team are Paul White, diver; Harry Brown and Robert Beeler and Frank Wilson, breast strokers. The dash men are Wallis Campbell, Raymond Davidson, Alex Mitchell, and Gene Feaster.

Allen- What's your outlook against competition in the Big Six, Herb?