## N. Y. IS SOLD!

: success of the international tourna- reported herein has convinced our lar- livision that proper staging will increase ır interest in our major competitions.

: Metropolitain individual champion- will be conducted as round-robin elim- ıs on separate dates for each event he field in each is reduced to eight. A final by direct elimination will then d at the New York A.C. on May 21. at 10 AM, Women at 1:30 PM, Foil M, Sabre at 8 PM). Admission for each is $1.00. High school students will lmitted without charge by presenting S.O. card.

: Metropolitans bring together the finest s in the east and the new system prom- ı make the final events more interesting atch than our round-robin National ɔionships. You all have friends who expressed an interest in seeing some g — bring them to an event which will understand and enjoy instead of confused and bored after the first bouts.

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## NNUAL HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

ɔklyn Tech, coached by Bill Clarvit, he 26th Annual High School Tourna- sponsored by N.Y.U. The popular event ted 33 schools from New York and Jersey.

Nalven paced the champions with an record, winning his last nine bouts in . Irving Adler and Howard Goodman ed the strong support needed for vic- All three graduate this year.

regret we did not receive the complete . The other schools were: Abraham ı, Alexander Hamilton, Aviation HS, ger, Boys High, B'klyn High of Auto- : Trades, B'klyn Tech., Butler, DeWitt ı, Eastern District, East N. Y. Voca- Far Rockaway, Forest Hills, George ıte, Glen Rock, Henry Snyder, Hicke- The Hun School, Jamaica, James Fer- 'enmore-West, Morris, Morris Hills, k Academy, Pleasantville, Riverdale y School, Seward Park, Sheepshead Bay, Brook, Stuyvesant, Theodore Roosevelt, ıahic and William Howard Taft.



## NOTES ON NEW ELECTRICAL POINTS

**By Leon A. Wortman**

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Safety and sureness are the two basic motives behind the continuing investigation and modification of the pointe d'arret. The pointe must be safe to the man receiving the "hit." It must give maximum assurance that a properly executed "hit" will register. The accompanying illustrations are intended to acquaint fencers, technicians, equipment people and bout committees with the latest requirements.

### THE FOIL POINTE

This is now mandatory for all A.F.L.A. competitions. The significant change is in the use of concentric rings instead of the "pineapple" shape tip. It is designed to "cling" more securely to the target, yet behave less like a "hack saw" when forcefully struck against a mask. The diameter of the pointe d'arret can be from 5.5 mm to 7.0 mm, measured at the largest (base) ring. The height of that largest or base ring should be 1/5th the radius or 1/10th the diameter. At the present time dimensions are not explicit for the 4 upper concentric rings. However, as indicated on the diagram, the leading edges or exterior corners must touch the outline of the radius when that radius is drawn with the center of the platform of the base ring as its focal point. Observe that the diameter of the body or sleeve of the pointe assembly is 0.3 mm less than the maximum diameter of the pointe d'arret. This is especially desirable. It is a good feature in that the nylon or other insulating material wrapped around the sleeve is less likely to extend beyond the diameter of the pointe d'arret. Such an extension could conceivably interfere with the stopping, sticking or clinging action of the pointe d'arret when proper contact is made with the target. If any of your weapons are equipped with the older large diameter sleeves (sleeve diameter same as pointe d'arret diameter), it is highly advisable to discard them; replace immediately with the point assembly shown here to gain maximum benefit offered by this regulation.

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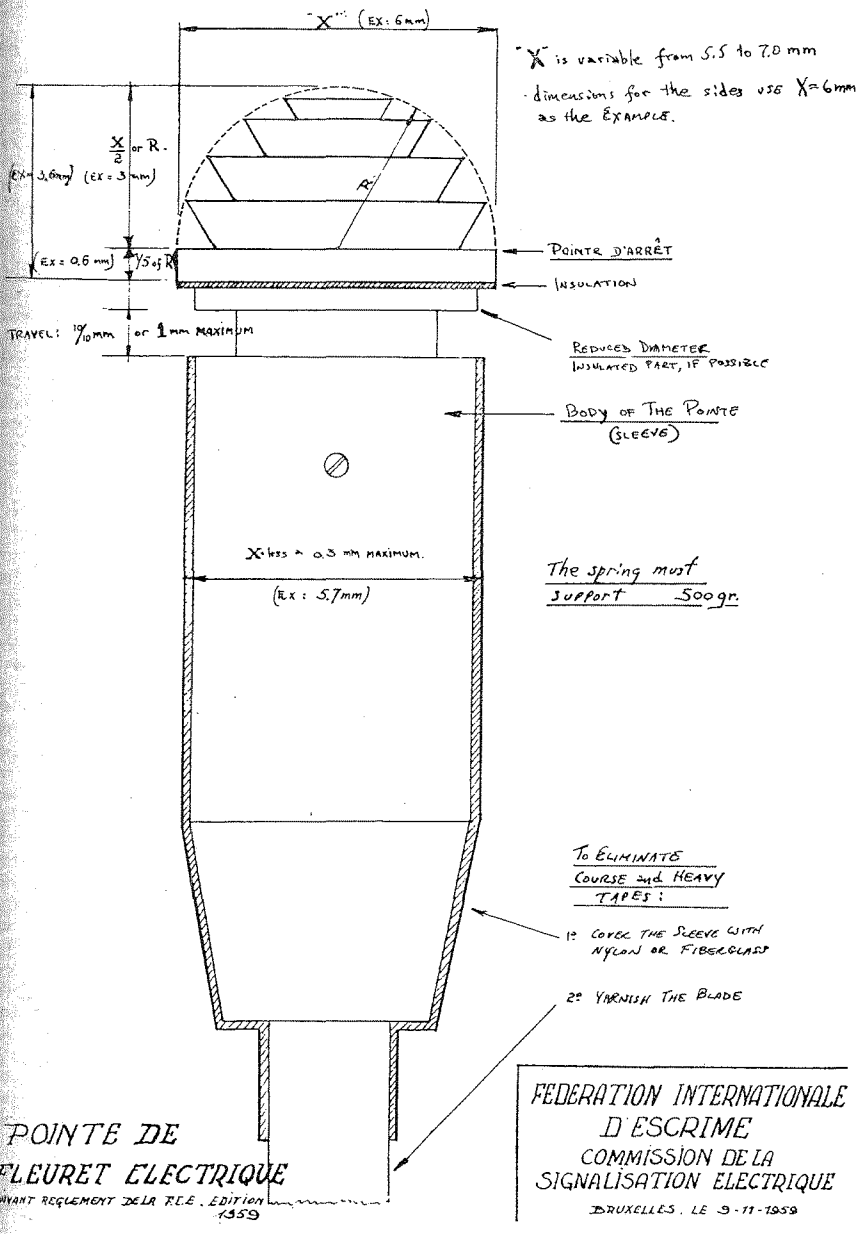

## Western Intercollegiates

**By Erich Funke — d'Egnuff**

Francisco State College was host to th Western Intercollegiate Champion-

Air Force took home every team and ual title for men, while the host team e women's event. Mrs. Funke d'Egnuff a mahogany relief of the head of Mayer and prsented it to the women's ons.

of the outstanding moments of the nent was the 3-way fence-off for the ual epee title among cadets Forrest ilson and S. F. State's Stenwick. For- feated his two rivals and the bout ond was a perfect climax to the long Stenson, trailing at 4-2, evened the it 4.4 just as time expired. Two touches followed before Stenwick the deciding touch to the delight of ience of more than 400.

ly 450 bouts were fenced in twelve f fencing thanks to the help of many members including the 16 year old Maestro Funke—d'Egnuff of the host who made his debut as the youngest in an official competition.

trophy for the outstanding fencer, l by vote of all the coaches or cap- f competing teams, went to S. F. Ernest Perkins.

1962 Tournament will be held at the ce Academy in Colorado.

**Results**

**ividual Trophy:** (1) Gary Forrest, AFA; (2) n Stenwick, SF State; (3) Murle Wilson, AFA

**Epee Team Trophy:** (1) Air Force Academy; n Francisco State; (3) Pomona College.

**oil Individual Trophy:** (1) William Ebert, (2) Ernest Perkins, SF State; (3) Don elli, AFA.

**s Foil Team Trophy:** (1) Air Force Acad- 2) San Francisco State; (3) Los Angeles

**abre Individual Trophy:** (1) John Wolcott, 2) J. P. Skoro, AFA; (3) Keith Keppen.

**ademy Sabre Team Trophy:** (1) Air Force ny; (2) Los Angeles Valley; (3) San Fran- tate.

**ference Team Trophy:** Air Force Academy.

**Individual Trophy:** (1) Helga Fenn, SF (2) Pat Gardner; (3) Susan Otsubo.

**omen's Team Trophy:** (1) San Francisco (2) Pomona College; (3) Los Angeles



### THE EPEE POINTE

Note that as of January 1, 1961 the diameter of the pointe d'arret must not be smaller than 6.5 mm, nor larger than 8 mm. As of January 1, 1962 the variation from minimum to maximum is restricted to 7.9 mm to 8.1 mm, with 8.0 mm as the optimum value. The sleeve of the pointe can be 0.3 mm less than the diameter of the pointe d'arret. That means that for the time being your pointe d'arret can be 6.5 mm in diameter and the sleeve only 6.2 mm. It also means the sleeve could be 6.7 mm while the pointe d'arret is 6.5 mm in diameter. It would be foolhardy to fence with the latter pointe d'arret because, as in the case with the over-taped foil point, the extension of the sleeve beyond the pointe d'arret could prevent the stopping of the pointe d'arret against the target, especially when the target is acutely profiled. Again, fencers are advised to check their pointe assemblies and take advantage of this regulation. "Travel" is measured for 3 characteristics in the electrical epee: (1) travel before the touch would indicate, (2) residual travel, and (3) the combination of the two travel dimensions. Because of the lack of personnel or time the "travel" is frequently ignored during the weapon-test period. Random inspections have shown large variations in the relationships between (1) and (2). I point out that it is legal to exceed the combined travel (3) of 1.5 mm. However, the residual travel must not comprise more than 0.5 mm of that distance when it (3) is exceeded. Further, the travel (1) must never be less than 1.0 mm. For example, when combined travel (3) is 1.4 mm, then travel (1) must measure 1.0 mm and travel (2) 0.4 mm. Should combined travel measure 1.7 mm, for example, then travel (1) must measure at least 1.2 mm, because travel (2) cannot comprise more than 0.5 mm of that combination. These requirements must be rigidly enforced in order to give equitable mechanical equipment to all contestants. It would be wise for the serious fencer to make certain that his travel (1) measurement is as close to the 1.0 mm as is practicable to achieve. Otherwise, when you say you "missed that touch by a hair" it might actually be so.

It is fun to fence, exciting to win, frustrating to lose a touch because of a millimetric defect in an electrical pointe assembly. Insist that your equipment suppliers guarantee the proper functioning of new or adjusted equipment in accordance with A.F.L.A. Rules.