

# IMPROVED FENCING CLUB

Walter Wilkins.

Last year the U.P.E.I. Fencing team made a sincere attempt to be competitive on a provincial level. This year we hope to improve our status in this respect while concentrating on bringing new members into the club.

Fencing is a fast growing sport in urban areas, yet there is no reason why we can't excel here as well. Newfoundland has already put together a fine team while rural areas in Quebec are producing teams of top national quality. With the aid of inspired members, the U.P.E.I. Fencing team hopes to improve that the creative and physical energy needed in fencing exists here as well as in Upper Canada.

Unfortunately, certain mis-conceptions seem to plague the sport of fencing, reducing it to an old and useless game. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Modern fencing demands certain qualities that will never be out-dated. A fencer must combine thought with physical action; this allows the fencer to use both knowledge and ability while spontaneously dealing with a situation as it occurs.

The dynamic explosion of a fencer attacking his opponent has been compared to a sprinter playing chess while running the hundred yard dash.

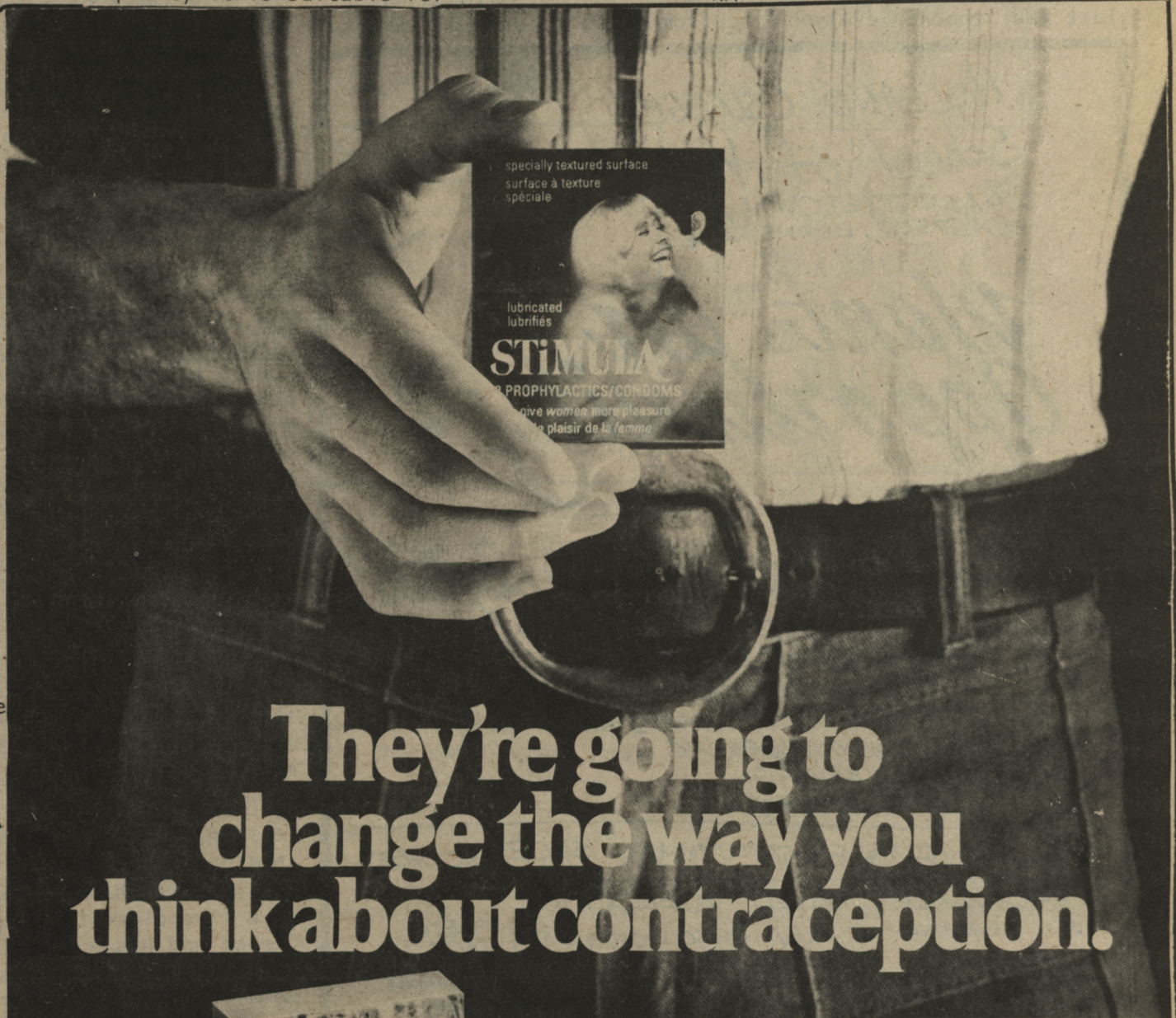
Modern fencing has removed the fatal aspect of the sport which has in turn changed the nature of the game. The object of the fencer is not to kill his

opponent but rather to learn off him in order that each will defeat the other at his own game. Of course only one will win but both will gain. What fencing will reveal about your actions and thoughts is often comical and always interesting. Even the learning of basic skills will reveal that fencing is not only a sport, but an art.

Although the competitive aspect of fencing is very demanding, in its recreational capacity it is suitable for

anyone between the age of six and 60. Fencers come in all shapes and sizes and usually share the single trait of wanting something a little different. If you are interested in finding out more about fencing, contact Prof. L. Zimmerman, room 215, Main Building.

A meeting and practice will be held Saturday, September 24, 9 am in the gym. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday September 22, 4 pm or Thursday, September 29 in the activity room (gym).



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## ISLAND THEATRE ANNUAL MEETING

Joan A. MacFarlane.

On Thursday, September 29, the Island Theatre Guild, formerly the Charlottetown Amateur Theatre Group, will hold its annual meeting in the David MacKenzie Building at 8 pm. This meeting will involve the announcement of the chosen fall production and audition dates. The play to be directed by David Bulger will be presented in late November. As well as the play the Guild will also be presenting a Variety Show in early December. Cast and crew are needed for each production.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for those interested in theatre to meet the new executive and pose any questions on the group and its productions. There will also be an opportunity to join the Island Theatre Guild. The Island Theatre Guild is sponsored by the Committee of Confederation Centre.



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