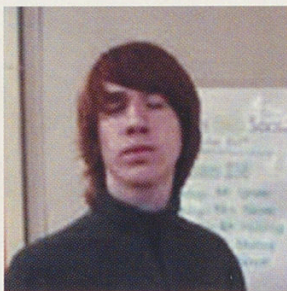


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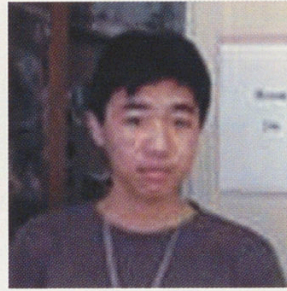
“Basically, you only try fancy moves when you can't get by with simple ones.”

> **Mark Stewart, 12**



“Fencing is an awesome sport which I'm really glad to finally have at the H.S. We have almost 45 people on the team to I think that when we finally compete were going to kick some serious tail.”

> **Leah Daniel, 11**



“It's a heck of a lot of stabbing fun.”

> **Cun Yong Jiang, 12**

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On guard

Fencing, the dueling sport of the middle ages

By: Shay Meisner

NEW TO THE SCHOOL YEAR IS THE **FENCING CLUB** advised by **Mr. Ronald Hochstrasser**. The team worked with Salle Du Lion Fencing Clubs from around greater Cincinnati. The club was split into two teams. The foil team was headed by Hochstrasser, and the Saber headed by **Tony Borzotta, 12**, and **Mark Stewart, 12**.

The cost for this club worked like this: a \$160.00 deposit, of which \$20 was kept as a user fee. The rest was returned. There was a participants fee of \$50, which covered school entry in the Southwest Ohio High School Fencing Association. Participants were also required to buy their own glove; they usually run from \$18-\$35 a piece. The differences between the teams are that the saber team's target area is from the waist up, it is a Cutting Weapon. The

Foil Teams target area is the Torso . Only Thrusting the weapon.

Tournaments are run the same for both teams, but in a unique way. It works like this: each fencer signs up and is placed in a pool. There can be any number of pools. Each fencer in the pool fences everyone else in their pool. The goal in a pool bout is to score as many touches (points) on your opponent as possible, and to prevent him from scoring on you. After the pools, each fencer is ranked according to how many points he/she has earned in their pool and are placed in a ladder tournament, or elimination bouts (DE's). The highest ranked fencers fight the lowest ranked fencers. The bouts range to 15 points. The person who gets first place in the DE's gets first in the overall tournament.



Row 1: Christine Troy, 12, Leah Daniel, 11, Patricia Troy, 10, Cathryn Niehaus, 9, Heather Troxell, 10, Alice Wang, 10, **Row 2:** Elena Hissett, 12, Tasha Hissett, 10, Cun Yong Jiang, 12, Srikar Karanam, 10, Allison Lacker, 11, **Row 3:** Jeffery Dapkins, 12, John Ellingham, 12, Wells Huskey, 11, Robert Tolley, 10, Warwick Johnston, 10, Katie Hess, 11, Mark Stewart, 12, Tony Borzotta, 12.



FIGHTING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP. As two fencers practiced their Good Guy/Bad Guy drills, which highlights footwork and timing. “Tony (fellow coach) and I feel that it is important for the team to drill so they don't pick up more bad habits.” **Coach Mark Stewart, 12**