

COLUMBIA LEADER IN TITLE FENCING

Holds Point Edge With Total
of 49 in N.C.A.A. Meet—
Navy Next, N.Y.U. 3d

DETROIT, March 22 (AP)—Columbia, the National Collegiate fencing champion four times in the last six years, tonight held a point lead in the 1957 championships. Three other teams were closely bunched within striking distance.

Navy's midshipmen were second with 48 points, New York University was third with 46 and Wisconsin's Big Ten champions another point back in fourth place.

The defending champion, Illinois, was 10 points off the pace in a deadlock with Princeton for ninth place. Wayne State and Yale were tied for fifth with 41 points. Chicago and Penn had 40 each.

James Margolis of Columbia set the épée pace with 20 points. Leading in the saber was N. Y. U.'s Bernie Balaban with 18 points, while Bruce Davis of Wayne State led in the foil competition with 20.

Thirty-two colleges and universities entered eighty-six fencers in the competition at the Detroit Memorial field house. Pierre duVar, a Notre Dame senior, was taken to a hospital for observation after colliding with an opponent.

DuVar was fencing in foil against Yale's John Norton when the incident occurred. DuVar's condition was described as good.

Vega Gymnastics Victor

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 22 (AP)—Armando Vega of Penn State walked away with the all-around title tonight at the fifteenth annual National Collegiate gymnastics championships.

Vega, 21-year-old sophomore from Los Angeles, scored an 87-point victory in the six-event competition over his nearest competitor, Abe Grossfeld of Illinois.

Both Vega and Grossfeld represented the United States in the Olympics last year.

The all-around crown is awarded for points scored in free exercise, side horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, still rings and long horse.

Vega compiled 1,601 points to 1,514 for Grossfeld.

With Vega's triumph plus ninth and tenth-place finishes, Penn State led the team competition with 14 points. Florida State had 12 points and Illinois, the defending champion, 9.