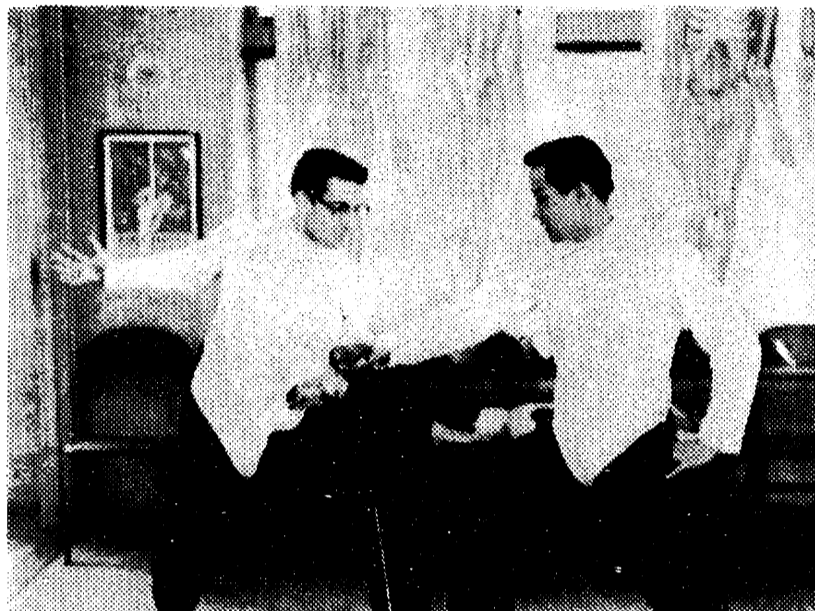


## Mannino Repeats As All-American Titlist; Fencers Place Seventh In National Meet



Vito Mannino and Bob Kao cross swords during a practice session in Lewisohn. The boys may fence against each other in fun, but in Colorado they fought side-by-side with Stan Lefkowitz to neatly wrap up an eighth place standing for the College.

Vito Mannino fought his way to All-American title for the second year in a row, Saturday, while the College's fencing team placed seventh in the NCAA Fencing Championships at Colorado Springs.

Mannino, a senior, placed fourth in the foil competition to be ranked All-American. Last year he finished fifth to gain the coveted honor.

Columbia University, with three All-Americans, took the team trophy, beating Navy 55-50. The Beavers garnered 38 points finishing only one point behind Wayne State University of Detroit. Wayne State had an individual champion in saberman Bela Szentivanyi, a 26-year-old Hungarian, but failed to do well in the other weapons.

Beaver Bob Kao, with less than a year's experience at saber, took eighth. Epeeist Stan Lefkowitz, the College's third

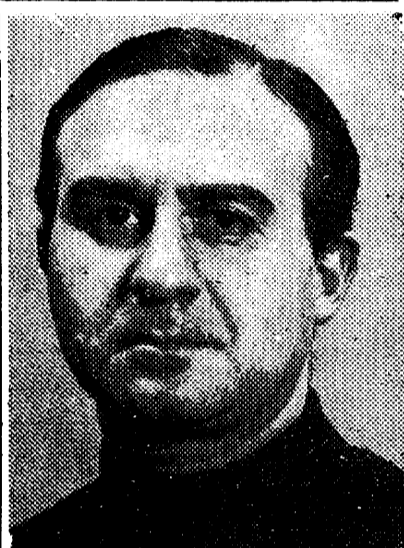
place behind him Mannino found a new nemesis in this meet—a lack of oxygen at the 7,500 feet high Air Force Academy. Often ill during the season, Mannino really felt the lack of oxygen. "It could've meant the difference between first and fourth," he said.

Long known as the spoilers, the Beaver parriers kept this tradition alive. Although Columbia's Jay Lustig took first place in foil, he lost his bout to Mannino, 5-2. Lustig hasn't been able to beat Vito all year and, according to his coach, Irving DeKoff, Lustig could be heard mumbling in his sleep, "gotta beat Mannino, gotta beat Mannino."

Navy's Ray Frey took third but like Lustig got caught at the end of Vito's blade. Lucia attributes Mannino's success to a "complete game." He has a repertoire of moves which he pulls as he needs. The main thing in the Nationals was that he was aggressive and didn't "fudge" (a fencing term for choking in a crucial match).

Bob Kao continued the spoiling. John Langdon of Navy had to beat Kao to get seventh place all to himself. The Navy fencers are a gung-ho bunch so Kao knew he had to attack all the time — he did and beat Langdon, obtaining a seventh place tie which Langdon finally won on a tally of touches.

Later Bob said it was a question of psychology, "I've lost a



Coach Edward Lucia

*'They're Afraid of Us'*

In the last bout he faced NYU's Allen Saltzman. Saltzman had to win to give NYU a tie for third, and share of the medals. Lefkowitz stopped him. In fact Lefkowitz won his last three bouts.

Lucia described his group as a "bunch of gangsters," never cracking a smile, quiet, like bandits. He even bragged a little, "when the other colleges met us they gave a shudder."

Getting a shudder is nothing new for the College's fencers. In 1948 the parriers won the Eastern championship, the National championship and the Little Iron Man trophy, the oldest surviving collegiate trophy in the United States.

The coach at the time was James Montague, still remembered affectionately as "Monty." Lucia follows in steps as a stern disciplinarian — and a winning coach. —Abel

## Oxygen Was Scarce—Vito's Courage Wasn't

By RICHIE COE

Vito Mannino was sick: he was gasping for air 7,500 feet above sea-level, but his red blood corpuscle count was too low for him to get enough oxygen.

Mannino was feverish and nauseous; his mucous membranes were dry as shoe leather. For three days he neither slept nor ate, living on Coca Cola syrup and water.

Vito Mannino made All-American. Buoyed up by vitamin B12

while he was at the Nationals Mannino refused to quit.

Indeed, perhaps the most amazing thing about Mannino's performance was his fantastic closing surge. Not only did Vito win his last four bouts, but he won every one with a perfect 5-0 score.

Mannino beat the big boys — (Continued on Page 2)



Bob Kao  
Eighth in the Nation

entrant, wound up 18th. Lefkowitz is a sophomore.

With several years of experi-

### MISTER FENCING:

## Champs Aren't New To Lucia

Coaching two-time All-American Vito Mannino is "only" another achievement in the varied career of Professor Edward Lucia.

Once Lucia conducted the New York Opera Boufee (he studied at the Julliard School). This, he said, requires as much "guts" and leadership as producing any All-American.

During World War II, "when it counted," Lucia joined the Navy. As a Chief Specialist in the physical fitness program he taught not only fencing, but also boxing, judo and bayonet combat.

Before coming to the College ten years ago, Lucia coached at St. Peter's College in New Jersey and at the Riverdale Country School. His scholastic parriers compiled a 53-3 won-lost

record over four years.

The list of Coach Lucia's pupils who made good is imposing. Three-time national foil champion Albert Axelrod, who Lucia taught while he was First Assistant at the famous Salle d'Armes Santelli, is probably the best.

But two-time NCAA foil champ Aubrey Seeman, 1956 IFA saber champ Miarty Wertlieb and 1956 national foil champ Sewel Shurtz are also among those Lucia has trained.

In 1959 Lucia coached the American Foil Team at the World Championship Tournament. He has also been a squad coach with Olympic fencing teams.



Stan Lefkowitz  
Neophyte Makes Good

lot of 5-4 bouts but I think I evened it off this time, winning as many as I lost."

Stan Lefkowitz had a little trouble getting grounded at first and didn't do too well the first day of fencing. Saturday he got settled and began winning.



Vito Mannino  
Sick But Deadly

injections and a flask of oxygen Mannino displayed what Coach Edward Lucia called "the greatest exhibition of courage I have seen in all my years."

Ask him about it now and Vito is disparaging: "The farther away from the Air Force Academy we got, the better I felt. I'm staying at sea level." But

### TEAM STANDINGS

|    |                          |    |
|----|--------------------------|----|
| 1  | Columbia University      | 55 |
| 2  | U. S. Naval Academy      | 50 |
| 3  | U. S. Air Force Academy  | 47 |
| 4  | New York University      | 34 |
| 5  | Princeton University     | 42 |
| 6  | Wayne State University   | 39 |
| 7  | City College of New York | 38 |
| 8  | University of Illinois   | 35 |
| 9  | Harvard University       | 33 |
| 10 | University of Notre Dame | 31 |

### INDIVIDUAL FOIL STANDINGS

|   |                           |           |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Jay Lustig, Columbia      | 20-2      |
| 2 | Philip Otto, Yale         | 19-3 (50) |
| 3 | Ray Frey, Navy            | 19-3 (58) |
| 4 | Vito Mannino, CCNY        | 17-5 (52) |
| 5 | Marv Garavoy, NYU         | 17-5 (56) |
| 6 | William Hicks, Princeton  | 17-5 (69) |
| 7 | Gerry Anderson, Wisconsin | 15-7      |
| 8 | William Ebert, Air Force  | 14-8      |

### INDIVIDUAL SABER STANDINGS

|   |                               |           |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Bela Szentivanyi, Wayne State | 20-1      |
| 2 | Steven Cetrullo, Columbia     | 19-2      |
| 3 | John Skoro, Air Force         | 17-4      |
| 4 | Howard Goodman, NYU           | 16-5      |
| 5 | Thomas Pacevaradi, Drexel     | 15-6      |
| 6 | Karl Dempwolf, San Francisco  | 14-7      |
| 7 | John Langdon, Navy            | 13-8 (67) |
| 8 | Bob Kao, CCNY                 | 13-8 (71) |

# I Am Staying At Sea Level'

(Continued from Page 1)

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Sickness has silowed Mannino all season. After seating a College neoord with 19 ooaasecutdve wins and taking fiflth pllace in the Nationals as a junior, Mannino could wel expect a banner year.

Actually m/osit 'anyone else would have been proud of Mannino's record this yeiair, but he couldVie hoped for beltter. And, though fourth-sitring All-wAmerica is awfully good, Vito had his eye on the NationAl dhiampionship.

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## Leaders...

The first Student Government Training Seminar of the term will meet today at 5 PM in Room 151 Finley. All interested students are invited to attend.

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