

# Illinois Fencers Gain Title; Columbia Is 2d, N.Y.U. 5th

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LUBBOCK, Tex., March 22—Illinois racked up 47 points to take the fourteenth annual National Collegiate fencing championship today. Columbia was second with 43. The 1957

champion, New York University, finished fifth in the two-day tournament with 36 points. It was Columbia's third straight year as a second-place finisher.

Illinois last won the title in 1956. Columbia was followed by Yale with 42 points, and Navy with 41. Notre Dame and Wayne State tied for sixth behind N. Y. U. with 35 each.

## Schankin Paces Illinois

Art Schankin paced Illinois, going through twenty-one saber bouts without a loss to pull Illinois up from the third-place spot it had held at the end of the first day.

Bruce Davis of Wayne State became the third man in N. C. A. A. fencing history to take two successive titles when he repeated as the foils champion. R. R. Womack of Navy won the épée title.

John Norton of Yale, second in the foils, was named the fencer of the year and won the Illinois Memorial Trophy on the basis of sportsmanship and performance.

Irving Dekoff, the coach of two of Columbia's championship teams as well as of its three runners-up, was named coach of the year. Yesterday he was elected president of the National Fencing Coaches Association.

Besides Schankin, Coach Maxwell Grant's Illini team included Abbey Silverstone, third in foils, and Lee Sentman, sixth in épée.

Columbia's line-up was Tom

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Moshange, eighth in foils; Steve Buchman, second in épée, and Frank Parisi, second in saber.

Other team totals were Wisconsin 32, Buffalo 30, Iowa 28, Detroit 27, Texas Tech and Texas A. and M. 23 each, Michigan State and Oklahoma 15 each, Rice 13, Penn and North Carolina 11 each, Princeton 10, Texas 9, Kansas 8, Houston, and Chicago 7 each, Arizona 6 and Nebraska 1.

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