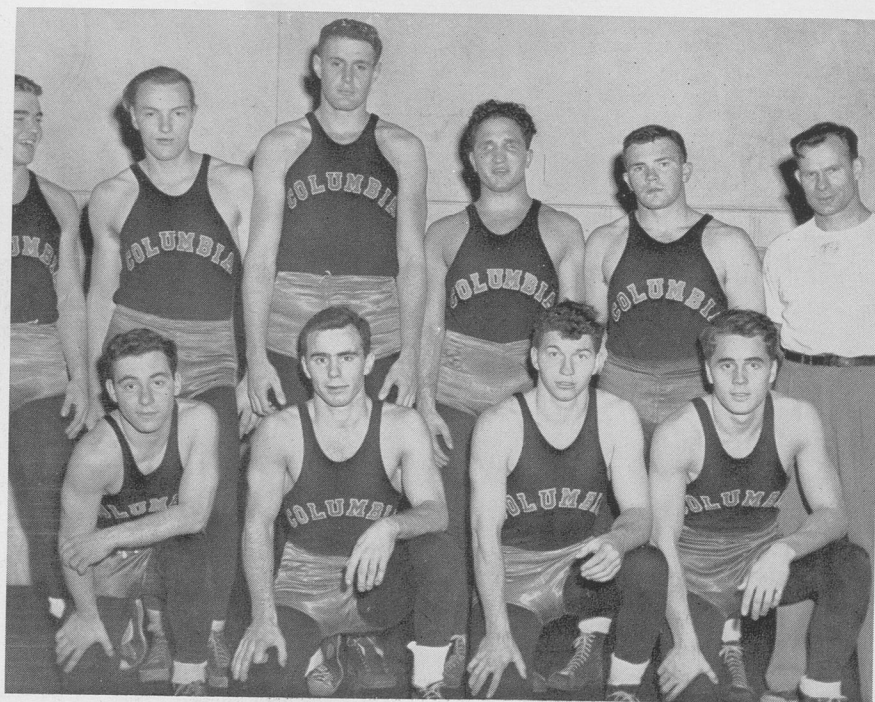
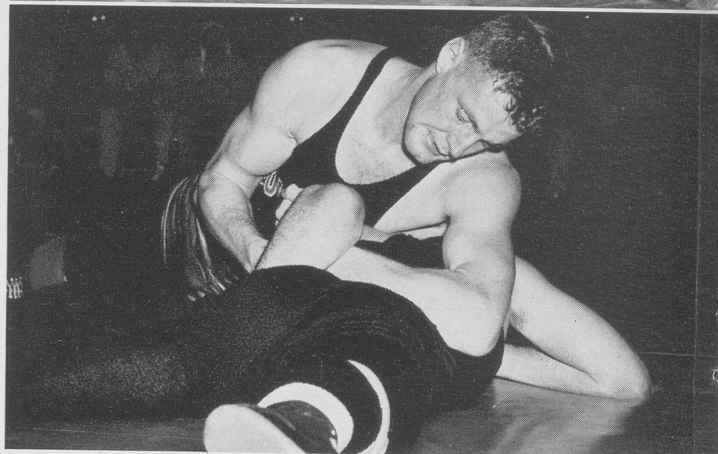
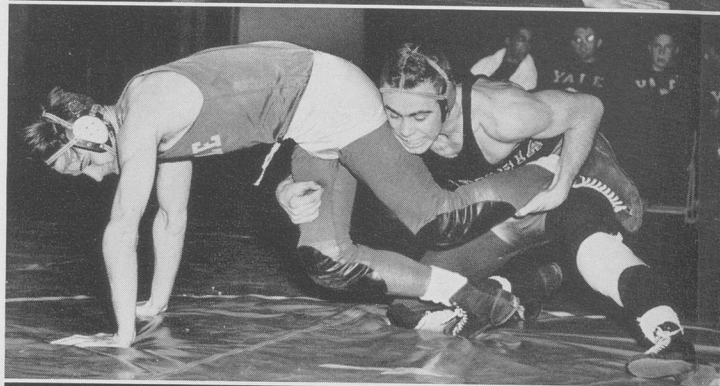
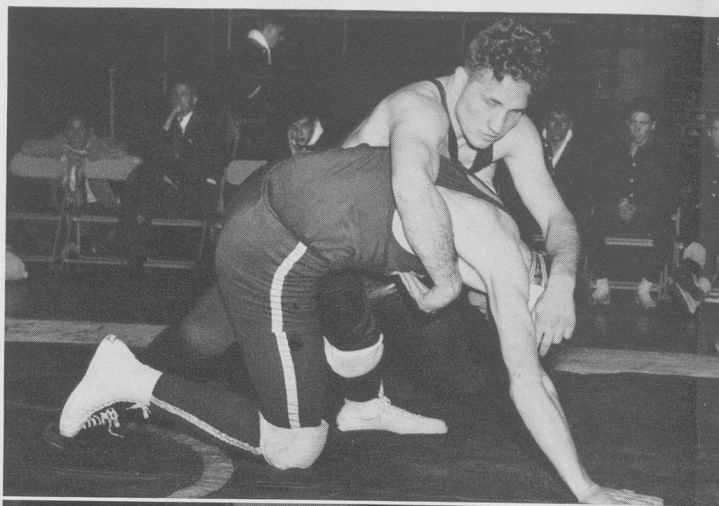


Wrestling- Swimming

With such stalwarts as Bob Hartman, Gene Manfrini and Captain Bill Malone returning, Coach Dick Waite was very optimistic as the season opened. The Lions quickly took the measure of Hofstra and Brooklyn Poly, before running smack into the best wrestling powers in the country. Before the season had closed the grapplers had also added Harvard to their list of conquests. Bob Hartman finished the season as runnerup to Penn State's Don Maurey for the EICA crown at 137 pounds, Gene Manfrini finishing fourth.

Coach Ed Kennedy was much interested in the increased spirit of the swimming team although the competition was the best in the world. Outstanding performances were turned in by Dick Auwarter, star back-stroker and sprinters Fred Orrick and Captain Hugh McGuire. Other mainstays of the squad were Tom Rancich, John Wuorinen and Ted Borri. These men were mainly responsible for the team's victories over City College and Pennsylvania.



Some of Columbia's wrestling stalwarts in advantageous positions for the moment; top: Gene Manfrini, our blind wrestler whom LIFE wrote up; center: Robert Hartman, one of East's best matmen; and Bill Malone, who also plays a mean game of football. The Wrestling Team. Front: Ed Maloney, Bob Hartman, Dick Deets, and George Paxton. Standing: Al Angelino, George Von Hassel, Bill Malone, Gene Manfrini, Merl Tischler and Coach Dick Waite.

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