

OBSERVATION POST

Openings . . .

Observation Post will hold a general meeting tomorrow at 12:15 PM in Room 336 Finley. Openings are still available for all staff positions.

The eventful history of OP will be discussed and instruction will be given in all aspects of newspaper writing.

All students who have attended previous meetings and those interested in joining the paper are asked to come to this most important meeting.

Gates Given Gate:

5 Municipal College Presidents Bar Smith Act Violators From Campuses

By PETER FRANKLIN

John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, and others convicted under the Smith Act, have been barred from the campuses of five municipal colleges by an action taken yesterday by the presidents of the colleges.

Invited by the College's Student Government Public Affairs Forum, after being denied permission to speak at Queens College, Mr. Gates was scheduled to speak Tuesday, March 19.

In taking this action, the five presidents—Dr. Buell G. Gallagher (City College), Dr. George Schuster (Hunter

College), Dr. Harry Gideonse (Brooklyn College), Dr. Thomas V. Garvey (Queens College) and Dr. Walter Willig (Staten Island

for any reason or awaiting appeal from a conviction to include persons convicted under the Smith Act.

The action was taken at a regularly scheduled meeting of the five Administrative Council Presidents.

The ruling does not bar individual municipal colleges from inviting communists not convicted under the Smith Act or otherwise indicted to speak on the campuses.

Dr. Garvey originally overruled the Queens College Faculty Committee on Student Activities' approval of Gate's appearance. He stated at the time that he was reversing their decision because state law requires the college to employ only teachers who support the constitution of the United States and New York State. "Teaching, he said, "obviously, is not limited to the classroom and it would seem reasonable to assume that this regulation applies at least in spirit to those who teach at the college in any capacity."

Mr. Gates, who was convicted on October 14, 1948 along with eleven other top ranking communists in the country, when informed of the decision, said, "I

The Decision

There is complete agreement among the five Administrative Council Presidents in our unequivocal condemnation of Communism. Just as this Council of Presidents has, since May 1950, refused the courtesy of the campuses to persons under indictment for any reason, or awaiting appeal from a conviction, we are now all of one mind in refusing to extend campus courtesies to persons convicted under the Smith Act.

On each of the five campuses the common purpose of opposing Communism has been accomplished through somewhat different procedures. We reaffirm our belief that uniformity of method in dealing with Communism is not of the essence, and express our intent to respect one another in a variety of methods and procedures, each appropriate to our own circumstances.

think that the five presidents by action have violated the oaths of office and all principles of scholarship to which they are dedicated." They served a massive

— OP Editorial —

Surrender to Fear

The Council of Municipal College Presidents took a step backwards yesterday by refusing to allow John Gates to speak at the College. The chance was before them to reaffirm their belief in academic freedom as a meaningful entity. But the presidents showed by their action that at City College it is no more than an empty phrase.

In their statement, the five presidents said that they are in complete agreement in an unequivocal condemnation of Communism. But as far as we can determine, their action leaves Communism relatively unscathed while it delivers an oppressive insult to the intellect of the student body. Although Communists may seize upon this incident and wring from it their customary few grains of inverted martyrdom, it is the student body, whom the presidents are ostensibly protecting, who will suffer in the long run.

The loss of even one avenue of inquiry is to be deplored, especially if the dangers of travelling along the avenue are minimized by accurate identifying markers. Not only is it an insult to assume that students can be led down the road to Communism simply by hearing a glib or dazzling speech, but it is a damning admission of lack of faith in the basic tenets of our educational system.

The blame for this surrender to fear rests on all five of the men who concurred in it. The decision handed down might have been expected at Queens College; it is right out of Harry Gideonse's book at Brooklyn.

But for City College, suppression of speakers is new and unwelcome. It is a slap in the face to a hundred year tradition of freedom of thought, which Buell Gallagher once pledged to defend.

The Phoenix and The Dodo

The presses rolled again last night for OP. Whether or not they will continue to run is up to you. The decision to cease publication was not a unanimous

Gesell



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one on the part of all those connected with this organization. In all fairness to those who made the decision, it must be said that we cannot condemn the editors who took it upon

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Courtesy N. Y. Mirror
John Gates

'Presidents violate oaths'

Community College)—have extended their present ruling of "refusing the courtesy of the campuses to persons under indictment

NSA Petitions Students To Denounce Apartheid

By SHELLY HALPERN

Petitions denouncing the future use of apartheid-South African policy of segregation—in the unsegregated universities of South Africa will be distributed on campus, in conjunction with the nationwide drive of the National Students Association.

The petition, the first ever sponsored by the NSA, is in answer to the plea of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) for messages protesting the impending apartheid, from student organizations throughout the world.

According to Jacob Rosen, chairman of International Agency, only two of South Africa's nine universities are unsegregated. The government's attempt to segregate these schools has met with the active resistance of NUSAS, and their resultant plea to all student groups.

In a letter to all member schools, the NSA explained that the "peculiar vulnerability" of the government of South Africa "suggests petitions as a weapon

against apartheid." Since it is subject to public opinion, the letter continued, "the signatures can make a difference."

A meeting of the International Agency will be held today at 3 PM in Room 327 of the Finley Student Center to plan the drive. Its goal is 700 signatures.

The petition, on formal NSA stationery, denounces apartheid as "fundamentally incompatible with the right of all students to access to a full education . . . and has no valid economic, educational, or ethical reason. The intent of the government to impose segregation on the remaining unsegregated schools," it continues, "is similarly without justification and can only lead to further reduction in the standard of education available to the non-white students of the country."



Steve Nagler

May appeal decision

blow against academic freedom, Gates continued.

"I regret very much that I have been deprived of the right to address students of the city colleges on their own campuses. The more serious matter," he asserted, "is that the students have been deprived of the right of free inquiry and exploration of ideas."

In addition, he said, that it was all the more regrettable since he intended to inform the students

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Club Notes

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Will present a special lecture tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 103 Harris. A research chemist from the Davison Chemical Co. will talk on "Research Catalysis."

ASTE-ASME-SAE
Mr. Fred Heller will discuss "The Differences in Working Opportunities for Engineers in Large Corporations and Small Companies" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 017 Harris.

BACTERIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY
Will meet tomorrow at 12:15 PM in Room 320 Shepard. A film and a talk about canning will be presented.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Presents Dr. Hart (Physics) speaking on Biophysics tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 319 Shepard.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY
Will meet Monday, March 18, at 6 PM in Room 320 Shepard.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS REVIEW
Will accept articles for its spring issue. They should be submitted in Room 151 Finley or to Prof. Cropsey (Economics) in Room 318 Wagner before Wednesday, March 27.

CAMERA CLUB
Holds a "slide session" tomorrow in Room 315 Harris at 12:15 PM. Each member may bring up to 25 slides.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
Meets tomorrow in Room 424 Finley. Prof. Frank Davidson (Speech) will speak on "Current Trends in Drama."

CLASS OF '58
Holds interviews for the position of Editor-in-Chief for the senior yearbook, "Microcosm." For information call Ralph Dannheisser at TO. 7-6928.

CLASS OF '60
Will meet tomorrow at 12 Noon in Room 337 Finley. Plans for "Honolulu Holiday" will be discussed.

EDUCATION SOCIETY
Presents Prof. R. C. Pennington (Speech) who will speak on the problem of the deaf, tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 106 Wagner. The film, "Thursday's Children," will also be shown.

EL CLUB IBEROAMERICANO
Presents Prof. William E. Colford (Romance Languages) as the guest speaker tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 302 Wagner. The topic is "Un Viaje Musical por la America del Sur."

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Dr. Lattman of the Exploration Division of Gulf Oil Co. will speak on "Photogeomorphology." Tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 306 Shepard.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY
Rehearses "Iolanthe" tonight from 6-9 PM in Room 327 Finley, tomorrow from 12-2 PM in Room 234 Finley, and tomorrow night from 6-9 PM in Room 327 Finley. Two female lead roles are still open.

GOVERNMENT & LAW SOCIETY
Meets with the SG Cultural Agency tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 348 Finley.

HIKING CLUB
Meets tomorrow at 12 Noon in Room 312 Shepard to discuss the Friday night hike on Breakneck Ridge.

HILLEL
Presents Dr. Robert Serebrenik, noted Rabbi of Congregation Ramath Orab, speaking on "Neo-Orthodoxy" today at 12 Noon in Hillel House. Tomorrow, a forum on "If I Were a Student" and "If I Were a Professor" will be held.

JOURNAL OF SOCIAL STUDIES
Will accept research papers for its spring issue. The papers should be submitted in an envelope addressed to the Journal of Social Studies and left in Room 151 Finley before March 18.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS DU JOUR
Meets tomorrow in Room 350 Finley. Two French films will be shown.

PHYSICS SOCIETY
Will meet tomorrow in Room 109. Professor K. D. Irani (Philosophy) will speak on "Some Aspects of Metaphysics."

ROD AND GUN CLUB
Meets tomorrow in Room 209 Steiglitiz to discuss the proposed fishing trip. Three films will be shown.

S.G. CULTURAL AGENCY
Will present its "Cultural Forum" in Room 348 Finley at 12:30 PM tomorrow. Discussion groups will be led by Professor Marvin Magalaner (English), Ivo Duchacek (Government), Donald Blais-Dell (Government) and William Regensbeam (Accounting).

UKRAINIAN STUDENT SOCIETY
Will hold an important meeting tomorrow at 12 Noon in Room 305 Finley.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS
Will hold a meeting tomorrow in Room 202 Harris at 12 Noon. A tea will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 PM in Room 424 Finley for all women engineering students.

Sympathy Leads to Tea For First-Aid Student

By GERRY ESKENAZI

Sympathy on the part of Professor Abraham Sperling (Hygiene) has resulted in tea for his early-morning class. The idea was born when one of the pupils in his First Aid and Safety Education course

complained that the early rising didn't afford him enough time to eat breakfast, so Professor Sperling jokingly told the student to

of the B'nai B'rith Central Culture Group, and is regularly called upon to speak before groups on the implications of Kinsey works.



Miriam Tittelbaum

Prof. Sperling finds it difficult to confine himself to only one field. (He has published books on mathematics and psychology) "I can't see myself giving either teaching or writing," says, "they both help maintain my enthusiasm."

When he does have time on his hands he tries something new. He is currently employed as a personnel advisor to several corporations, testing and evaluating applicants.

"City students," according to Prof. Sperling, "are a lot more stimulating, alert and informed than those of many other colleges."

The professor may also be justly proud of one other accomplishment—he has never had to apply for first aid to any student who has boiled water for the tea.

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eat his morning repast in class. The beverages and cookies movement was under way.

Besides presiding over teatime or an occasional coffee break, the professor also lectures on the Kinsey Reports. He is a member

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themselves to stop the presses. Each one has given much more than his share of time and energy in the effort to keep the newspaper going.

OP's resurrection can be attributed to two things. First is our fundamental belief in the two newspaper system—a belief that even The Campus, which for many years has spearheaded the drive for merger, now supports editorially, and indeed, even claims to champion. Even the most cursory glance at the record reveals that OP had adhered to this policy through the thick and thin of the merger controversy that has raged for several years. Three times OP laid its right to exist on the line, and three times student referenda have borne out our faith in the students' sharing of our belief.

One of the more obvious benefits of this system was made clear last term when The Campus was barred from publication for ten days. Thanks to the two-paper system, the college community was not deprived of the news and other vital coverage as they would have been had there been only one paper. The advantages accruing from divergences of opinion are also apparent and need not be overly dwelt upon.

We go on record as being unreservedly against merger—if indeed the term "merger" can be applied to a situation where one of the two opposing members simply dissolves in a cancerous blight, leaving the other to remain by default—a ruthless negation of the efforts of those among us who have so vigorously opposed merger in the past.

The second and most gratifying factor in our comeback was the answer of the student body to OP's call for help. For once in the long and wearisome campaign against apathy, it seems that the old bogey has taken a holiday. Whether it can be turned into a permanent leave of absence is something that does not simply remain to be seen—for we do not believe in predestination—but remains as something to be effected by positive and determined action on the part of the new regime.

Also, the decision to revive OP, while having its emotional side, was not made without a measure of cold calculation. When we decided to resume publication, many viewpoints were tainted by the jaundice of habitual pessimism; and though still in its infancy, the new managing board has already managed to survive several defections.

To quell the collective anxiety of the sanctimonious Cassandras and other miscellaneous oracles down the hall, we unequivocally state that we are not in the market for hair-shirts or halos. The element of glamour was a factor of microscopic magnitude in the overall picture of our resumption of publication. We believe it best to shatter at the outset the image of the armor-clad savior of OP.

And, although doom-peddling hardly applies to those of us who have weathered the storm, some of us can remember back a few short terms when the staff of The Campus was similarly decimated; their prospects were remarkably similar to ours. We can easily conceive of a future inversion in the cycle of events.

The transfusion of new blood into the formerly anemic veins of OP is the thing that will ultimately tell the story in weeks to come. Thus far, the response to our appeal for help has been gratifying and encouraging. However, we still need everyone we can get. All are welcome—but our expectations are tempered with the hope that something else will remain when the romance disappears after the first late night down at the printers.

It looks as if a ray of light may yet break through the grey clouds of cynicism and despair that have so persistently hung over our past efforts. That old bugaboo—apathy—seems to have taken a tumble but by no means has it been overcome. Apathy must not be allowed to repeat its former triumphs—for if OP goes under again it will be for keeps.

Gates...

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that the recent National Convention of Communists took a position against forceable overthrow of the United States Government and for the establishment of socialism in the US through peaceful and constitutional means.

Stephen Nagler, chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, said that the bid had been made because the forum believed in presenting all views, and considered Gates' appearance timely in view of the Queens ban and the recent Communist National Convention.

In addition, he said, the matter might be appealed to the Board of Higher Education who can overrule the President's Council's decision or with the American Civil Liberties Committee.

Graphs, Statistics Show Athletes Are 'Fall Guys'

By NORM WEINER

Few of us realize the caliber of the College's teams but statistics prove just how good they actually are. During the past fall-winter season Beaver teams compiled a commendable record of 57 wins in 75 decisions for a sparkling .764 percentage.

The soccer and cross-country squads completed the regular season undefeated, while the swimmers and wrestlers were victorious over all but one of their opponents.

No one will ever forget the basketball team's competent performance. Even the most apathetic student was inspired when the hoopsters received an invitation to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

In winning their first eleven of fourteen games the Lavender cagers defeated powerful Fordham, 58-56, and St. Francis, 70-67.

City distinguished itself even in losing. No team fought harder than the Lavender when they lost to Manhattan, Holiday Festival

defeated during the season and co-captain Bernie Stolls who won seven of his eight matches in the 177 pound class. The two grapplers, teamed with Leon Entin (heavyweight), will represent the College in the NCAA Championships at the University of Pittsburgh on March 29 and 30.

Victorious in their last five matches, the swimming team helped prove its worth by compiling an 8-1 record. Losing only to Columbia during the regular season, the Mermen finished a close second to NYU in the Metropolitan Conference Championships and sixth in the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association Championships.

Hamentash?



A Purim Masquerade Dance will be held this Saturday night at Hillel House. Entertainment in addition to Carnival and Auction booths, will be presented. Admission is 75 cents to members of Hillel and \$1 for non-members. Proceeds will go to the Welfare Fund, WUS and the Stein Fund.

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Punch, Candles, Calypso At '59's Trinidad Fest

The lush foliage of the Caribbean will be the setting of "A Night in Trinidad," to be presented by the Class of '59 on Saturday evening, March 23, in the Finley Center Grand Ballroom at 8:30 PM.

A tropic evening will be simulated by candles, coconuts, rum punch and other exotic refreshments. The seating arrangements, according to the management, will be "intimate."

A major event of the evening will be the crowning of a Calypso Queen judged by President and Mrs. Buell G. Gallagher, Professor Daniel Bronstein (Chmn. Philosophy) and Dr. Irving Brannan (Speech), on the basis of personality, poise, charm, and figure.

The winner will receive a ticket to the Boat Ride or the House Plan Carnival, according to her preference. Girls wishing to enter the contest may do so by leaving notes with their names, telephone numbers and photographs in Room 337 Finley.

Prominent in the evening's activities will be a program of calypso entertainment. Among those scheduled to entertain are Joe Bindler, Skip Balanguer, Larry Cohen, Rachel Gottlieb, and Arthur Hirsch. Continuous music will be provided by two college bands. Bob Kirin's group will provide music for social dancing, and Bob Bishop's will provide the calypso flair.

Marvin Adler, Sophomore Class President, said yesterday that "the affair is semi-formal but those who are daring may come in calypso attire."

Tickets for the dance are now on sale at the Ticket Bureau, 132A Finley and in Room 337 Finley at \$3 a couple.

—Jacobson



Novack Masonovich High Scorer

winner, 72-68, during the regular season and Mount St. Mary's, 93-84, in the NCAA tilt. Sid Levy led the cagers in scoring with a 16.9 average, followed by Ralph Shefflan and Joe Bennardo who averaged 13.9 and 11.7 points per game respectively.

Nor will anyone forget the soccer team which posted nine wins and a tie in ten decisions during the season. The booters performed so capably that coaches around New York picked the College as the state's representatives in the Eastern Inter-Collegiate championships against Springfield College. A 3-2 loss to Springfield marked the soccer team's first defeat since 1953. Wolf Westl and co-captain Bob Lemestre received All-American honors.

The squad broke record after record as they breezed to the College's fourth straight Metropolitan League Championship. Among the records set was center forward Novack Masanovich's sixteen goals in league play and the team's total of forty-nine goals.

The cross-country squad became the second undefeated team during the fall-winter season as they posted six victories. Sparked by Randy Crosfield, the hill and dalers managed to overcome Adelphi and Iona among others during the regular season before finishing second to Le Moyne in a College Track Conference Meet.

Tabbed by Coach Joe Sapora as "one of the finest teams I've ever coached," the wrestling team managed to gain seven victories in eight decisions. Among the standouts on the squad were Bernie Woods (147) who was un-

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SPRING COACHES

Leon "Chief" Miller

By Peter Franklin

This is the first in a series profiling the four spring coaches—Leon (Chief) Miller, Dr. John La Place, Dr. Harry De Girolamo and Dr. Harry Karlin.

Looking forward to a "big improvement over last season's record," Coach Leon (Chief) Miller begins his twenty-seventh season at the helm of the College's lacrosse team.

With the exception of such returning lettermen as Sheldon Cashdin, Lenny Fagen, Merritt Nesin and Mike Volpe, the Chief will again face the problem of building a top-notch team out of a bunch of kids who may never have seen a lacrosse game—much less played in one.

Alone in New York

Born on the Cherokee Reservation in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, the Chief has almost single-handedly kept the sport of lacrosse alive in the New York City area. For years the Lavender squad was the only college team in this area and is still, today, the only team in New York City.

When the Chief entered Carlisle Indian School in 1910, it was at the peak of its athletic fame.



Coach "Chief" Miller Looks for Improvement

Playing with such notables as Jim Twohearts, Gus Welch, and Jim Thorpe on Pop Warner's famed football squad, the Chief soon became a star in his own right.

In 1912 Olympics

He competed in the Decathlon as a member of the United States Track and Field squad in the 1912 Olympics. In 1913 he received honorable mention on Walter Camp's All-American football team.

But the Chief's sport was lacrosse; and not to be outdone by his honors in other sports he also became a member of the All-American lacrosse team in 1922.

After graduating from Carlisle, the Chief played with Jim Thorpe's Indian All-Stars and

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Honored



Professor Joseph C. Sapora, coach of the College's wrestling team, will be honored at a twenty-fifth anniversary dinner and dance. Sapora, who has produced many fine squads and individual stars in his quarter-century as coach of the matmen, will be feted Saturday evening, April 27.

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Tiger-Like Fencer Put Opponents Through Mi

By JOEL WOLFE

On the fencing strip, Elliot Mills resembles a tiger stalking prey. He sets himself in a low crouch and springs at his adversary with great speed and agility. This unbeatable combination of natural talent and conditioning has

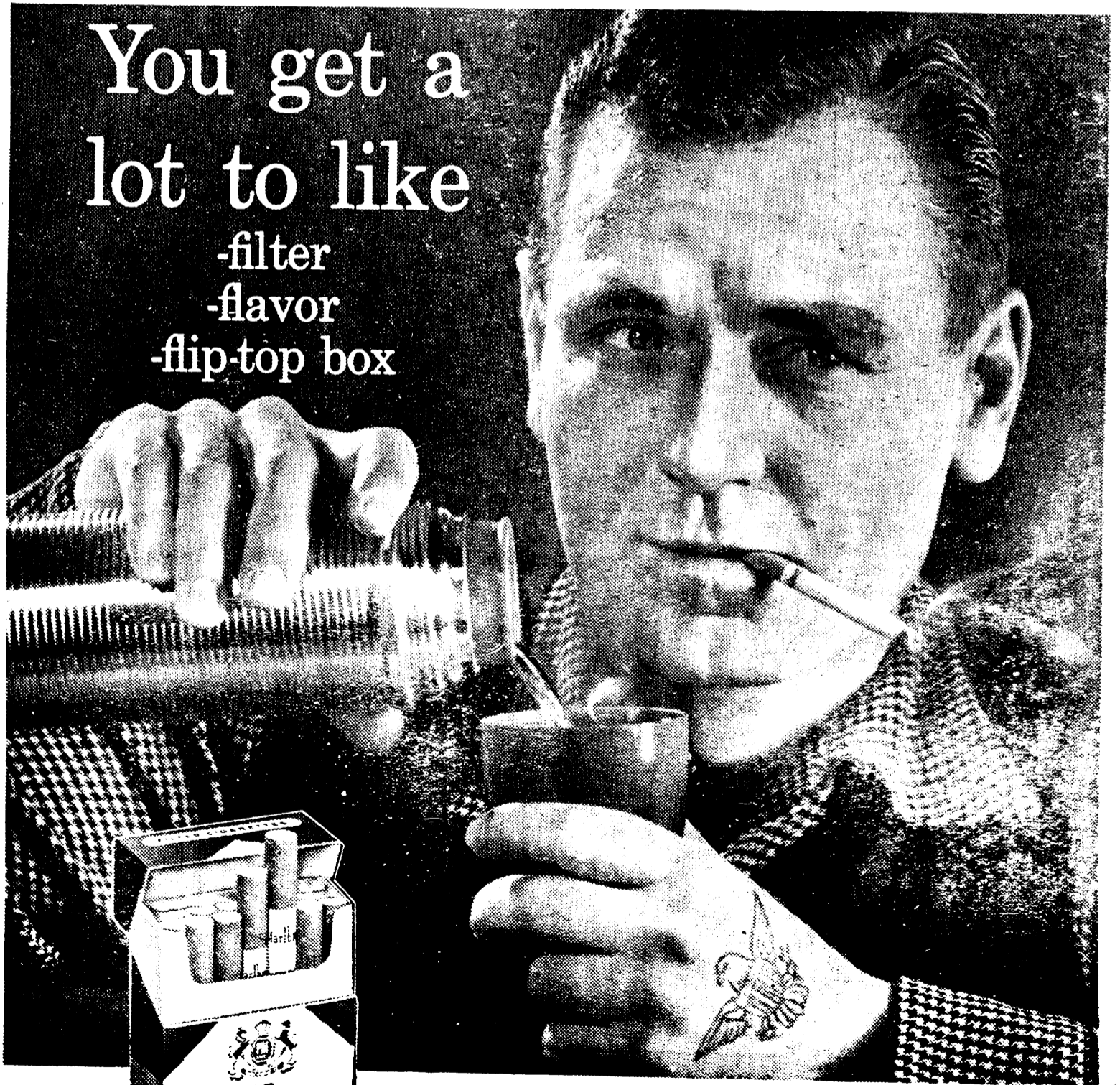
vaulted Mills on to the top rung of the Beaver fencing team's saber division. This agile left-hander received his highest honor yet by being selected to represent the College at the Intercollegiate Fencing Championships this Saturday at the Concourse Plaza in the Bronx.

Last year, as a member of the championship Saber squad, Mills turned in an outstanding performance and qualified for the individual championships. This was done in spite of a badly injured back, which necessitated his going to a chiropractor between the individual and team competitions. During the year, Mills led the entire squad by virtue of his compiling a dual

meet record of eighteen wins and only four defeats, during which time he copped fourteen consecutive bouts.

Mills was a three-letter man at Midwood High School, gaining awards in baseball, football and soccer. It was here that he learned the full value of conditioning. The star saberman believes that the rough conditioning program which Coach Lucia has instituted for the team, will enable him to endure the tough grind of eleven Eastern Championships. Toward the end of these competitions, good fencers are often beaten by men who are not as sound technically, but are in better shape.

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