

OBSERVATION POST

Czech Party Two-Masked, Prof. Claims

Former member of the Czechoslovakian Parliament, Professor Ivo Duchacek (Government) described the post-war Czech Communist Party as one consisting of "two masks."

Speaking before the Government and Law Society yesterday, he claimed that one of the masks favored parliamentary practices, whereas the other sported "conspiracy." Professor Duchacek ex-

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plained that in his country "favorable" results couldn't be attained by the first method, so the second was assumed.

Miscalculation of post-war anti-Communist factions in Czechoslovakia contributing to the "successful overthrow" of the Czech government by the Communists, he said, was the assumption that the Soviet Union would alter its policies after having been in contact with the Western nations during the war.

Professor Duchacek also considered reliance on the Democratic tradition of the people a handicap of the anti-Communist groups. He explained this by saying that democracy doesn't train its followers to transfer its "political conflicts from the floor of parliament to the barracks."

Regretting never having been a Boy Scout, the professor said the experience would have helped his development of a sense of orientation during his escape through the forests of Czechoslovakia.

Valuable Oils Displayed

Two paintings worth an estimated \$25,000 are now on display in Eisner Hall.

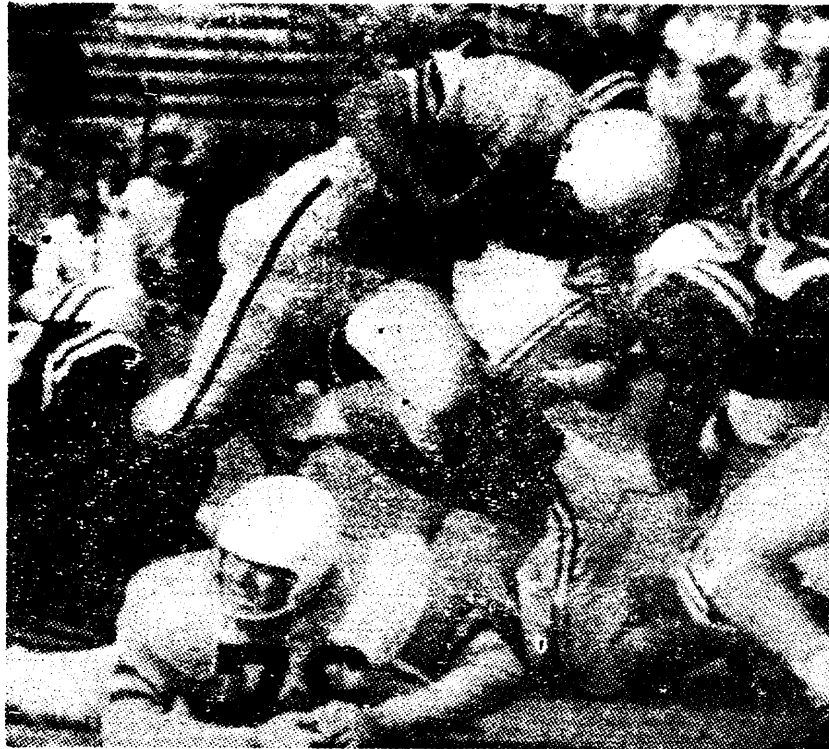
The works, "Portrait of a Lady," attributed to Ulrich Apt the Elder, and "Portrait of a Man," by Bartolome Estaban Murillo, are Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century oils, respectively.

Harris's Nephew

The donor, Richard Henry Rush, is the great-grand-nephew of Townsend Harris, the educator after whom the College's Harris Hall is named. The owner of a large art collection, Mr. Rush last year also donated a painting—"Marriage of the Virgin" by Paolo Veronese, a large oil, valued at \$25,000. This painting is also on display in Eisner Hall.

According to a member of the Art Department, it is certainly an advantage to the college's students to have these paintings here, both for their art education and their own cultural background."

Shall We Dance?



Tickets are now on sale for the College's two major dances of the spring term, the House Plan Carnival "Queen" Dance and the "E" Day Ball.

The "Queen Dance" will be held in the Hotel Roosevelt on Friday evening, March 28. Tickets costing \$3 per couple may be purchased in the HP office, Room 330 Finley.

The "E" Day Ball serves as a finale to "Engineering Day" sponsored by the Technology Itersociety Iterfraternity Council.

A "Miss E Day" will be picked at the dance which is being held in the Grand Ballroom, Finley Center Saturday Evening, March 22. Tickets at \$2 per couple may be purchased at the ticket bureau in Finley.

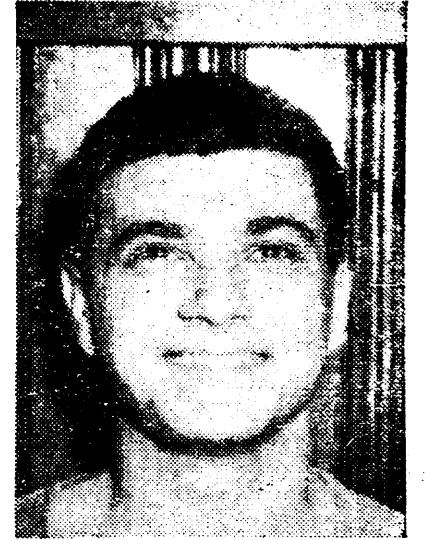
Beavers Play St. John's Tomorrow Night in Gym

The stakes will be high tomorrow night when the College's basketball team seeks to refurbish a season that has lost much of its earlier promise, by upsetting St. John's University at the Wingate gymnasium.

St. John's has firmly established the tenor of its season's pattern and the outcome of the impending struggle can have but little effect on the Redmen's total accomplishments. However, the "gut and glory" involved in the rivalry cannot be easily dismissed. It still is City versus St. John's.

For the Lavender the situation is slightly different. National Invitational Tournament selection, possessors of a 14-6 record, victors over Rice, George Washington University, St. Francis, Manhattan and Fordham among others, St. John's provides the Beavers with their most imposing opposition of the campaign.

Nevertheless, there's a great compensation: an unexpected triumph over such an impressive foe would put the Lavender back in the metropolitan spotlight, a position vacated since the victory over Fordham and the invitation to the



Joe Bennardo
Playmaker

NCAA post-season tourney last year.

Although a nine and six mark implies only moderate success, the Beavers have dropped an immoderate number of tough games. The College was edged by Hunter in overtime and it made an excellent showing against St. Francis and Wagner but weakened in the closing minutes. These defeats are behind the Beavers and right now they are riding on the crest of an inspiring triumph over Rider.

The Redmen feature a diversified attack hinging on Al Seiden's long-range firing and jump-shooting from the key and the pivot maneuvering of Gus Alfieri and 6-5 Lou Roethel. Bill Kirwan and Bob Pascal can hit from the corners

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Invitation to Gates—The Reactions

By Peter Franklin

The decision of the Administrative Council of Presidents to allow John Gates to speak at the municipal colleges and *Observation Post's* subsequent invitation to him have evoked mixed feelings from both faculty members and students.

Mr. Gates, who was convicted as a Smith Act violator in October, 1948, along with eleven other top-ranking Communists in the country, will speak in the Finley Center Grand Ballroom at 2 PM next Wednesday.

Opinions Expressed Varied

Professor Frank Brescia (Chemistry) remarked, "I could not bring myself to invite a person who wants to destroy me and everything I stand for to my home."

Professor Mark Brunswick (Chmn. Music) held the action of the Administrative Council in allowing Mr. Gates to appear at the College "a very good step as far as it goes."

But he added, "I wish the Council would carry this step even further by rescinding the Smith Act ban [persons convicted under the Act are forbidden to speak here], as urged by the General Faculty resolution earlier this term."

Other faculty members questioned had opinions that ranged between these two points of view.

The majority felt inviting Mr. Gates was a step towards greater academic freedom at the College. Many added, however, that the importance of Mr. Gates as an individual has been enlarged too greatly.

Professor Hubert Park Beck (Education) said that he wished

"to congratulate President [Buell G.] Gallagher and the Administrative Council for taking this action."

The consensus of students inter-

are ridiculous," and "there is no place at City College for exponents of evil to be heard," were given.

Cynthia Goldberg, a junior, said, "my brother was killed by the Nazis. To me John Gates is no better than they were."

Barred from Campus

Mr. Gates and others convicted under the Smith Act were barred from the campuses of the five municipal colleges by the colleges' presidents last year.

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

In taking the action, the five presidents—Dr. Gallagher (City College), Dr. George Schuster (Hunter), Dr. Harry Gideonse (Brooklyn College), Dr. Thomas V. Garvey (Provost, Queens College) and Mr. Walter Willig (Staten Island Community College)—extended their ruling of "refusing the courtesy of the campuses to persons under indictment for any reason or awaiting appeal from a conviction to include persons convicted under the Smith Act."

The ruling did not bar individual municipal colleges from inviting Communists not convicted under

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John Gates
Controversial

viewed was highly in favor of allowing Mr. Gates to speak here.

"I definitely think he should speak here because in this day and age one must hear both sides," said sophomore George Bader.

Expression of Views

Richard Aronow, a freshman, felt "Every view has a right to be expressed."

Many of the students, however, who were against Mr. Gates speaking at the College, refused to be quoted in print.

Such replies as, "he and his ideas

Belafonte's Bop Bought; Big Buy By Book Store

Strains of Harry Belafonte seem to be pacifying the students who create chaos and confusion as they stampede the College's Book Store.

The calypso singer ranks first in the store's record sales, according to Manager Ronald Garretson.

Closely following Belafonte in popularity are the Weavers and Frank Sinatra. "It is the store's policy," said Mr. Garretson, "to sell all labels at a thirty per cent discount." "We are also considering," he added, "the sale of hi-fi equipment, to be purchased on special order only."

The more important reason for the current subdued atmosphere at the Book Store is the student's practice of purchasing text books during registration week. Inventory statistics disclosed that over sixty per cent of the College's students have purchased their supplies during this period.

The College-owned store, Mr. Garretson said, can maintain its twelve and one half per cent discount on all books purchased only by sustaining a loss on each book sold. "We make up for this loss through the sale of other merchandise, such as greeting cards and stationery," he explained.

The students' insatiable desire for note-taking consumes 50,000 spiral tumblers annually. Along with the endless supply of paper is an equally infinite supply of pens, sold at a twenty per cent discount. The thirst for knowledge is responsible for the fact that 2,000 paperback volumes are available at the store.

All this, and Belafonte too.

—Shapiro

An OP Report

The New Popularity of Russian

By ESTRELLA MEIJOMIL

Part I of a series on "exotic" languages at the College.

Cold, snow, overpowering winds and the hardships of attending classes on North Campus are not the only aspects of the College reminiscent of Siberia. To complete the effect this winter, the Russian language seems to be gaining a foothold.

According to Professor John B. Olli (German and Slavic Languages), the College is experiencing the results of a trend in which Russian is emerging from its position of obscurity to one on a par with French, Spanish and German.

that more advanced Russian courses will be offered in the near future, including some dealing with Russian literature.

Regardless of whether or not they subscribe to Soviet material-

a program for training high school teachers in the language. Not only are teaching opportunities numerous, but the market for Russian translators is steadily growing.

The coming of the Russian language characteristically heralds the approach of technological advances. A "Russian Laboratory" is the next project foreseen by Professor Olli. This "laboratory" would embody tape recorders and "Linguo-Phone" records so that students could compare their own tape-recorded efforts against recordings of how Russian should sound.

Lack of Funds

At present, all that stands in the way of acquiring such equipment is a lack of funds. Professor Olli hopes that the necessary funds will be procured from some "benevolent organization," something which would not be found in a true Siberia.

Professor Olli believes that the "Russian Laboratory" will instill in students a feeling for the language's flow, and that audio facilities will render to them more meaningful a language "rich in emotional chords." Dr. Olli made no mention of the "emotional chords" likely to be produced if a student should fail one of the courses.

Part II of this series will deal with courses offered by the Classics Department.



Students who avail themselves of the Russian courses will be able to speak fluently with natives of this city—Moscow.

Dr. Olli attributes this trend to a realization on the part of educators that Russian culture has been neglected too long. There is no reason, he says, why Russian should not be valued equally with other languages popularly studied.

The Siberian overtones at the College would be even more convincing were it not for the fact that students are enrolling in Russian courses quite voluntarily. At Present, two elementary Russian courses are offered, Russian 51, with an enrollment of thirty students, and Russian 52, with an enrollment of twenty-five.

Departmental Expansion

This desire to learn may lead to an expansion of the Russian department, which was created during World War II for the purpose of training soldiers in the language. Dr. Olli feels confident

istic philosophy, students taking Russian can encounter rewards beyond the purely cultural. Prospects for people with a Russian language background, says Dr. Olli, are at present as appealing as they were after World War II for people who knew Spanish.

High Rating

Russian is currently rated so highly that New York City's Board of Education will soon institute

Revolt Theory Cited by Prof.

Professor Stanley Page (History), speaking yesterday before the History Society on "Lenin's Career in Terms of His Writings," stressed the fact that Lenin believed the world proletariat revolution would take place in a Western country and not in Russia.

In discussing Lenin's revolutionary philosophy, Prof. Page pointed out that the Soviet leader had outlined a plan which contained the prophesy of revolt, how it would originate and develop, and who would lead it. Russia, in Lenin's opinion, was not ready for such a radical step.

Slow Revolution

Lenin, the Professor said, also advocated a slow, non-violent revolution in which persuasion rather than violence would be used.

Prof. Page is the author of a soon-to-be-published book entitled "Lenin and the World Revolution."

An OP Special

Czech Communist Coup

By Prof. Ivo Duchacek

Czechoslovakia's final enslavement ten years ago as well as her present silence can be—and should be—primarily explained by the proximity of the superior power and energetic policies of the Soviet Union. During the Czech crisis in 1948, as during the Hungarian revolt, the Western powers remained distant, sympathetic but ineffective friends of the forces of freedom. On the side of democracy there was the law, the truth, the Constitution—and the majority of the people. On the side of the Communist minority there was the visible and determined support by the Soviet power. This had decided the issue.

In politics, however, the success of our adversary is only partly the reflection of his physical and strategic superiority. To some extent the Communists' success in Czechoslovakia also reflected some lack of foresight and appropriate tactic on the side of the democrats

My own—and my friends' basic mistake was to treat, prior to the coup, the Communist Party as if it were another political party in the coalition, although perhaps more radical and difficult to deal with. The Soviet Union, similarly, was viewed as if it were just another Great Power, although more difficult to deal with because so close and so powerful.

The first mistaken belief as to the nature of the Communist Party led to the concept of the coalition government with the Communists. There was a hope that, having the majority of the country behind them, the democrats would be able to make the Communists, like other political parties, would not react excessively either to an electoral victory or electoral defeat.

As to the Soviet Union, the Czechoslovak political leaders were convinced that the Czechoslovak-Soviet Alliance of 1943, containing the promise of non-interference in the domestic affairs of Czechoslovakia, meant what it said.

Perhaps, the Czechoslovak leaders had no other choice, given the post-war atmosphere of coexistence than to hope against hope. Nevertheless these misjudgments proved fatal to the Czechoslovak national independence and democracy.

It was too easily forgotten that Communist parties and the Soviet Union have always had two faces and two operational levels: one democratic, parliamentary, diplomatic, and "co-existentialist," the other conspiratorial and revolutionary. While the Communist Party had hoped for Communism in Czechoslovakia through free elections, and while the Soviet Union assumed that Czechoslovakia could be the first country to be communized peacefully, the Communist Party engaged in the normal political struggles, debated in the parliament and prepared for elections. The Soviet Union played the role of a Great Power which preferred the friendship of the whole nation to its submission and rule by a Soviet-dominated Communist minority.

If any lesson can be drawn from the Czech experience in 1948, then it would be this: the West, negotiating and coexisting with Communism, must never rely only on arguments, truth, law and the support of majority. This is not enough. One should also be ready to oppose force by force if need be. Thus, not only the West will protect itself against any kind of surprise or adventurous move from the Soviet side; but may induce the Soviet Union to remain confined to the framework of negotiations and peaceful change.



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Postnotes...

- A "Sadie Hawkins Day" Dance sponsored by the Student Government Social Functions Committee will be held tonight in the Finley Center Grand Ballroom from 8-12 P.M. I.D. cards must be shown on admission.
- Mr. Ariah Glazer will speak on "Israeli Crafts" at 1 P.M. Monday in Hillel House, 475 West 140 Street.
- Gerald Dworkin will discuss "Certainty in Mathematics" today at 3:30 P.M. in Room 212 Wagner.
- Father Meade of the White Fathers will show films of Africa and discuss recent Mau-Mau uprisings in his territory, Friday, in the second of a series of afternoon discussions held at the Newman Club, West 142 Street, between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues. Free refreshments will be served from 2-4 P.M.

Gates Open for Gates...

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the Smith Act to speak on the campuses.

Dr. Garvey had originally overruled the Queens College Faculty Committee on Student Activities' approval of Mr. Gates' appearance. He stated at the time 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."

In an effort to have the ruling rescinded, City College's Student Government retained Morris L. Ernst, lawyer and civil right authority, to appeal the ruling to the Board of Higher Education.

The BHE, however, upheld the action of the municipal college presidents.

On January 10 of this year, the College's General Faculty approved a resolution urging that the ban be removed.

Paragraphs twenty-one and twenty-two prohibit from appearing on the campus "members of the faculty, student body, or administration who have been suspended or were dismissed from the College and those persons convicted of violating public decency or involved in a morals charge."

No action to date had been taken on this resolution until the announcement by President Gallagher that the Administrative Council "agrees that their action of March 12, 1957, need no longer apply to John Gates."

The release stated that, "it appears clear that John Gates has changed the position which had led to his conviction under the Smith Act." It was for this reason that permission for his appearance on the campus has been granted.

Certainly, Mr. Gates has proven to be the controversial man of the year at City College.

Fees...

The final meeting of the Student Government Fee Commission will be held from 2-5 P.M. today in Room 332 Finley. All organizations which have not submitted budgets by the time of the meeting will be deprived of any Fee Plan funds this semester.

Art Prof Pens Literary First

A literary first, published in three countries, has been penned by Dr. Bernard Meyers (Art).

The book, described by its author as the first of its kind on the German Expressionists of the early twentieth century, was printed early this year, simultaneously in Germany, Britain, and the United States.

The work, "The German Expressionists: A Generation In Revolt," focuses upon the socio-economic and psychological influences that acted upon this group of German artists, and attempts to show what made them behave and paint the way they did, Dr. Meyers said.

The initial research for the book began when Dr. Meyers was teaching at the University of Texas in 1948 and 1949. As a result of this early work, the Bollingen Foundation granted Dr. Meyers a \$5,000 fellowship in order to continue his research in Germany. The book, which contains a number of full page color plates, is one of this month's selections for The Seven Arts book club.

A faculty member of the College since 1951, Dr. Meyers has had instructional posts at several other institutions, including New York University, The University of Texas, The University of Southern California and Rutgers.

Dr. Meyer is the author of several other books, among which are, "Problems of the Younger American Artist," "Mexican Painting in Our Time" and "50 Great Artists," which is presently being used as a textbook by the College's Department of Art.

—Bielawski

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as well as engineer an explosive fast break.

Either Joe Bennardo or Julio Delatorre will be called upon to harness Seiden, the ex-Brooklynite



Dave Polansky
'His Biggest Game'

to scorer who has registered close to twenty points a game. Pascal and Alfieri are averaging fifteen and fourteen respectively.

Bob Silver, Hector Lewis, and

Joel Ascher will probably be up front with Marty Groveman and Joe Bennardo in the backcourt. If Delatorre and Len Walitt fair to start they will be held in ready reserve.

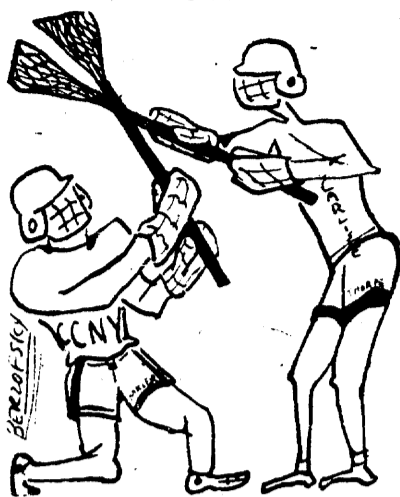
Since the competition between the two squads began, in 1914, the College has captured fourteen of 36 contests. Last season the Redmen trampled the Beavers, 86-71. St. John's led by sixteen at the half and won going away.

Sentiment

Sentiment is an intangible but real factor in the struggle. Walitt and co-captains Silver and Bennardo play for the last time against their Long Island rivals. This is Groveman and Delatorre's initiation into the club. Youth and experience must jell if the Lavender is to spring an upset.

For Coach Dave Polansky, assured of another winning season, the game holds special significance, but that is another story . . . and his players know all the details.

Stix



Students interested in joining the College's Lacrosse Team should contact the Athletic Office in Lewisohn 01.

Dance...

A dance for spectators after tomorrow night's Beaver-St. John's contest will be held in the Finley Center Grand Ballroom between 10-12 PM. Hold on to your basketball admission stubs—they will be accepted as tickets. The function is sponsored by the Varsity Club, Student Athletic Association and Student Government.

Swimmers End Season; Compete In Met Contest

The College's Swimming team, with a mediocre record of two wins and five losses, will wind up its 1957-1958 season tonight and tomorrow night. The squad will compete in the annual Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships at NYU.

Coach Jack Rider, who is under-staffed in all departments, will have only a few regulars performing. In the 440-yard free-style event, Guy Capel will compete against eight other schools.

Best Opposition

In the championships, Rider will have his men swimming against the best opposition from NYU, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Polytech, LIU, King's Point, Hunter, Manhattan and Fordham. Last year, the Lavender came within three points of copping the meet as they were just nosed out by NYU.

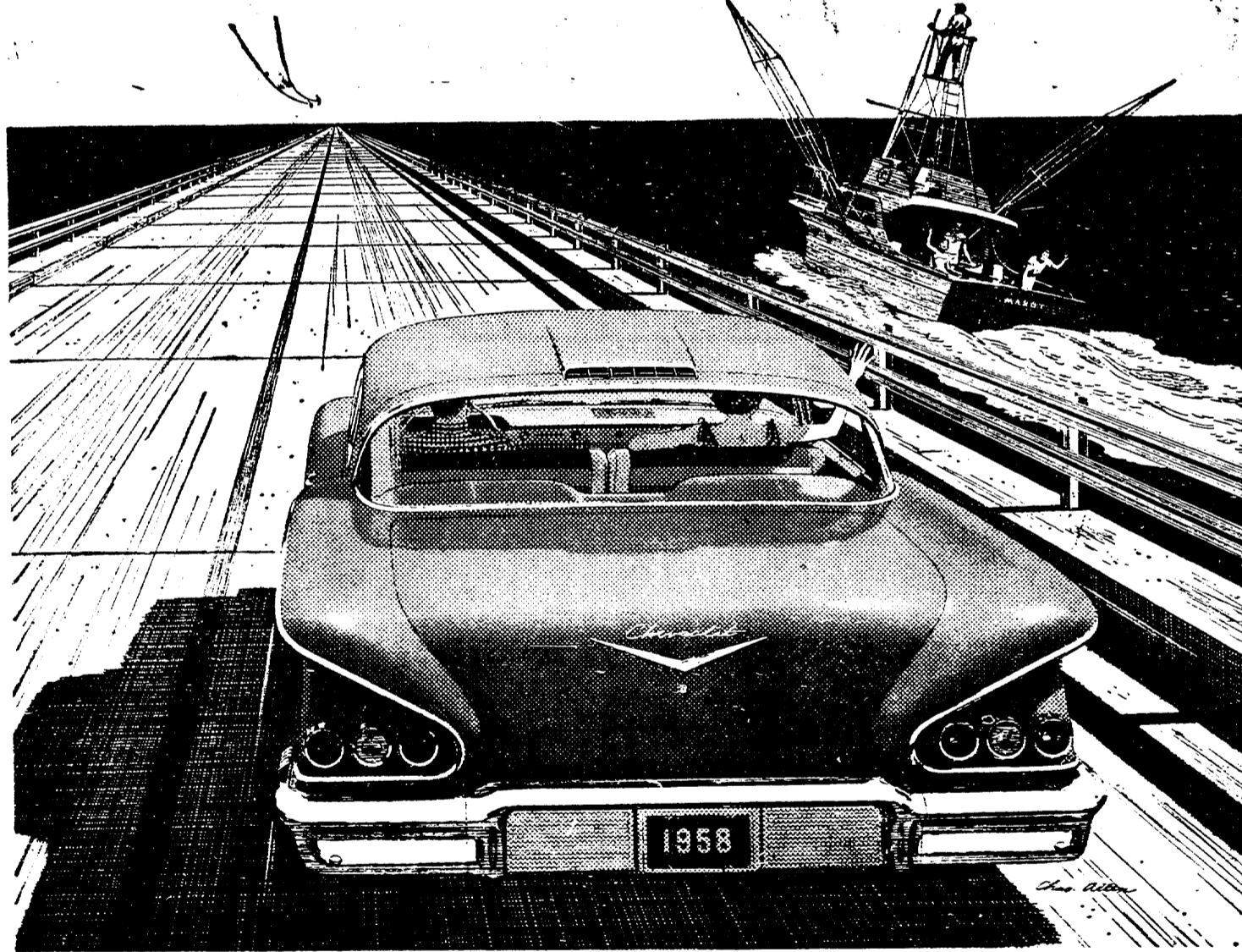
Backstroker

Jerry Lopatin will swim in the backstroke, and in the breast stroke event Karl Schmid will start. Professor Rider is high on his Freshman Relay team. The quartet consists of Mike Bayuk, Mike Nemitoff, Rubin Stern, and Carl Ross.

Coach Rider commented: "We have had a poor team this season as compared to the great ones in the past, but next year's squad looks promising as we have some good material." —Siegel

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