

## GEER: FIGHTS BULL WITH BULL

By KERRY SIPE

He denied ever having climbed through the transom in his classroom door.

In this way, the legend of William Monroe Geer, UNC instructor in Modern Civilization, was brought a little closer to the truth.

The smiling, red-faced professor, chewing on the end of a long brown cigar, admitted with a guttural chuckle to a number of other unorthodox classroom antics.

### Janus Taps 14 Initiates At Midnight

Fourteen new members were initiated last night into the Society of Janus. The annual tapping took place at midnight at the Morehead Planetarium Rotunda. Initiates for 1964-65 are: James Clark Brewer, Donald Wayne Carson, Larry Harold Coleman, Isaac Alan Craig, William Elmo Davis, Paul Dickson III, Samuel Pancoast Hunt, Michael Henry Lawler, Matthew Nelson Ott, Jr., Albert Parrish Pepper, Landon Earle Shuff, Jr., Robert Worthington Spearman, Walter Warren Tuthill, Peter David Williams.

The Society of Janus annually honors students, faculty and administrative officials for outstanding leadership and service to the Residence Hall community. During the year the Society sponsors the Official Blazer Sales, awards a scholarship, and sponsors discussion sessions on residence hall problems. This year the Society earned more than \$500.00 from the sale of University Blazers.

This year's officers of the Society are: Albert Gordon Appell, praepos; Edward Burt, vice praepos; William Arthur Hays, notarius, and James Roy Fullwood, quaestor.

"I have threatened to jump from a second-story window; I have waved the American Flag constantly during a fifty-minute lecture; I have huddled like a hermit behind a fort of classroom maps; but, never in my life, have I climbed through a transom. I don't know how these silly rumors get started."

Never let it be said that a student fell asleep during one of Mr. Geer's lectures.

"I see no reason why any subject taught at this university need be dull," he said. "I think learning is an exciting experience, and, as a teacher, I make it my duty to make the classroom an interesting place."

"It has never occurred to me that it was necessary to reform to orthodox to command the respect of my students."

This doesn't, however, mean that Mr. Geer's class is all play and no work. "I expect a high standard from all of my students," he said.

When that high standard isn't met, and a student fills up a paper with a mass of meaningless verbiage, Mr. Geer classifies that paper under the "sign of Taurus."

"I have a rubber stamp of a fierce-looking, fire-breathing bull and a little red stamp pad to go with it. When I stamp a paper with 'the Sign of Taurus,' I make no further comments. The student gets the message, though. He's a bull—he ain't no cow!"

Mr. Geer is a Southern boy who came to Chapel Hill from the deep Southern state of South Carolina. He was educated at The Citadel, later taught at West Point and is currently a full Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Though he describes his family as "steeped in the military tradition," he calls himself a "Pacifist Militarist."

"They taught me at The Citadel to hate everything connected with war. I am committed to the defense of my country, but every military man has to be conscious of the desirability of Peace."



JUST PLAIN BULL

While an instructor at West Point, Colonel Geer wrote a book entitled "Contemporary Foreign Governments," which sold through five printings and was used as a textbook at every major university in the country.

Because he was then an active member of the Army, all royalties for the book went into the U. S. Treasury as "miscellaneous receipts." Colonel Geer recalled the story with a hearty laugh. Since then, he has published a number of other articles and reviews.

"I am a Southerner, born and bred to the Southern way of life. In my study of history, the South is my main focal point. I think it's time we Southerners started to move into the mainstream of 20th century life."

"We should forget about the Bonny Blue Flag and the lost cause that died with the end of the War." He pronounced the word "war" like a true Southern gentleman. "Wahr," he said.

"I was 18 years-old before I ever heard anyone use the phrase, 'our forces during the Wahr' and mean the forces of the United States of America."

"That's why it pleased me so much when, while on a visit to Fort Sumter recently, my little daughter asked me, 'Is that place where we were trying to recapture during the war?'"

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"He gave a splendid, scholarly, Harvard-man's answer," Mr. Geer remembers, "emphasizing the South's loyalty to the Democratic Party."

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MMMM, GOOD, That's What Watermelon is, Mmmm, Good. If you are a Carolina Lady, you can enjoy free watermelon this afternoon from 3-5 on the McIver Dormitory lawn. No men allowed, except maybe a DTH reporter. It's jointly sponsored by the CWC and Pan-Hell. —Photo by Jim Wallace

## Boycott Referendum Called Impossible This Spring

### Weekend Blast Winds Up Big Year For Frosh

This weekend will be the finale for the Freshman Class's activities for this school year. The class has worked throughout the year at raising money for the final spurge — the Freshman Class Weekend. It will feature two big combo parties at Morehead Planetarium parking lot, because Saturday's night party has been changed from the Cobb tennis courts to accommodate a larger crowd.

Leading off the entertainment on Friday night will be the Vibrators backed by the Clovers who are nationally known for their hit songs "One Mint Julep," "Love, Love, Love" and "Love Potion Number Nine."

Saturday night features Guitar Vick and the Swinging Five, and both combo parties will last from 8 p.m. to midnight.

So, boys, get your dates, because this is what the campus has been awaiting for a long time. Remember Morehead Planetarium parking lot both Friday and Saturday nights from 8 to midnight. Don't miss the fun and entertainment—the public is invited and it's free!

### HARRINGTON SPEECH

Tonight's speech on "Politics, Poverty, and Social Change" by Michael Harrington will be open to a limited number of persons not attending the banquet, it was announced today.

Interested persons should come to the South Room at Lenoir Hall at about 7:45 p.m.

### This 'N' That World's Fair Boosts Greeks

The college fraternity and sorority systems will get a boost at the World's Fair this summer.

An exhibit sponsored by the National Interfraternity Conference and the National Panhellenic Conference will show the ways in which they have helped the college campuses and will also show "little-known but significant" facts about these organizations.

The exhibit, located in the Hall of Free Enterprise on the International Plaza, will show how they have developed campus loyalty, encouraged scholarship, promoted citizenship, and developed high standards of conduct.

The little-known but significant facts are that 75 per cent of all individual contributions to colleges come from Greeks and that 70 per cent of them finish their college courses, while only 50 per cent of the non-Greeks do so.

The exhibit will run from July 19-August 9 under the name, "Young Partners in Free Enterprise."

### Peace Corps To Visit Again

A Washington, D. C. Peace Corps team will pay a return visit to UNC May 11-16.

The purpose of the visit is to interpret a record number of opportunities for Peace Corps service, as well as to supply general information to students and faculty.

A central-campus Information Center, manned by Peace Corps staff members, will be open day and evening during the week.

Those interested in taking the non-competitive Placement Test, given daily by the team, must first complete Peace Corps Questionnaires and submit them to the Peace Corps representative upon taking the test.

Questionnaires may be obtained from YWCA Director Anne Queen, Peace Corps liaison on campus, or at the Post Office.

This information is aimed at all community citizens as well as college juniors, seniors, and graduate students.

The Peace Corps plans to train over 5,000 volunteers this summer to serve in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

## Joyrider Goes On A Spree

A professional joyrider is stepping up Chapel Hill's recently increased crime rate. Since mid-March 28 automobiles have been stolen here, and only three have been accounted for with arrests. Two have not been recovered. All of the other 23 cars have been abandoned in town shortly after being stolen.

The three car thefts accounted for resulted in the arrests of Victor Lee Jones, of Chapel Hill, who is now in jail; Theron Edward McCaskill, who admitted stealing a car from the Carolina Inn and leading bloodhounds on a four-hour chase around Eastgate recently; and Leroy Watson, alias Farrington, who has admitted stealing a car and robbing the Institute of Government's armory of a small arsenal last week.

A fourth car, a white 1963 Chevrolet Corvair with blue upholstery, North Carolina license plate K-800, was stolen at Eastgate Shopping Center last Friday and has not been found. Chapel

Hill Police Chief W. D. Blake said this theft appeared to be the work of a person other than the Chapel Hill Joyrider.

The Joyrider's modus operandi is surprisingly consistent. He has been described as a Negro, about 20 years old, about six feet tall with medium build, and has been seen wearing a tan jacket and a hat. He has friends; he has been seen with two of them riding in a stolen car, and cigarette butts indicate that someone rode in the back seat during one of his joyrides.

Chief Blake said: "All the cars stolen either had the ignition keys left in them, or were General Motors cars with ignition switches turned off but not locked. No cars with locked ignitions and without keys have been stolen."

Most cars are stolen around the Bell Tower parking lot, Memorial Hospital, or Graveley Sanatorium, although some were stolen elsewhere in Town. Most of the cars stolen have

been abandoned on the north side of town, on Pritchard Avenue or Mitchell Lane. Some have been abandoned near where they were stolen. All but one of those recovered had been driven only 10 or 12 miles. Only one had been damaged.

The Joyrider apparently goes on joyriding sprees. Sometimes two or three cars are reported stolen in one 12-hour period.

Nothing has been reported taken from any of the stolen cars. Packages left in cars have been opened, but nothing removed, Chief Blake said.

The three most recent joyriding thefts all occurred on Monday.

Monday morning UNC Professor Frank Klingberg's 1950 Chevrolet was stolen from the rear of Swain Hall about five minutes after Mr. Klingberg went into Swain. He came out of the building, saw a young Negro man driving the car away, and tried in vain to jump into

### Ways-Means Group Cites Time Element

Student Legislature's hopes of submitting a campus-wide "boycott referendum" to the student body this spring appeared to vanish yesterday in a wave of technicalities.

The Ways and Means Committee, meeting to discuss two versions of the referendum reso-

lution, was told by Bill Aycock, past chairman of the Selections Board, and Bob Spearman, student body president, that such a referendum would be a "virtual impossibility" because of the short time remaining in the spring semester.

Due to the lateness of spring elections, Spearman has not yet been able to appoint a new Elections Board, and one could not be officially approved by Legislature before May 14.

Aycock estimated that it would take the new board a minimum of 10 days to prepare for a referendum after it was approved. This would prevent a vote before final exams, which begin May 20.

Acting on the basis of Spearman's and Aycock's statements, the committee voted to hold the two bills in committee.

Bob Wilson, Ways and Means Committee chairman, issued a statement following the decision which said in part:

"After deliberating for more than two and a half hours on the merit of both bills as amended in committee, (we) decided to allow both bills to remain in committee."

"The committee felt that a referendum is desirable at this time, but circumstances prevent this goal from being accomplished."

Under the Student Legislature by-laws, the bills will automatically be brought to the floor of legislature at next Tuesday's special session. At that time the body will have the option of concurring with the wishes of the committee to "recommit the bill, or taking some type of action."

Feeling among many legislators yesterday appeared to be split on the matter, with some feeling that the committee and Legislature should consider the bill even if the referendum itself cannot be held.

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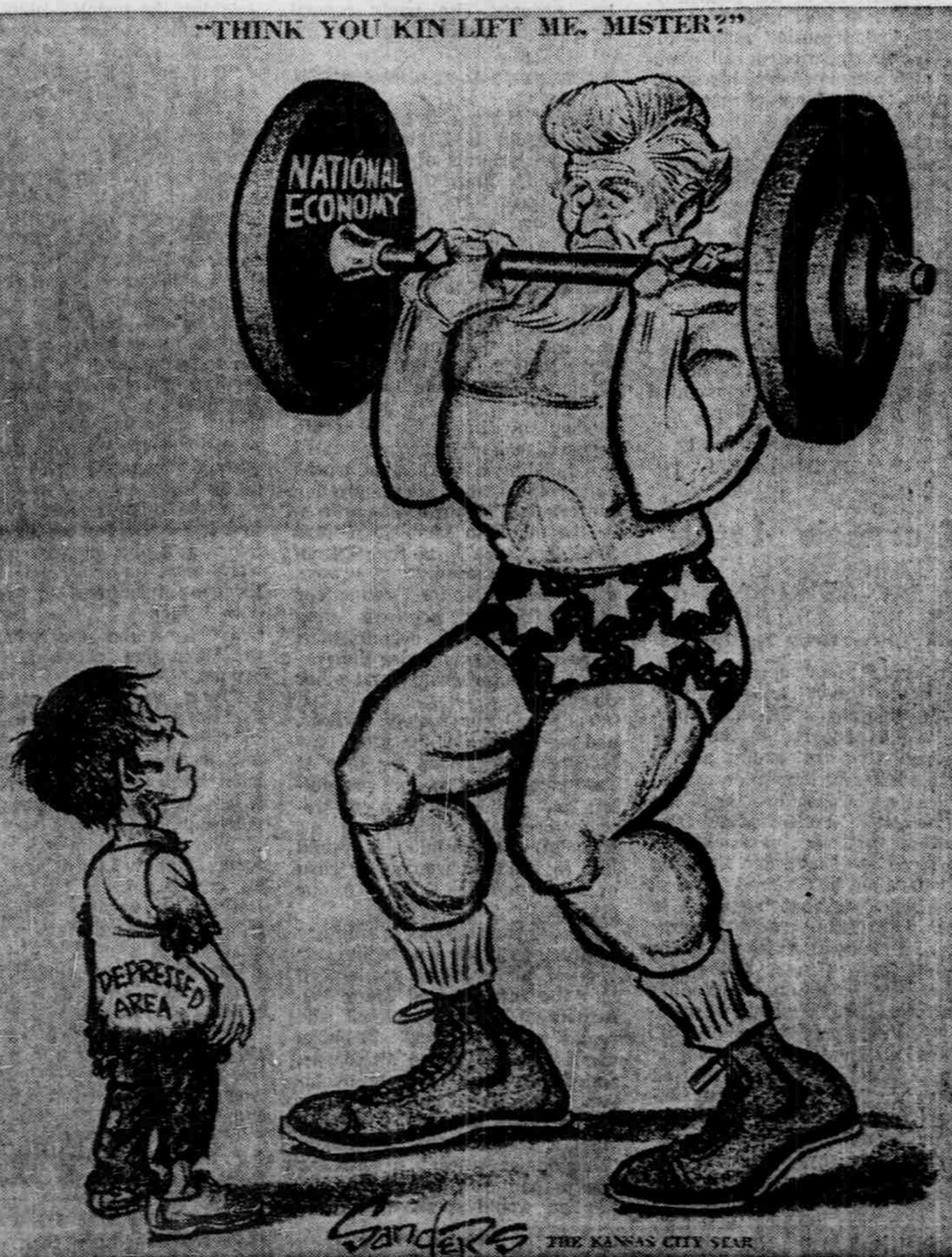
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Something For You  
N. C. Symphony Memorial Hall  
Thurs., 8:30  
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'The Braggart Soldier' (Playmakers Production)  
Forest Theatre  
Thurs.-Sun., 8:30  
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Sidewalk Art Show  
By BVP  
Fri.-Sun. afternoons