

This—from archaeology

(Editorial in The News and Observer)

Young Walter Dellinger, chairman of the Men's Honor Council at Chapel Hill, really stirred up the snakes or aroused the angels when he said that the archeology courses of Dr. J. P. Harland appealed to "the lowest element in the university." Evidently what Dellinger meant was that the courses attracted those who were seeking good marks in easy courses without very much work.

The young man's remarks, made in connection with some disclosure of cheating in the professor's classes, however, have brought a roar of protest. Former Chancellor Robert B. House not only defended as excellent Dr. Harland's course in the archeology of the Bible. Also he lit into Dellinger as "a very uninformed young man." Joining Dr. House in the defense and adding beauty to debate was Mrs. Kay Kyser, the former "gorgeous Georgia Carroll" and Zeigfield Follies star.

Whatever the facts may be the argument is good. It does seem a little odd that the cheating should have been disclosed in courses said to be easy rather than some known to be hard. Also the debate emphasizes the fact that easy courses may sometime be the most valuable ones. The writer of this editorial long ago took Rural Economics because Dr. Samuel Huntington ("Honey") Hobbs Jr. was noted for his charity in grading. But across the years that course has remained for him one of the most valuable he took at Carolina.

The tough professor is by no means always the best teacher. His grudging grades may indicate stodginess not standards, and a kind of academic sadism rather than a desire to share the rich, good world of learning. Sometimes courses are "easy" because the teacher is interesting. That should be no crime.

After more than 35 years of contented classes at Chapel Hill this argument will not hurt Dr. Harland. He does not need the clamor of "defense. Certainly it is not necessary to violently chastise young Dellinger for his youth in order to protect the venerable professor. It is good sometimes to get out of archeology into lively argument and, right or wrong, young certainly, misinformed maybe, Walter Dellinger has accomplished that for Chapel Hill.

College tests to be offered by draft board

Applications for the Selective Service College Qualification Test to be given on April 18 are now available to college students at the Selective Service local boards throughout North Carolina, according to G. O. Reitzel, Chairman of the Orange County Local Board.

The test will be given at more than 500 colleges in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone. In Orange County the test will be offered at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina.

Scores made on the test will provide local boards with evidence of aptitude for continued undergraduate and graduate study. The scores will not of themselves determine eligibility for deferment, but are considered with other information by the boards in determining whether to defer individual registrants for further study.

Applications for the test must be postmarked no later than midnight, Thursday, March 28. Eligible students may also obtain information about the test from any local board.

MRS. WILLIAMS BETTER

Mrs. W. E. Williams of Carrboro underwent major surgery at Memorial Hospital last Monday morning and is now able to have visitors. She is feeling better and hopes to be home by next weekend.

ADDRESS MITCHELL SOCIETY

Dr. Erle Peacock, Jr., Associate Professor of Surgery, and Dr. Edward Barry, Association Professor of Botany, will address the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society next Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p. m. in Room 265 Phillips Hall, on the University campus.

'Surprised to see Chapel Hill behind Bogota, Chile . . .

Fluoridation held as nutritive as iodized salt, niacin in bread

The enriching of water supplies with fluoride to prevent tooth decay is just as sound and important a nutritive process as the enriching of bread with Niacin or the enriching of salt with iodine, a Harvard nutrition expert told an audience at the University School of Public Health here last week.

Dr. Frederick J. Stare, professor and chairman, Department of Nutrition, Harvard University School of Public Health, said that "fluoride is recognized as an essential mineral nutrient—needed for the development of tough tooth enamel to fight decay." Used in suburban communities, it has reduced tooth decay among children by as much as 60 per cent and it continues to act beneficially through adulthood, he said.

Describing a program in Latin America with which he is associated and noting that Chapel Hill was still in the middle of a fight about fluoridation, he said "I am surprised to see that Chapel Hill is behind Bogota, Chile," where fluoride was recently introduced into the public water supply.

Dr. Stare said that four-fifths of the world suffer from some

sort of malnutrition, either as a result of the over-indulgence practiced in "over-developed" countries like our own, or as a result of basic deficiencies in diet in the under-developed areas of the world. "This has to be the concern of all of us," he said. "The evidence before us of

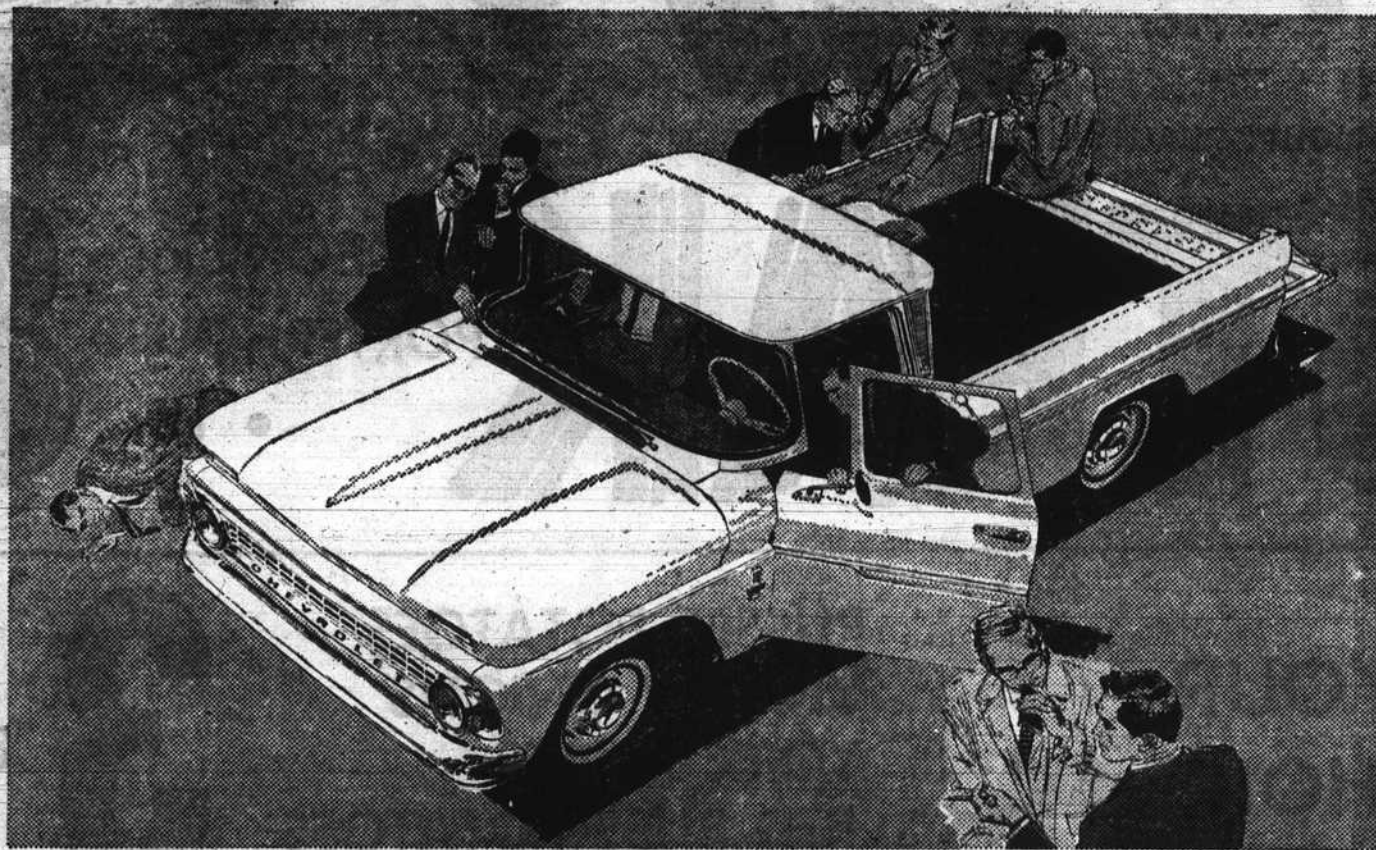
sudden death, as from heart disease in our own over-developed land, and slow death, as from protein lack in those that are under-developed, should show us that the relations between nutrition and health present acute problems."



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