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'Peanuts' Says Robert L. Short

Robert L. Short will present "The Gospel According to Peanuts," a color-slide program, in chapel 27 Oct. as a part of the Lyceum Series.

Mr. Short reveals deep theological meanings in the cartoon strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz. His lecture, color slides, and book of the same title have been called a creative, inspiring, and fascinating presentation of the gospel through contemporary media. Mr. Short's program appeals to young and old alike.

Mr. Short's color-slide lecture and articles on "Peanuts" were expanded into the book, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PEANUTS, published in 1964. It is illustrated with selected cartoons and has been called "a unique handbook of the Christian faith."

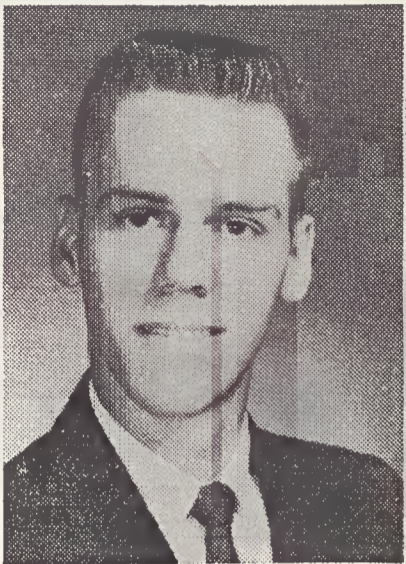
Kyle Haselden, editor of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY says, "His use of THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PEANUTS to present and interpret theological and biblical insights is warm, humorous, and effective."

Seeking to connect the fields of theology and the art of Charles M. Schulz, Mr. Short narrates a whole series of original programs exploring the relationship between theology and the arts. In addition to "The Gospel According to Peanuts," Mr. Short has color slides entitled "Van Gogh—Evangelist in Light and Color," "The Religious Vision of Modern Art," "Ecclesiastes and the Family of Man," and many others.

Mr. Short is now working toward his Ph.D. degree in religion and art at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma, a B.D. degree from Southern Methodist University, and a M.A. degree in English at North Texas State University, where he also taught in the departments of English and philosophy.

In the field of television Mr. Short has held positions as staff announcer, assistant director in the production department, and director of the Department of Radio and Television for the Dallas Council of Churches. He has been both director and actor in the theater.

Mr. Short has been invited to remain at Mars Hill for a luncheon and discussion period. An answer has not yet been received.



DAVID HOPSTETTER



JANIS ELAM

Final Inauguration Plans Now Taking Shape

A presidential inauguration, the annual homecoming events, laying a cornerstone for the new physical education building, and various dinners and luncheons promise to make the weekend of 4-5 Nov. an historic and memorable occasion in the life of Mars Hill College.

Inauguration ceremonies for Dr. Fred Bentley will be held in Moore Auditorium at 10 a.m. 5 Nov. Students desiring to attend should pick up tickets in the foyer of the dining hall on 31 Oct. and 1 Nov. during the noon and evening meals. Commuters may obtain tickets on the same days at Dean Lynch's office. Students should also get tickets for their guests.

The tickets will admit the bearers to the auditorium prior to 9:45 on the morning of the ceremony. After that time anyone will be admitted with or without a ticket, college officials have announced.

The weekend's activities will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, 4 Nov., with an informal dinner in the dining hall. To it will be invited the trustees of the college, members of the faculty and staff and numerous friends who live in the area.

Students will be served the evening meal buffet style in the gym. Entertainment will be provided in the amphitheater.

Following the inauguration ceremonies on Saturday, a luncheon will be given in the cafeteria for official delegates from other colleges and learned societies and other guests of the college. Members of the senior class also have been invited to the luncheon.

All other students will be served in the area in front of Stroup and Huffman dormitories. If the weather is bad, the Stroup porch will be used. Entertainment will be provided by the Mars Hill Carolettes.

For those who do not wish to eat at the Stroup-Huffman serving there is still another possibility. The Mars Hill Civitan Club will sponsor a barbecue on the athletic field. Tickets for this

will be sold in advance but will also be available on the field at the time of serving.

According to Chaplain Robert Melvin, who is chairman of the faculty committee coordinating plans for the inauguration, a chapel program is being planned for the week preceding the ceremony. In it the student body will be given full information on the various events and activities of the homecoming-inauguration.

In order that students may plan for the historic weekend the HILLTOP is publishing the following calendar of events.

Inauguration Calendar

Friday, 4 Nov.

- 2:00-5:30 p.m. Registration, Moore Auditorium, Art Exhibition — "Small Paintings by Americans," Campus Tour.
- 6:00 p.m. Informal Dinner for the Mars Hill College Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and Friends. Address by Richard L. Barber, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Louisville.
- 8:00 p.m. "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson, Departments of Drama and Music.

Saturday, 5 Nov.

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration for Official Delegates, Memorial Library, Art Exhibition — "Small Paintings by Americans," Campus Tour.
- 9:30 a.m. Robing for Academic Procession, Memorial Library.
- 10:00 a.m. Inauguration Ceremonies, Address by Raymond C. Gibson, Provost of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa.
- 12:00 noon Luncheon, Coyte Bridges Dining Hall.
- 1:00 p.m. President's Reception, Fox Dormitory Parlors.
- 1:45 p.m. Laying of Cornerstone, Physical Education Building.
- 2:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game, Mars Hill vs. Western Carolina College.
- 8:00 p.m. "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson, Departments of Drama and Music.

Whopping Turnout Chooses Hopstetter

Paul David Hopstetter of Dania, Fla., won the Student Government Association presidential race last week by polling over 72 per cent of total votes cast. Janis Elam of Mars Hill, who was unopposed, was officially elected as SGA secretary.

Hopstetter, who won with a platform of "Progress Toward Excellence," polled a total of 747 votes. Hopstetter's opponent was Craig Covey, who polled 271 votes. Covey was defeated last year for student body president by Bob Hoots, who could not fill the post, thus necessitating this year's election.

Janis Elam was resoundingly approved by the student body for SGA secretary with 960 votes. She will fill the position instead of Martha Morris, who was elected last year but was unable to hold that office because of academic regulations.

Carroll Reed, student body vice-president, reported that the voting turnout was exceptionally good with 1018 votes having been cast.

Hopstetter, who has up until this time held the positions of chief marshal and Baptist Student Fellowship director, has decided to resign those positions in the interest of his new office.

Succeeding Hopstetter as chief marshal will be Charles Deweese. Hopstetter will remain on the marshal roster. No one has been named yet as director of BSF.

Senate News

During campaign excitement SGA remained active. A Senate meeting was called 11 Oct. to appraise a proposal for the homecoming theme as presented by the Mars Hill Pep Club. The Senate approved "Best Foot Forward" for this year's theme.

The Pep Club is coordinating the homecoming parade and has asked that all diagrams of floats be submitted to Bucky Wright no later than today. All floats must be approved by a faculty committee. SGA is also sponsoring the trip to Emory and Henry today.

Focus Team Selected

Robert A. Melvin, college chaplain, announced early this week that the Christian Focus Week team chosen for this year is a well qualified one which promises one of the best Focus Weeks ever.

The special emphasis week will begin with a dinner 7 Nov. The week will begin in earnest with class discussions, special chapels, and debates 8 Nov. The concluding day of Christian Focus Week will be Friday, 11 Nov.

Art Earp and Beverly Cansler, co-chairmen of Christian Focus Week, announced that debate topics will be chosen on the basis of a questionnaire recently completed by the student body. These topics will be related to the Christian Focus Week theme "Raison d' Etre," the reason for being.

Dr. William Lancaster of Decatur, Ga., will be one of the featured members of Focus Week this year. Until recently he served as pastor at the First Baptist Church in Orangeburg, S. C. Dr. Lancaster served on a Focus Week team here two years ago. Mr. Melvin reported that Dr. Lancaster is one of the most sought-after speakers on college campuses in the South.

Howard Rees, Baptist Student Director for universities in Washington, D. C., should prove to be an interesting member of the team. His close association with Washington officials has kept him abreast of current affairs. His interests lie in art and the church in the inner city.

Vernon Wall is chaplain at Western North Carolina Sanitor-

ium in Black Mountain. His interest lies in the field of psychology and psychiatry. He has training and experience in psychiatric counseling. Mars Hill students who have worked at the sanitorium on Sundays are already acquainted with him. Under his supervision, groups from the college visit with sanitorium patients.

Rev. Richard Myers is from Charlottesville, Va., where he pastors University Baptist Church. A featured speaker at Ridgecrest last summer, he was a visitor on our campus three years ago.

Leading discussions on the "God is Dead" theory will be Dr. John Durham. He is professor of Old Testament at Southeastern Seminary. Dr. Durham received his doctorate from Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Dr. Elmer West, who has already won the hearts of many Mars Hill students as pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, will be a member of the team. Personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for 10 years, he has wide experience in missions.

Christian Focus Week is directing its thought this year toward the meaning of human existence—the value of living a full life which is really meaningful, reported Mr. Melvin. "It is hoped," he continued, "that students will participate in the class debates and seminars." This week is being eagerly anticipated by those students who participated in it last year, he concluded.

