

HAPPENINING '75

by Sarah Traylor

What is Happening '75? It's a new and different idea here at Mars Hill College. It's an idea that has required a lot of work, time, and prayer.

How did Happening '75 begin? Well... that's hard to say. The actual beginning was Ray Bennett and Rev. Bob Melvin. They felt there was a need for spiritual renewal on the campus. But how to accomplish this, was a problem. So the two gentlemen got together and devised a list of people from various organizations on campus. These people became what is now known as the Spiritual Renewal Committee. This committee met in early November to decide what to do. Most of the members felt a revival would be the answer. But who, what, where, and when were questions that could not be answered at this time. The meeting was dismissed with no definite answers.

Near the end of December the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) had an answer to one of the questions. Albert Long, the "letter sweater kid" from Durham, N. Carolina became the answer to "who".

After the main question was answered things began to snow-

ball. People from the Spiritual Renewal Committee, FCA, and the Christian Student Movement (CSM) began to volunteer for the various committees necessary to handle the revival.

Albert Long is a graduate of Durham High School where he was an outstanding athlete majoring in

all four major sports. His athletic excellence carried over into his collegiate career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Albert is the second of only two athletes to ever letter in four sports there. It was during these years that many of Albert's classmates referred to him as the "letter sweater kid." Following his excellence in the athletic spotlight he embarked upon a fine insurance career. He became dissatisfied with what the insurance business offered his spiritual life. Albert then began to answer the call of God as a spokesman on a part-time basis. It was during these efforts that he came on the "Master Coach's team". Albert has been successful as a full-time evangelist for a little over two years and ranks as one of our most called upon national youth speaker. His trademarks are excitement, happiness, delivery, and the ability to never leave his audi-

ence without the understanding that he has filled the same shoes they are wearing today. With little hesitation, this writer feels that Albert Long is the answer to the prayers of all those involved in Happening '75.

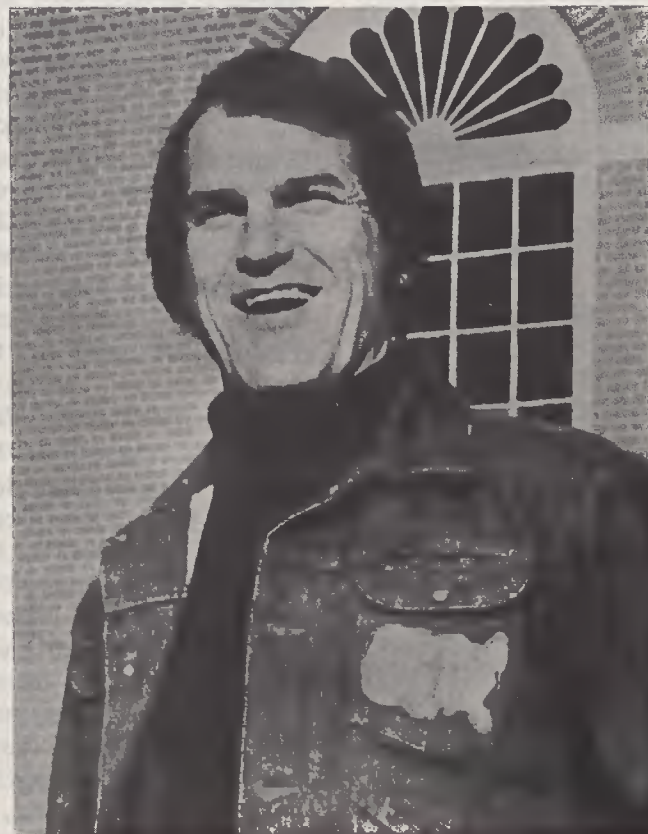
Albert Long is not the only person involved in Happening '75. Other guests will also be present to share their love of the Lord with MHC. Debbie Bingham will also be here. Debbie is a senior at UNC-CH. She has shared her love of the Lord many times throughout N.C. since she was chosen Miss Congeniality 1973 at the Miss North Carolina pageant. Lester Matte, also a native of Durham, N.C. will give a testimony for the Lord through a karate exhibition. Lester is an instructor of karate in Durham and holds a black belt degree. Randy Atcheson who is a student at Julliard School of Music in New York, will be sharing his talents of playing the piano and organ. Randy has received recognition of his own by the only student permitted to major in both piano and organ. He also has acquired the honor of giving a concert in the Kennedy Center this spring. Albert hopes to bring with him someone who will be able to give a testimony dealing with the athletic aspect of life.

The revival will be held January 27-29 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Chambers Gymnasium will be the site of the Monday meeting which will begin at 7:30 PM. The First Baptist Church of Mars Hill will be the meeting place on Tuesday and Wednesday nights which will also begin at 7:30 PM each night. Each mem-

ber of Mars Hill College is invited to attend as well as people from Mars Hill and its surrounding areas.

Those involved in the revival pray it will be a blessing to each and everyone

that attends. Each night is guaranteed to be a new and exciting experience. So now the questions of who, what, where, and when have been answered. All that is needed is your attendance.



ALBERT LONG-THE LETTER SWEATER KID



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