

## **Graham Chapman, founding member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, will lecture at Mandeville**

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Graham Chapman, a founding member of the zany Monty Python comedy troupe, will discuss his life and times at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 5, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

A certified medical doctor who was educated at Cambridge and St. Swithin's Hospital in London, Chapman became hooked on performing comedy when he won a place in the elite Footlight's Club at Cambridge University. He has written for humorists such as David Frost, Marty Feldman, Peter Cook and Peter Sellers,

Chapman has worked as both actor and writer for "Monty Python's Flying Circus" television series and the film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." He was the lead actor in their controversial film, "The Life of Brian."

In 1981, Chapman's book "A Liar's Autobiography" was published in the United States to critical acclaim. He discusses how he met fellow Python founder John Cleese at the Footlight's Club; how his best friend, Keith Moon of The Who, lost his fatal battle with alcohol, and what made him give up medicine to become one of Britain's masters of comedy.

General admission tickets for Graham Chapman are \$6 and student admission tickets are \$5. The event is sponsored by the University Events Office and tickets are available at the UCSD University Events Box Office, 452-4559.

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