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## **SGA** Election Contested

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the recent SGA elections, a good was reported among Mars Hill Derwin Williams was the over-Vote-getter with 183 votes, David etic program the was second by a slim 11 vote ub. The fund with 172 total votes, Gray Smith de Monday, May votes and Aubrey Peterson had

> Onting out that a 11 vote win was lear majority, Wachter contested the

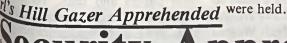
election, requesting that a runoff be held. In his defense, David told an election committee that there were no provisions in the constitution for runoff elections but there was a reference to using Roberts Rules of Order when something arose that the constitution did not cover. He also said precedent should help decide the matter, and produced four issues of THE HILLTOP from the past ten years in which SGA runoff elections

Derwin Williams stated that he was not told that a percentage was required to win when he began his campaign and that the constitution says nothing about it. He felt a simple majority would be all that was required to win the election, and included the fact that he had already been declared official winner by the

After discussing the matter in executive session, the committee decided that the election would stand as is, and that

Derwin Williams was to be Student Government President for the 1983-84 term.

When the meeting was concluded, Wachter told us he didn't plan to take the matter any further, and that he would support Williams to the fullest extent when he becomes president. Williams said he respected Wachter's decision to contest the election results, and that he agreed there should be provisions in the SGA constitution for runoffs.



# Security Apprehends Dormitory Prowler

### STEVE FERGUSON

pus security apprehended a Mars dent Tuesday night, April 6, at Inately 11:45 p.m., after receivcall of a prowler around Jarvis

ers went to the student's dormion and confronted him with the they had uncovered, and the confessed to being around Jarvis sht as well as being the same perhas been prowling around girls lories since December.

got a call saying the prowler was said Jim Roberts of campus and when we came to the Jarwe found some footprints and Ingerprints, and this person had seen in the area. That's where all

the evidence came together." Roberts and others went to the suspect's dormitory and showed him the evidence they had. The accused made a full confes-

As a result of solving the mystery of the Girls Hill Gazer, the administration distributed a memorandum around girls dormitories explaining the arrest and subsequent confession. A decision has been made to point this person into professional guidance and therefore no charges will be filed against him.

"He is no longer a student at Mars Hill College and he will not be on our campus again," the note read. Administration officials declined to release his name to the press, saying it wouldn't be in anyone's best interest.



It's raining men? No, not this time, but Susan Sruggs, Kathy Dolan, and Tammy McGinnis apparently found them growing wild on the Florida beaches over Spring

# North Carolina Considering New Law Concerning Drunk Driving

### AMMY BUCHANAN

State of North Carolina is curconsidering raising the drinking beer and wine. If passed, the law the effect October 1, 1983.

which is called, "The Safe Act of 1983" will raise the legal consumption of beer and wine to 19 years of age. According to Rects \$2.5 million would be generannually from the collection of fees hes, but it's also going to cost an and the saiso going state of the saiso going s prosecutors, and court clerks the

courts will need for prosecution in cidents. D.U.I. related offenses. The law would create safer driving conditions and a reduction in Driving Under the Influence related accidents.

Under this new law, a mandatory jail term would be proposed in most cases, cars could be impounded, \$100 fees would be imposed for the attendance of a driving school, and it would create a Dram Shop law which would hold shopkeepers and bar operators legally liable for selling alcohol to people already drunk or under age, who later cause ac-

The proposed bill is meeting with limited success especially with bar operators and students. To see a better example of this unhappiness among students, here are some opinions from students at Mars Hill College.

HILLTOP reporter Tammy Buchanan recently polled Mars Hill students on their views of the recent legislation enacted by North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt about raising the legal drinking age for beer and wine to 19. This week's editorial is related to this material. See page two.

"Do you feel that North Carolina should raise the drinking age to 19?"

- Martha Lindsey "No, because the people are still going to drink and drive and people are still going to find a way to purchase alcohol."
- Jeannie Lloyd "No, because people are going to find some other way to get alcohol."
- Jamie Hagar "No, because people are going to drink and drive no matter what age."

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