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SGA Election Contested

By STEVE FERGUSON

In the recent SGA elections, a good amount was reported among Mars Hill students. Derwin Williams was the over-vote-getter with 183 votes, David Wachter was second by a slim 11 vote margin with 172 total votes, Gray Smith had 120 votes and Aubrey Peterson had 117 votes.

By pointing out that a 11 vote win was not a clear 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 were held.

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 SGA.

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.

Girl's Hill Gazer Apprehended

Security Apprehends Dormitory Prowler

By STEVE FERGUSON

Campus security apprehended a Mars Hill student Tuesday night, April 6, at approximately 11:45 p.m., after receiving a call of a prowler around Jarvis dormitory.

Officers went to the student's dormitory room and confronted him with the evidence they had uncovered, and the suspect confessed to being around Jarvis dormitory that night as well as being the same person who has been prowling around girls dormitories since December.

"We got a call saying the prowler was around," said Jim Roberts of campus security, "and when we came to the Jarvis dormitory we found some footprints and fingerprints, and this person had been 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 confession.

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 break.

PHOTO BY DAVID WACHTER

North Carolina Considering New Law Concerning Drunk Driving

By TAMMY BUCHANAN

The state of North Carolina is currently considering raising the drinking age for beer and wine. If passed, the law will take effect October 1, 1983.

The law which is called, "The Safe Drinking Age Act of 1983" will raise the legal age for consumption of beer and wine from 18 to 19 years of age. According to the law, \$2.5 million would be generated annually from the collection of fines, but it's also going to cost an additional \$1 million for additional judges, prosecutors, and court clerks the

courts will need for prosecution in 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-

cidents.

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 materi-

al. 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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