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SGA Violates Constitution

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upcoming Student Government election elections, scheduled for April 24, 1984, are in direct violation of the constitution of the Student Government Association of Mars Hill College. The violations come under Article III, clauses D and E. Clause D states: "The outgoing officers shall provide newly elected officers with an installation date of April 30." Clause E states: "Elections must be held before April 15." The election sign-up did not begin until Thursday, April 12, 1984, and the election itself will not be held until a full two weeks after the April 15 deadline. Under the constitution the only sanction available for a violation of the constitution is removal from office as provided for under Article VII, Section 1. Harrison, SGA Chief Justice, commented, "When anything is done, an error should be taken into account; it was not in this situation. No

punishment or action should be taken in this situation, maybe an apology to the students from SGA."

Harrison also commented that "it was not negligence as much as it was an overload of responsibilities - valid responsibilities - on the SGA officers in charge."

In an interview with Derwin Williams, SGA President, he stated: "Any fault to be placed should be placed on me. I drew up an election timetable several months ago, but was unable to follow it."

When asked why the elections were late, and thus in violation of the constitution, Williams commented, "It was my fault not to initiate the election procedure on time, outside responsibilities interfered with my SGA duties. My worst mistake was being SGA President at the same time as my student teaching."

Elections are controlled and run by the Senate. Dave Nettles is the Vice-President of SGA and President of the Senate; in addition, Tony Meggs is the Chairman of the Senate Elections Committee. When asked about Nettles' and Meggs's involvement in the violations, Williams stated: "There was no fault on either Tony's (Meggs) or Dave's (Nettles) part, they were waiting on the go-

ahead from me." Williams also commented that Nettles has been working very hard on the Spring Formal and should be commended for his work there.

Dean O'Brien, Director of Student Development, refrained from making any official comment, but indicated he would speak with Williams about the matter.

Another aspect of the election not covered by the constitution is the matter of pre-election publicity. The official sign-up sheets were made available on Thursday, April 12, 1984, but without any advance publicity or notice to the general student population. Notices were to be sent out on Thursday afternoon but were not, in fact the notices were not in the mailboxes until late Saturday afternoon. Additionally, as of the writing of this article (Sunday, April 15), no posters had been put up in the cafeteria.

The only persons signed-up to run on Thursday were the current SGA officers who were either running for re-election or a different office, and as of Saturday only one non-SGA candidate was to be seen.

The net effect of this lack of publicity is a one to five day lead for many of the candidates. When asked about this, Wil-

liams commented that he realized there was a problem but there was nothing he could do about it. Williams also commented that any claim of unfair advantage would not be a valid one (Williams, however, did not qualify this statement).

Regarding the effect of the election's late date on the required two week training period, Williams commented that it would have no effect on the training at all.

Harrison, however, commented on the training period, stating, "There will be no time for the new officers to get comfortable in their jobs."

During his interview, Williams did state, "I think I owe the students an apology."

Student Theatre Production

Karel Capek's classic "R.U.R." (Rossum's Universal Robots) will be the final production of the school year at Mars Hill College. In a departure from the standard proscenium production, the play will be performed in the round in the McConnell Building, April 25-30.

Directed by Dr. Virgil Gray, the play takes place on an island where the central office of Rossum's Universal Robots is located. As the play opens, the factory has already turned out, following a secret formula, millions of manufactured workmen, living automats without souls, desires, or feelings.

Helena Glory, president of the Humanitarian League, comes to ascertain what can be done to improve the condition of these over-specialized creatures. Due to the desire of Helena to have the robots more like human beings, the head of the experimental department secretly changes the formula. While he has humanized only a few hundred, these are enough to become ringleaders who start a world revolt of robots. The rest of the play is a magnificent melodrama, with the handful of humans held at bay while the unseen myriads of their own robots close in on them.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. April 25-30, with the exception of Sunday, April 29, which will feature a 2:30 p.m. matinee. The Box Office will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. daily beginning April 18, and reservations may be made by calling 689-1239. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students other than Mars Hill students.

Footloose and Fancy-Free: Spring Fling '84

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Spring Fling '84, a week packed with fun and feeling "footloose and fancy-free" is certain to be the best Spring Fling Mars Hill has seen in a long time. The quality entertainment begins Friday night, April 23 with a "Concert for Your Eyes" performed by Chris Harrison. His creative combination of lighting and improvisational juggling to interpret music has made Bliss a popular attraction. In 1982 he was chosen to be the support act for his debut world tour and he has also made appearances with entertainers Clapton, Joan Jett, Lover Boy, and Copperfield. Saturday night, April 24, at 8:00 p.m. the Wren College Union patio will host a beach party with beach bags, beach buffs, and other students plagued with spring fever.

Wednesday, April 25 will be the "Big Day" according to Mary Thoreen, Director of Student Activities. Since classes will be canceled due to pre-registration, the campus will be really rolling as Campus Skate will provide street roller skates for four hours free of charge to students with identification. There will also be a water slide on Fox Hill as well as a dunking booth, volleyball, and other outdoor games. The evening's excitement will reach its peak in Moore Auditorium with a body building contest.

Dixieland jazz is the specialty of the "Delta Steamers" who will appear on Thursday evening, April 26 in Moore Auditorium. This concert is sponsored by the Visiting Artists Lecturers Committee.

Friday night, Mars Hill College stu-

dents will provide the talent for an entertaining, but competitive air band contest in the Timberline Coffeehouse. Prizes will be awarded.

The week of Spring Fling '84 will end in a grand finale with a trip to Carowinds on Saturday, April 28. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$12.00 including ticket and bus transportation.

With all of the activities planned for Spring Fling, there is destined to be something for everyone. Sleeveless muscle t-shirts in all colors will be available for \$4.50. They were designed by Alan Drumm illustrating the theme of Spring Fling '84, "Footloose and Fancy-free."

Spring Fling was created to set fire to the contagious spirit of spring fever, and there's no doubt that Spring Fling '84 will be a lion-size flame.

