

Thursday Night Live

by Karen Splawn

A *Yellin' Rebel* article and two opinion pieces were the main topic for the March 7 Student Government Senate meeting.

Some senators criticized the opinion piece entitled "Censorship as usual" that ran in the March 7 edition.

The article asked why the Publications Board now had to approve all editorial positions and why a *Yell* staff member was now denied use of a motor cart to deliver newspapers.

In the past, the editor in chief of *The Yellin' Rebel* had the freedom to select a staff without approval from any Student Government board.

Liberal arts Sen. Monica Ricci, also chair of the Publications Board, said the board is just trying to make sure raises are approved legally.

Ricci added that there were problems with use of a motor cart because the circulation manager, William Holt, had ignored her one day when she asked for the cart keys.

Senate President Gina Polovina said there is a misunderstanding.

"I don't know where impression ever came from that Student Government wouldn't allow *The Yellin' Rebel* to use the cart," she said.

Sen. Scott Fisher (business and economics) said he looked up the definition of censorship in a dictionary and it means prior approval of articles by a review panel. The Publications Board, he said, does not do that.

"I've never asked to see any articles before," he said. Fisher added he was attempting to contact a member of the professional journalism community to sit on the board.

Erik Stieringer, a former employee of the *Yell*, told Fisher, "If you would have gone along with

Bylaw 25 (which stipulated a representative of the professional media sit on the board) in the first place, you wouldn't have a problem."

Gary Tucker, *Yellin' Rebel* copy editor, said an attorney told him that the board's not allowing staff members to be paid is indeed a form of censorship.

In reference to the front page article on the Rules Committee, Sen. Mike Bunin (business and economics) said that the hearings on former math and science Sen. Kyle Kannenburg was conducted in an extremely fair manner.

Polovina emphasized that Kannenburg was the second senator to be sanctioned by the committee.

In other business, Sen. William Romero (student development) was approved 17-0 as a member of the Elections Board. Romero and Sen. Joel Kostman (physical education) abstained from voting.

President Joe Bunin was not in attendance because he was rehearsing for the Black Box Theatre play, "Are You Now or Have You Ever Been?"

CORRECTION

A March 7 article by Karen Splawn incorrectly identified former Student Government Senators Marie Bernardi and Kyle Kannenburg as representing the health and science seat. Only Sen. Lauren Field represents health and science. Bernardi represented education and Kannenburg represented math and science.

ALSO:

Stephanie Pace is not a member of Delta Sigma Pi as stated in "Lay off the Pres." in the March 7 edition of *The Yellin' Rebel*.

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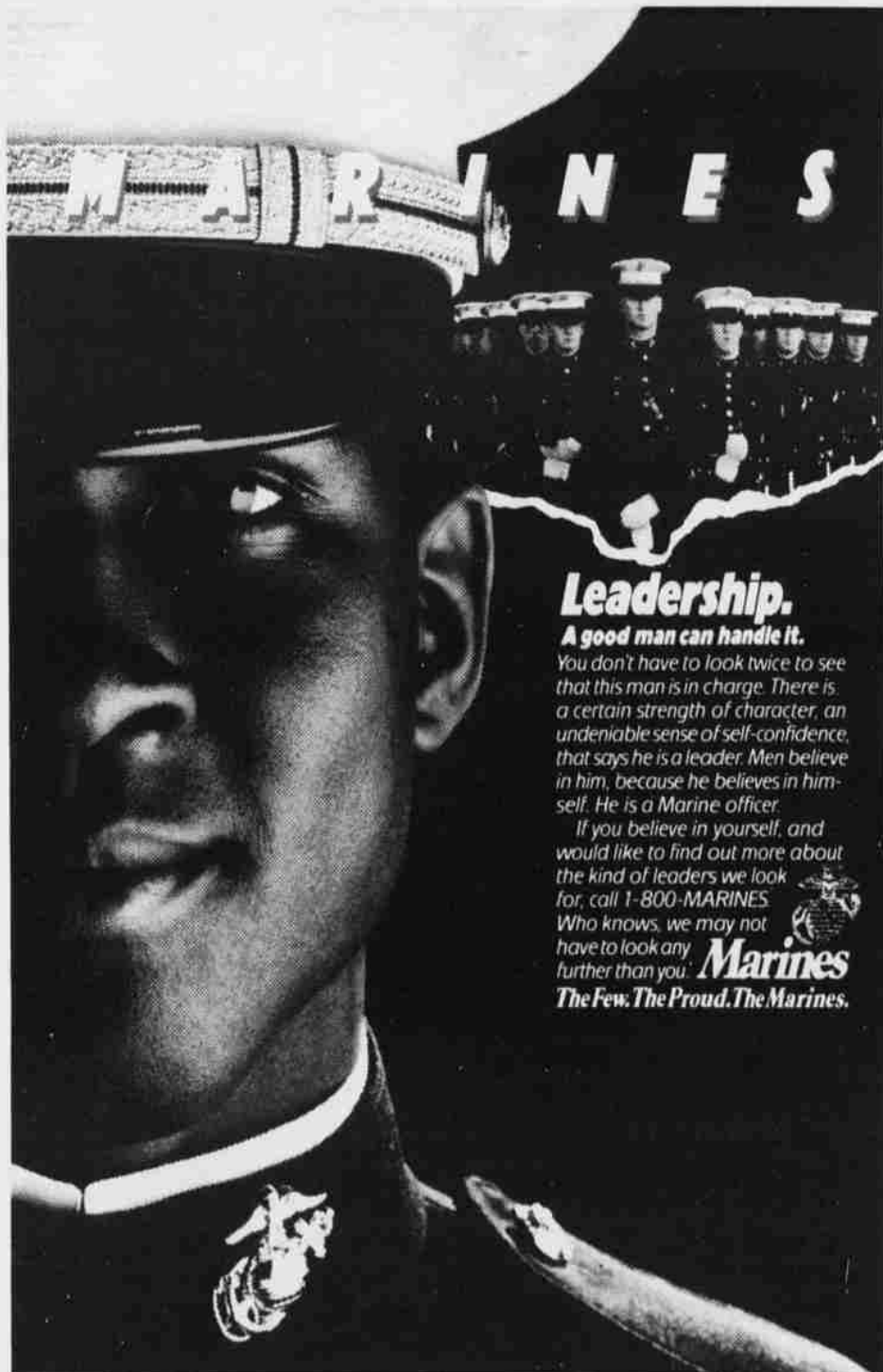
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