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trip," Benneman said. "The bylaw clearly states that in order to be a director, a student must carry and complete six credits each semester."

Tempers flared in a special meeting called on Tuesday in which Fisher and Quick chastised Benneman for requesting information about the incident to the Senate without talking to them first.

"I did talk to Mike (Quick) first and also to Jami (Nalder)," Benneman said. "When I got differing stories, I put my request in writing to the Executive Board, the senators and the business manager."

Benneman's memo said "As a senator and thus a representative of the constituents of the College of Business and Economics, and therefore an overseer of student fees, I am requesting a full explanation of this trip." The total amount of the trip mentioned in the memo was \$3,392.

Quick did not return a call made to him by *The Rebel Yell*.

Karen Splawn contributed to this article.

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arose after Sen. Bud Benneman (business and economics) wrote a memorandum calling for an explanation to whether it was true that former Student Services Director Mike Quick had dropped his courses and was therefore ineligible; that a room reservation paid for by student fees was refunded and the money was used to pay for admission to Disneyworld; and that a rental car, also paid for by Student Government, was driven to Georgia by Quick, even though he was not on official business.

Nalder also said that Quick told her if she didn't lobby for him to be retained as director, she would be "taken care of," in the form of false rumors spread about her.

"I've been asked to lie by the chairman of the Rules and Ethics Committee, I've been blackmailed by (Quick)," she

said. Fisher denied he asked Nalder to lie.

Nalder said Quick told her he had dropped his courses in October, something Quick said he did because of personal problems.

She said she should have informed the business manager after Quick told her, but "I chose not to at the time because he told me he would take care of it himself."

While on the trip, Nalder said Quick did drive the rental car to Georgia.

"On the third day (of the convention), we were taking bets to see if Quick would return to Orlando before the plane took off," she added.

In order to save Student Government money, Nalder said she, Fisher and Briggs got a cash refund on a second motel room.

All four went to Disney World, but Nalder stressed Student Government was reimbursed for that expense.

"It wasn't like we were trying to be secretive," she said. "The purpose of cashing in the room wasn't (for cash) to go to Disneyworld."

Quick spoke after Nalder, and said, "There are two sides to every story." He said he didn't threaten Nalder and hadn't spoken with her since an argument the two had in December over how Nalder voted on an unrelated issue.

Quick said he resented Nalder's saying he tried to blackmail her, and that she portrayed him as a Mafia hood. "You're not going to get a pair of cement shoes," he told her.

Quick admitted he did have a rental car (and said he paid for the gasoline) but didn't say where exactly he drove it to.

He said a car was rented because taxi cab fare was just too high.

"I'm not going to defend anything I've done because I don't think we've really done all those things wrong," he added.

Nalder's accusations really stem from a "personal matter" between he and Nalder, Quick said, although he would not elaborate.

Benneman commended Nalder for openness and honest-

Senator asked to resign as director

by Karen Splawn

Senate President Pro Tempore Bud Benneman and Sen. Jami Nalder said Wednesday they will ask Sen. Scott Fisher to resign as director of the Rules and Ethics Committee due to his role in a controversial convention held in November.

Fisher, along with Nalder, former Student Services Director Mike Quick and Vice President Kevin Briggs attended the National Conference on Student Services in Orlando.

It is the job of the Rules and Ethics Committee to investigate all constitutional wrongdoings by senators, and recommend appropriate punishment.

Fisher said he would not resign.

"If I resign from anything, some people might construe that I did something wrong," Fisher said.


Fisher pointed out that if the committee were to hear a case regarding him, he would not participate.

"I would venture that there would be a case brought against me," he said.

For his part, Fisher said he was trying to find out if Nalder had broken any rules by not informing the business manager she knew Quick had dropped his courses, but added his actions weren't based on revenge, because he started looking into it on Monday.

ty. "What Jami Nalder did took guts," he said.

"I'm a firm believer the truth is one of the best defenses," Fisher said. "It's not my job to decide her guilt."



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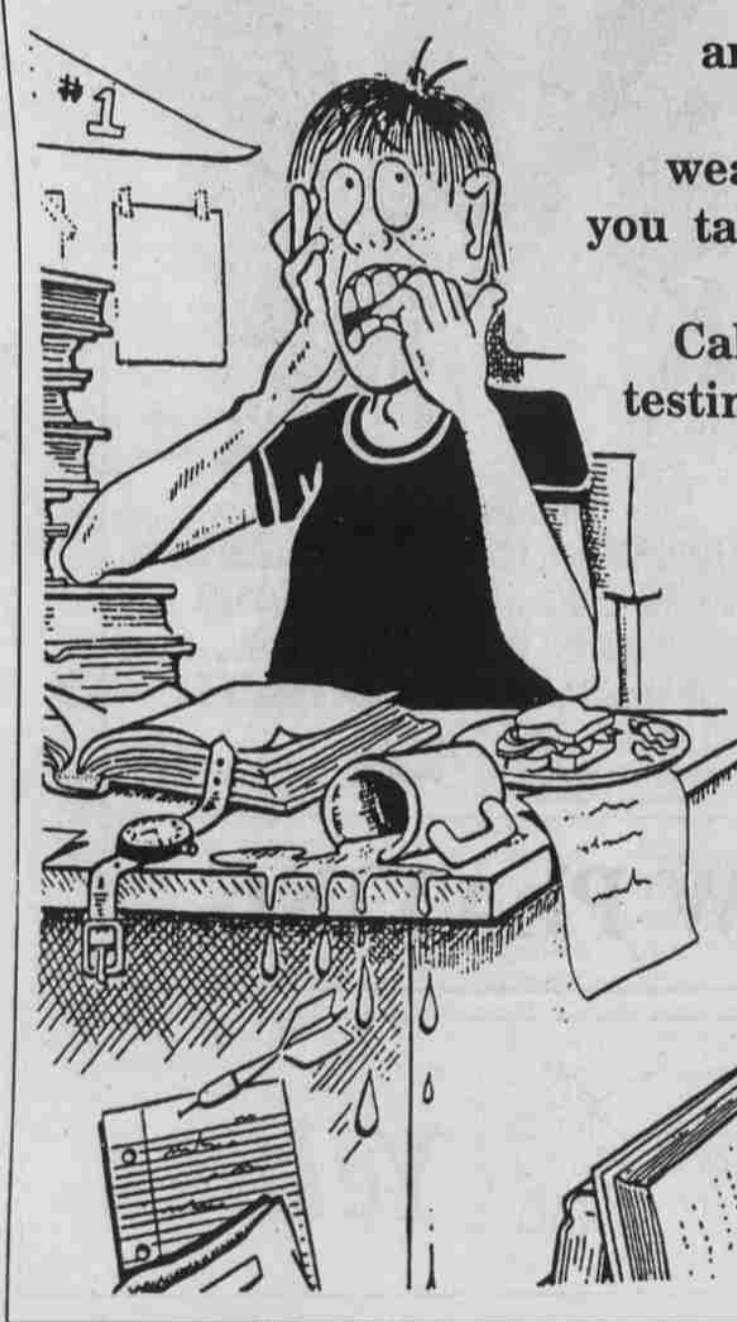
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Quick threatens reporter

Mike Quick, former director of student services, threatened *Rebel Yell* News Editor Tricia Ciaravino after she overheard a conversation concerning his recent resignation.

Quick told Ciaravino she had better get her facts straight if she printed the story.

"If you print it wrong, I'll trash your newsroom," he said. At her surprised expression he said, "That's right, I make threats."

Ciaravino said she questioned his accusation concerning her credibility but did not respond to the threat.

"I'm appalled that someone who is considered a student leader threatened me," she said. "His actions don't make student government look good."

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