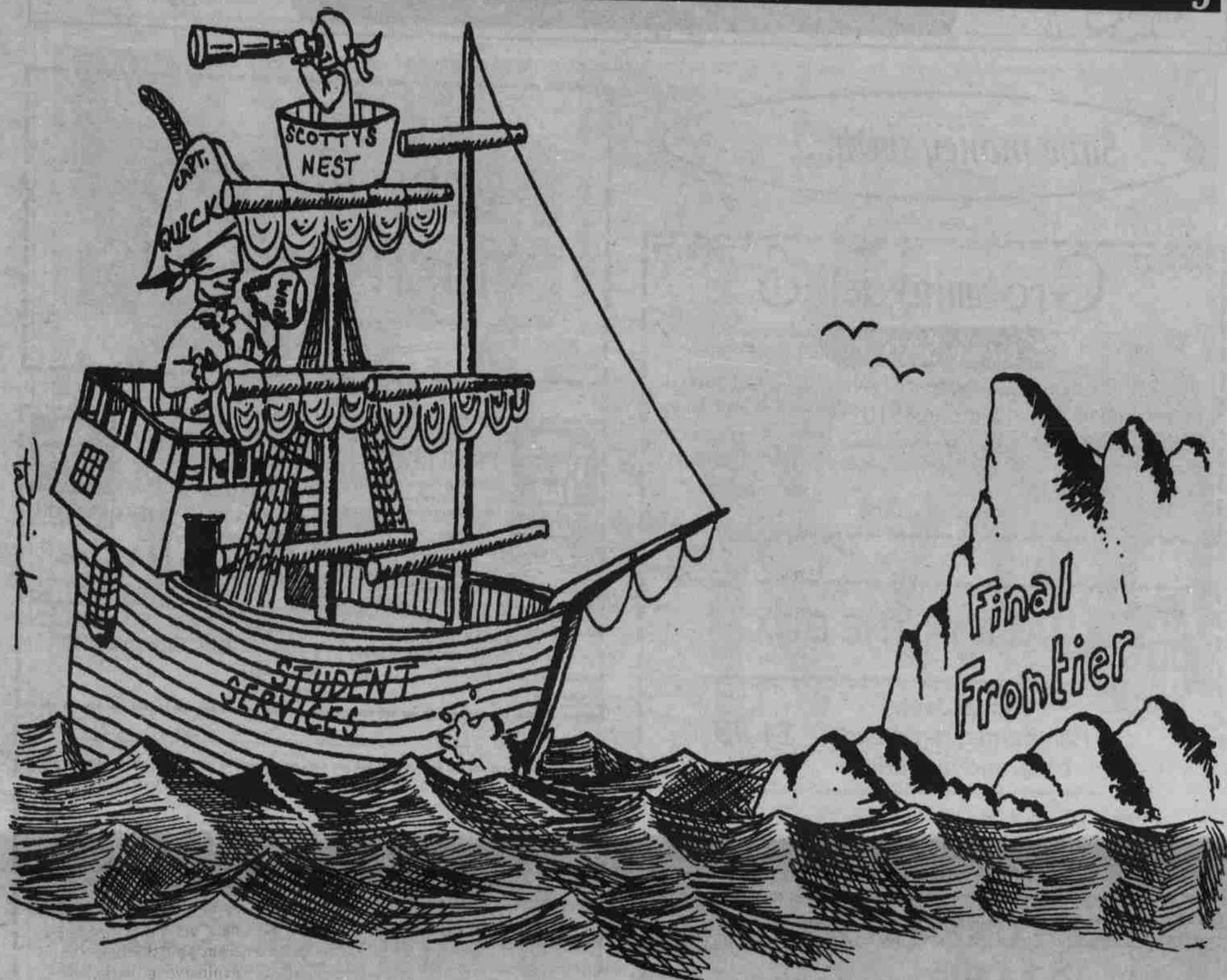


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'Scotty to the bridge: Looks like smooth sailing, Captain'

The Feb. 18 issue of *The Rebel Yell* contained an article which reported an appearance in this newspaper's offices by Mike Quick, former director of Student Services. This article described the conversation, overheard by much of *The Yell* staff, between Quick and *Yell* reporter (and part-time bartender) Rick Nielsen in which Quick proclaimed his total abstinence from alcohol. Since Nielsen had served a number of drinks to Quick on Career Day, the staff included it in a brief article in the next issue.

The Rebel Yell staff felt students deserved to know that the recent director of Student Services was capable, not only of masquerading as a student in order to keep his position in Student Government, but also of lying to his own bartender about being a non-drinker.

On Wednesday, student Sen. Scott Fisher came to *The Yell* office to inform us we were in error. Fisher was quick to point out that he has always exercised restraint in his dealings with the paper. He made reference to past senate meetings during which the newspaper was criticized for its "tabloid practices" and compared to *The National Enquirer*.

"I am not a journalist," Fisher said. "And I don't really want to use the term 'tabloid,' but I don't think this belonged in the paper."

Fisher then revealed to those on the staff who were witnesses, that although not a journalist, he is quite a poet. He began metaphorically to describe Quick as "the captain of the ship."

The seagoing allusion was extended to provide us with the reasoning used by Student Government for its refusal to dismiss Quick. Apparently, Student Government felt it would be folly to dismiss "the Captain" so close to Career Day. Since Quick was the consultant from Student Government and was "at the helm" for Career Day, the government did not deem it necessary to dismiss him completely. He was removed from his position as Student Services director but remained a representative of Career Day even though he had admitted to dropping his classes in October.

"We didn't think it would be a good idea to remove the Captain from the helm when the ship was docking," Fisher said.

He added that Career Day was a tremendous success as a result of such wisdom and expressed dire disappointment that *The Yell* "hardly covered it." When it was revealed to Fisher that *The Yell* had produced an entire section of eight pages devoted entirely to Career Day, Fisher replied, "Oh, I didn't see that."

We at *The Rebel Yell* are convinced that Fisher's remarks are every bit as newsworthy as the remarks of Quick. We would like to welcome them to visit this office at any time, especially if they wish to contribute any further newsworthy information to this staff. We always welcome any "letters to the editor."

However, Scotty, we would like to decline any seagoing invitations from you and Captain Quick.

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