

Ticket distribution committee holds first meeting

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YELLIN' REBEL

The committee appointed to study the problems of ticket distribution for the Thomas and Mack Center had its first meeting last week, Joe Bunin, student body president and student representative on the committee said.

The committee will begin discussing possible solutions to the ticket distribution problems created during this years Runnin' Rebel

post-season basketball games.

"The committee is designed to set up a comprehensive ticket distribution policy for post season play-off games and possibly for all home basketball games," Bunin said.

He said the committee will go in two stages with the first stage consisting of a fact finding agenda.

Bunin said "We will interview people in the athletic department, students and other various sources about our policy and why it didn't work."

Once the committee has determine the area of the major problems they will begin work on the second stage of their agenda which is to write up a comprehensive ticket policy that everyone will agree with.

University President Robert C. Maxson said, "I am asking the committee to include two points among the guidelines they develop."

He said, "The first is a statement that at least 10 percent of the tickets for the NCAA play-off games will be available to our stu-

dents. The second is that the guidelines will be published so everyone who is interested in UNLV inter-collegiate athletics will understand our policy regarding ticket distribution."

Bunin said they are getting a lot of information from Lee Riegle, who does the ticket distribution, as to ticket count and at the next meeting on Friday they will discuss the problems surrounding that area.

"One thing I'm positive that will come out of this is there will be

some protection for students where there wasn't before, something like a rule to give the students a percentage of the home game tickets, he said.

Bunin said "I feel very strongly as the student representative that the quality of the seating for the play-offs and the Final Four will be on a par with other schools from now on. That will come out of the committee even though it is a comprehensive policy for everyone."

In Memorium

Eric Martin, associated professor, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Foundation, died April 19 of liver cancer. He was 51 years old.

Martin moved to Nevada with his family in 1954. He received his bachelors degree in Psychology and masters in Special Education from the University of Nevada, Reno, and his doctorate in Rehabilitation from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He joined the staff at UNLV in 1976 as an instructor of Education.

Martin co-authored several recent articles on training counseling educators which appeared in professional journals. He also made numerous presentations at national conventions.

Martin spent lots of time with his students and thought a lot of

them, according to Dr Martha McBride, a colleague of his in the department.

She also co-authored several recent articles with him.

"He was one of the most brilliant men in this field I've ever met. He was definitely the brains behind our writing," she said.

Stephen McKellips, a graduate assistant in the department and former student of Martins, said "He was my mentor in the department. He was a brilliant man who really cared about his students."

Martin is survived by his wife, Pamela, of Washington, D.C., father Arnold M. Martin of Yerington, Nevada, brother Dr James Martin of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, son Eric "Rick" of Reno and daughter Tracey McKay of Edmonds,



Washington and her three children: April, Alisa, and Annie.

Services will be held Tuesday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center for Religion and Life. The family has asked that in lies of flowers, donations be made to the UNLV Foundation.

Dice games roll in thousands for Pida

The non-profit organization, Friends of UNLV for Valerie Pida, has raised \$8,035.69.

Through the school newspaper, the organization sold the dice basketball games (Final Four, Schoolyard 1 on 1 and Slam Dunk Contest) for \$20 and all three have been on sale since the beginning of the Big West Tournament.

"I was sitting in class and I heard her say that she has a lot to think about now that her insurance will be cutting her off on her 23rd birthday," said Tony Zuiker, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the inventor and organizer of the benefit.

"I felt immediately compelled to do something about it and my brother's and the Pi Pledge Class of Sigma Alpha Epsilon joined together to produce "Friends of

UNLV for Valerie Pida."

When the games first went on sale at the Moyer Student Union, they were not selling well at all according to Zuiker. He went on to say that he sold about three within an eight day span.

"Jason Mills and Ricco Longo played an intricate part of this process," said Zuiker.

"We bagged dice and games and shipped them out for seventeen hours straight. We did it so long that the lady on 98.5 made several comments to the Book of World Records over the air.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Longo and Mills from the Pi pledge class put in more than their share. If it wasn't for those two, I don't think I could have pulled it off."

The dice games were designed

to correlate with Valerie's involvement with Rebel basketball and cheerleading.

The games came with five Rebel Basketball die, three game boards, and a 100-page scoresheet. The benefit according to Zuiker was a huge success, but like all benefits he said it had it's drawbacks.

"I got a phone call from this lady who said to me, "How does it feel trying to make money off of people who are sick?" Zuiker said. "I was in shock. She was just mad at the fact that I can raise that much money and document to the cent where all the money went. The answer is simple.

The money went into her account and everytime I made a deposit I had a receipt from the company I needed money for," he said

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