

Tarkanian's holds first billiards tournament



Winners - The four winners of the first annual Tarkanian's billiard tournament show their earnings.

Tarkanian's Sport Lounge billiard room held its first eight ball tournament for University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) students 21 and older (ID required). According to Kevin Cronin, who was in charge of the event, "The tournament was a great success and a lot of fun for the participants."

The winners for the evening included first place winner, Joe Santen who won \$78 and dinner for two at Tarkanian's. Robert Davies took second place winning \$39 and dinner for two. Third place winner, Chuck Vojtas won \$13 and a dinner for one, and fourth place received dinner for one at Tarkanian's.

The billiard room will be sponsoring an eight ball tournament every Wednesday through winter break.

For more information, times and buy-in prices, contact Kevin Cronin at 736-PLAY.

UNLV Communication major enters commercial in national contest

by Roy Theiss
Reporter

Often theory and practice are two different things. But theory and practice combined may total up to \$1 million for a graduate student. Michael Upchurch, a communications major, has entered "Speedy Burgers" video in the Million Dollar Video Challenge. Upchurch said he thinks he has a decent chance of placing.

But if monetary dreams are not realized, the consolation is that theater and communication students are getting real world experience. Upchurch said the students used in the seven minute videos have worn many different hats. Eventually he hopes to use the music department to have a complete university production.

Upchurch said he originally tried to make a show but it was difficult to find people to work for free.

"Now we've produced five excellent sketches that are seven to eight minutes of sheer enter-

tainment," said Upchurch. All five are commercial parodies and they are now working on public safety announcements.

"Speedy Burgers," takes place at a fast food restaurant with an ambulance crew picking up dinner. The patient in the back of the ambulance is fighting for his life and the paramedics callously ignore him and are more interested in their dinner.

Besides the lunacy of the situation, Upchurch has another angle working for him. He built a dolly, similar to what Steven Spielberg uses, at below basement price. A dolly moves the camera in and the picture moves out at you physically, while a zoom just blows the picture up.

"It is an enormous undertaking to produce one minute (of video)," said Upchurch. "It takes weeks of planning, storyboarding (pre-production for TV), and clearances."

The effort is not the only major undertaking; cost is another. Upchurch said he had a "huge budget, \$125, to get something done that looks like

\$10,000." People worked for free, and cars, including a Nissan 300ZX, as well as tow bars were loaned to him. "It took some finagling to get the ambulance," said Upchurch.

Upchurch said he has been getting all kinds of moral support, but no financial support.

"I've been trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

Upchurch quickly added, "I'm amazed at all the help (non-monetary) I've gotten. I wouldn't be able to do it without that help."

The money was received from Student Government in the form of a grant. Instead of doing a TV show that may get news coverage once and then nothing else, Upchurch said he would rather have six or seven good public service announcements which would air now and five years from now. Upchurch said he has created a demo video, and now they have to go to charities like Mothers Against Drunk Driving and show their work.

To the Sisters of Delta Zeta,

We are writing this letter in order to clear up any misunderstandings as to why the POTENZA'S quit Delta Zeta.

I, SALLY POTENZA, was served an injustice when I was put on probation for exercising my freedom of speech in order to defend sisters in a meeting. Even though I apologized for my outburst, Pledge Educator was taken away from me even though I loved these new girls and wanted to teach them to be the best pledges Delta Zeta could have. It is obvious that the punishment didn't fit the crime because the week before two Executive board members were drinking with pledges on Bid Day and they were only given warnings. I could not accept my probation knowing the inconsistencies of the disciplinary actions taken. There was no other choice left for me but to turn in my badge, because I was not to go from a strong active member to a member with no say in anything.

I, ANN POTENZA, was hired by Delta Zeta to be field consultant and work at UCLA rebuilding the chapter. I dedicated the last five years of my life to Delta Zeta and saw my hard work pay off. But I cannot go on working hard for Delta Zeta knowing that my own blood sister has been treated wrong. It would be hypocritical recruiting women to the UCLA chapter stressing Delta Zeta sisterhood, knowing that it was missing in my own chapter. Sisterhood begins at home, and it's the basic ingredient for a successful sorority. Without it you have an empty shell.

I, MICKI POTENZA, have seen over the years how much hard work my older sisters have put into Delta Zeta. I wanted to be a Delta Zeta because I saw how proud they were to be in it. After this incident, I am no longer proud but disappointed that something so good could turn so sour. I look up to my sisters a great deal, and I know they have set the standards of who a Delta Zeta should be. I am not being dragged into this, but go at my own free will. We know what sisterhood is because we have it.

We'd like to thank those of you who told us that we were the ones who inspired you to go to Delta Zeta. We know that in our hearts we believe in what Delta Zeta stands for because it was the same way we were raised. It's a shame that the advisor is not guiding the chapter in this direction.

Sincerely,
The "POTENZA SISTERS"

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