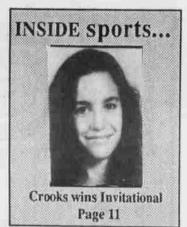


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Cult to be expelled from Organizations board

BY TONYA LOMEO STAFF WRITER

The Christian student organization called Campus Advance may be removed as a CSUN recognized organization next Thurs-

The motion to remove the group will take place at the CSUN Organizations Board meeting, the group which oversees all recognized student organizations.

Concerns that Campus Advance has cult-like practices is at the center of debate, according to Gretchen Stamos, Protestant chaplain at the University Center of Religion and Life. The organization, which is an outgrowth of the Greater Las Vegas Church of Christ, is affiliated with the Boston Church of Christ, a known cult group, Stamos added.

In an organizational description filed with the Organizations Board, the group states it is also

known as "International Churches of Christ." Group members did not return phone calls for further comment.

Campus Advance's faculty advisor Nina Cooper, who is also a member of the church, said she had heard the cult accusations before she became a member but "could not find validation" to prove that it was a cult.

Stamos said it is not the churches theology to which she is opposed. It is the emotional damage she has seen imposed on members of the group who decide

They turn friendships on and off like water taps," Stamos said. She counsels members who suffer emotional problems after their leaving the church.

Part of the emotional damage stems from the group having control over every aspect of its members' lives, Stamos said. "They control who you date, how many hours you sleep, how much time

you study, how much time you work; whatever you do the whole day is answerable."

The religious group also isolates its members from the outside world, Stamos added. They are told not to listen to negative information about the church. If family or former friends speak out against the church or the members have doubts about the group in their own minds, they are told that it is Satan speaking to them. According to Stamos, members become, in essense, completely dependent on the church.

It is this emotional dependency that debilitates those who try to leave, Stamos explained. "It is very hard to pick people up from that kind of devastation." She added that those she counsels believe they are damned from salvation.

There are a lot of people in the church that would like a way out but don't know how," Stamos

said.

Liz Baldizan, assistant to the vice president of student services, said her concern about the organization is "students should be able to ioin and leave an organization at their own free will.'

Ed Marshall, director of the Organizations Board said, before the

vote to remove is taken, Campus Advance and those opposed to the group will each get three fourminute sessions to speak. Then the entire board will have an open discussion on the issue for approximately six minutes.

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Four forensics team members receive scholarships

members UNLV's Forensics and Debate Team recently received \$1,000 scholarships from the Milken Family Foundation.

The four students are senior David Cherry, sophomore Diana M. Pop, and

of freshmen Stefanie Bernay and William Price.

> The scholarships, which are for the 1993-94 academic year, were awarded through UNLV's Greenspun School of Communication.



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Students voted last week for the Homecoming and Senate elections.

Turnover takes toll on Student Senate

BY PAUL STUHFF STAFF WRITER

The unofficial results of the Student Senate and Rebel Yell Advisory Board elections were returned early in the morning last Friday. The results are unofficial until the Student Government-retained lawyer certifies them and any Judicial Council disputes are resolved.

The elections shook up the composition of the Senate as many long-time senators were not retained. Sen. James Yohe, Business and Economics, in office for over a year and chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Revision, was not returned to the Senate.

Also not re-elected were Senators Paul Mangual, education, a senator for six months, and Allan Kandcer, health science, an incumbent senator who was also the student health liai-

Here are the results; persons

who have won a seat are listed in italics, and the number of votes follows the names of each of the candi-

College of Business and Econom-

Farid Ghanem, 40; Chad Haddock, 90; Lee Iglody, 36; John Laxague, 51; Joe Martin, 66; Aaron Popick, 54; Brian Saliba, 65; Peng A. Tay, 36; James Yohe, 47; None of the Above, 69. College of Education: Wesley Allison, 63; Jamie Fox, 60; Paul Mangual, 40; none of the above, 34. College of Engineering: Joe Ham, 76; Jodi McMillin, 139; Benton Racel, 16; Bjorn Sundquist, 26; Walter Vodrazka, 108; none of the above, 22.

College of Fine and Performing

Helene Pobst, 15; none of the above, 8. College of Human Performance and Development: John Pida, 14; none of the above, 6. College of Hotel Administration: Phil Gordon, 85; Scott Schwartz, 98; Anthony Westfall, 81; none of the above, 70. College of Liberal Arts: Stephanie Boixo, 83; Shawna Campbell, 62; Micael Giles, 29; Sam Lieberman, 56; Carol Linton, 53; Kennedy Ondieke, 41; Mercedes Renteria, 84; Martin Yeung, 48; none of the above, College of Health Sciences: Steve Amend, 24; Thelma Johannsson, 27; Allan Kandcer, 22; see Senate Pg. 3

criticisms Kostman responds to

BY PAUL STUHFF STAFF WRITER

Student Government President Joel Kostman responded to the criticisms aired on UNLV-TV's Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

see Channel 31 last weekves, I took home-study courses," he said. "Now,

they're saying that I did some terrible, horrible things by taking home-study courses. Well, the pinheads don't know that I'm allowed to take home-study courses."

Kostman added that his "Rebelvision" at last rights were nearly trampled upon by UNLV-TV. "They came about that close to "For anyone that didn't violating my Buckley Amendment rights last week," he said, "and yes, I would have pursued matters

if I deemed it necessary."

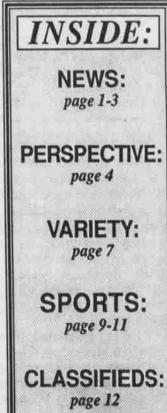
Kostman also responded to criticisms of the "host account," which is used by Student Government for lobbying purposes. "They were wondering if we should be spending money on a host account. Well, when we took regents to lunch last year, and we got a tuition freeze, I think \$3.99 for lunch in the dining commons kind of jus-

tified the two-and-a-half million in (tuition) savings.

"So, we will continue to have a host account. If people don't like it, I'm afraid I'll give them the same response I gave to a certain administrator last year."

In other action, Sen. Joe Martin made an emergency motion for \$1600 in additional money for the CSUN Elections Director Michael Aloyian asked

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