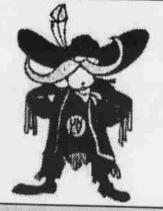
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## Cray Supercomputer benefits both UNLV and community

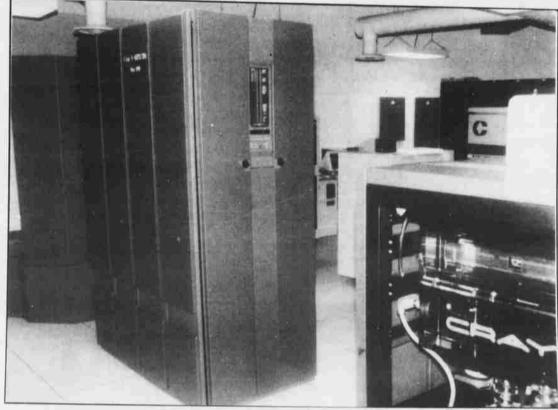
By HEATHER SUBRAN STAFF WRITER

High school students will soon have the opportunity to use the programs available on the Cray Supercomputer. The National Supercomputer Center for Energy and the Environment at UNLV and several Nevada high schools have made a joint effort to expand the computer services accessible to students.

"The Cray Supercomputer that we have here at UNLV is perhaps the fifth fastest supercomputer in the world," said Bahram Nassersharif, the director of the supercomputer center.

Such technology may seem beyond the high school level; however, Nassersharif explained that the advantages given to the students should encourage students to pursue their interests in science and math-

"What makes supercomputers unique is not so much that they're fast, but that they can simulate physical problems on the supercomputer that come much closer to reality than is possible to do on most conventional comput-



In January, both UNLV and Clark County high schools will both have access to the Cray Supercomputer.

As a result, problems that seem much more artificial in physics, biology, mathematics, or chemistry, are brought to life on the Cray

Supercomputer. Said Nassersharif: "Because of the speed of the machine, we can take into account many facets of the problem that we would normally

simplify, or ignore in the model."

Since UNLV does not have the resources available to have several high school students come in to access the computer, the center has developed a program, in conjunction with Nevada high schools, to train the teachers first.

Nassersharif believes in the

eventual success of the program. "So far the program has been pretty successful. We have had a group of about five to 10 teachers already who have gone through some initial training. They now have to go back to their own schools, teach the students what they have learned, and continue to access

our system."

At the present time the main interaction is between the teachers and the students. As the students begin to use the resources, they will be able to access information sources around the nation.

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"What we hope to do is develop software for students at very early stages of their science and math careers, and expose them to the software tools that already exist," said the director.

The program was initiated after a meeting between Nassersharif and the principal of one of the high schools involved in the program, the magnet school and Clark High School, Wayne Tanaka, and members of their schools' staffs. Students may be able to access the facilities in January.

# Cult group expelled

By Charlie Waldorf STAFF WRITER

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It was a first for UNLV's Student Organization Board last Thursday, where at the board's bimonthly meeting a previously recognized organization, Campus Advance, had its recognition status revoked by more than two-thirds of the board.

Campus Advance was originally established as the Upside-Down Club, a non-denominational, religious student group. The recognition status was revoked after rigorous debate during Thursday's meeting. The debate centered on the practices of the group towards its membership. Alleged activities included manipulation of the membership with regards to sleep, dating, social life, and studying.

Although no criminal activity has been reported to date, the concem towards students centers on the well-being of students who are involved. Complaints of harassment when students wanted to disassociate from the club are a major concern.

Campus Advance stated that its purpose was to inform students of the truth of the gospel. The words and teachings of Christ are the main focal points of this organization.

The leadership of the group expressed that if the Organizations Board did not want to recognize the group, the club would then continue with its purpose and mission. The

group consists of twenty members and is affiliated with the Greater Las Vegas Church of

The vote came down to an overwhelming majority of the organizations to remove the recognition status of the group. Several groups voiced concerns and questions towards the activi-

There were 54 votes in favor of removing the recognition status of Campus Advance with five organizations opposing the move.

Four organizations abstained from the vote to revoke the organizational status of the group.

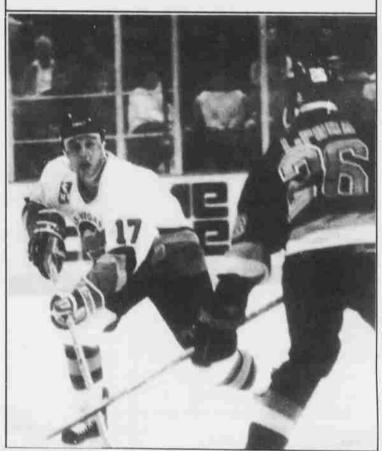
Organizations Board director Ed Marshall stated that the vote recognizes organizations under student government to reserve rooms on campus, receive up to \$500 in funding, and obtain group seating at UNLV athletic events.

"The organizations voted to take appropriate action," said Marshall. "And they (the students) have spoken."

Currently, there are 106 recognized organizations on campus. Five other religious groups are currently recognized by the Organizations Board.

At this time no other groups are in danger of losing their status of recognition.

#### Thunder win home opener



NICHOLAS HALEY/REBEL YELL In front of a sell-out crowd, the Las Vegas Thunder defeated the Atlanta Knights, 3-2, at the Thomas & Mack Center last Friday night.

### Homecoming 1993

UTAH STATE (1-5) VS UNLV (1-5) SAT. OCT. 23, 7 P.M. SAM BOYD SILVER BOWL