

## Police Blotter

### THEFT

Aug. 19-Ladder was taken by unknown persons from a locked custodial room in the new addition of the White Life Science building.

### TRAFFIC

Aug. 22-Officer found a moped with its vehicle identification number scratched off and the key hole punched on Tarkanian Way and impounded it for safe keeping at the Department of Public Safety impound lot.

Aug. 23- An unknown vehicle hit a parked car in the parking lot near MSU and the UNLV Bookstore.

Aug. 24-A vehicle was towed from Tropicana Ave. because it was a traffic hazard.

Aug. 25-A vehicle stop on Swenson, south of Naples, resulted in the driver being cited and the vehicle being towed.

### TRESPASS

Aug. 18-A female trespassed into the Thomas and Mack during the Garth Brooks Concert.

### ASSIST

Aug. 20-A man experienced a seizure at the construction site of the new physics building. He was transported to Desert Springs Hospital.

### INCIDENT

Aug. 18-An electrical fire occurred as a female tried to start her car in the T&M parking lot 4. The fire department responded, but no one was injured.

### WARRANT

Aug. 21-A female was arrested on Flamingo Road for outstanding warrants throughout the county.

### ALARM

Aug. 23-A four-year-old child pulled an alarm in the Flora Dungan Humanities building. ....

# Campus still stunned

BY GREGORY QUINN  
NEWS EDITOR

UNLV authorities are trying to solve the mystery of a tragic death that has left the community frustrated and confused.

So far, investigators claim the death of a graduate student from India was an accident.

Srinivas Chirukuri, of Hyderabad, India, died July 26 from burns suffered in a lab accident late at night on campus.

He was working on a project that involved highly flammable liquids.

Initially, the police investigated the case as a possible homicide after Chirukuri stated that two men set him on fire. The FBI is currently reviewing the evidence gathered for any possible hate crimes.

Last Friday, President Robert Maxson said he thought it was, "perfectly appropriate for the FBI to look at this because I think we want to know exactly what happened and exactly why it happened."

Maxson said that, "no stone should be left unturned." He said the case needed to be handled in a way, "that everyone is satisfied with whatever the conclusion is. If you do that," Maxson said, "it doesn't leave people di-

vided."

Investigators claim all evidence gathered so far points to accidental death. Still, a number of questions remain unanswered, mainly why did Chirukuri state he was set on fire, and where was his wallet?

Robert Ackerman, Vice President of Student Services, said that Chirukuri had dinner with some friends at a nearby Carl's Jr. the night of the incident.

Said Ackerman: "those friends seemed to believe that wherever Srinivas went he carried a wallet. We can't find the wallet. His friends said that he always wore a gold chain, but his gold chain is not there."

According to Ackerman, Chirukuri did not report any robbery, simply that they splashed a liquid of him.

"It's a question of 'does the physical evidence support what he's saying?'" said Ackerman. "In the opinion of the coroner and the arson investigator, the physical evidence did not support his statements."

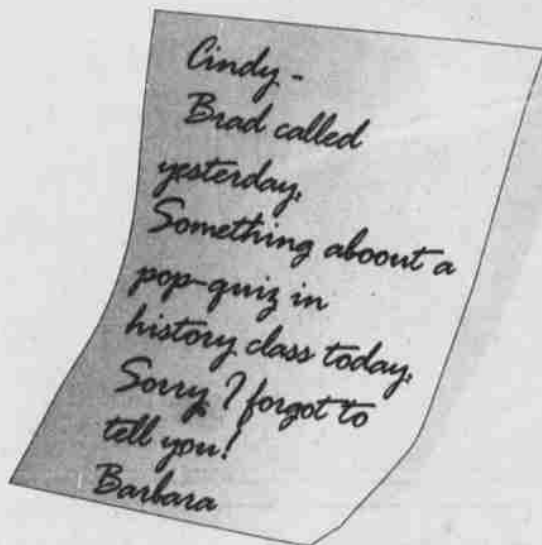
Maxson expressed confidence in the local authorities, saying, "I think people have handled everything correctly." As for the FBI, he said, "I see absolutely nothing wrong with exhausting every avenue you have, because I think what everyone wants to know is the truth."

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