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# Homicide still not ruled out

## FBI says Chirukuri case not a complete package

By Gregory Quinn  
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The FBI is currently reviewing the case of the burning death of a graduate engineering student from India.

Srinivas Chirukuri, 23, of Hyderabad, India, died July 26 of massive burns he sustained in the heat transfer lab of the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex July 22.

At first, police investigated the incident as a possible homicide after Chirukuri told UNLV officers that two assailants had doused him with a flammable liquid and set him ablaze with a lighter.

Eventually they downgraded the incident to an accident after physical clues gathered from the site failed to yield any evidence of an assault.

The FBI, however, has not officially closed the case.

The investigation is only partially done, said FBI media liaison Burke Smith.

"We got involved to see if there was anything at all...that

might have been a violation of federal law," Smith said. "That's the only thing we're looking for."

Smith added that, "Anytime that we wind up with a credible allegation that would indicate that perhaps something out there happened that is within our investigative jurisdiction, we will check it out. And if we find out that there isn't anything that falls within our jurisdiction, then we're out of it."

Smith wouldn't speculate at this point as to the specifics of the FBI review, saying only that, "we're using whatever manpower and resources that the situation might dictate at the moment."

Neither would Smith comment on the quality of the work output from the local agencies handling the case. "It's an ongoing thing,"

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## Jean Nidetch Scholarships selected

Rebel Yell staff reports

Four UNLV students will receive \$2,500 scholarships for the 1993-94 academic year from the Jean Nidetch Scholarship Fund.

The recipients are hotel administration major Xia Wei, engineering majors Johnnie Dornak, and Angela Molnar, and education major Dorothy Vanette.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to demonstrate that they had faced adversity.

The scholarship fund is part of a \$1 million dollar donation made to UNLV by Jean Nidetch, founder of Weight Watchers International.



Dan Cassalero, a.k.a. Dandy the Clown parades around the student union courtesy of student government.

## Volunteers sought to aid international students

Rebel Yell staff reports

UNLV's English as a Second Language Program is looking for volunteers willing to help foreign students improve their English.

"No formal training is required," said Vicki Holmes, director of the ESL program. "All that is required is fluency in English and the desire to help a student."

Each volunteer will be matched with an international student who needs help improving his/her English. Volunteers will meet with their students at least once a week for an hour of conversation. No formal lessons are involved.

Orientation meetings for prospective volunteers will take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in Portable Classroom Nine, located on Cottage Grove Drive on the north edge of campus. Volunteers need attend only one of the two meetings.

The program started last spring on a small scale and now is being expanded.

"The experience can be very rewarding for both people," Holmes said. "Not only is it a chance for the student to practice his/her conversation, but it also provides an opportunity for cultural exchanges between the volunteer and the student."

The ESL program enrolls  
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## Campus clinic teaches kids to attend school

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Most of us can understand the trauma a five-year-old child goes through upon entering a classroom full of strangers. Each face seems threatening, and suddenly mom and dad are walking out the door and leaving you behind.

The School Refusal Clinic at UNLV is designed to help both parents and young students deal with the problems of adjusting to a new school environment. The program is directed towards youngsters ages five through 16 whose persistent refusal to go to school has been going on for less than a year.

Fees for treatment depend upon the family's ability to pay. According to Dr. Christopher Kearney, "If the family complies to the advice given, the clinic has a 100 percent success rate. Usually we have less than one-third drop-outs."

The problems encountered at the clinic vary according to age and family situations. Among these are fears and anxieties about a new school environment, an unfamiliar social setting, or separation from the family.

Treatment varies according to

persistence in his refusal to stay in school the parent should forbid the use of video games or delicacies such as peanut butter. Eventually the child begins to associate a certain kind of behavior with a particular response, and is convinced to tolerate a full day of school. These children are members of the "attention-getting" category.

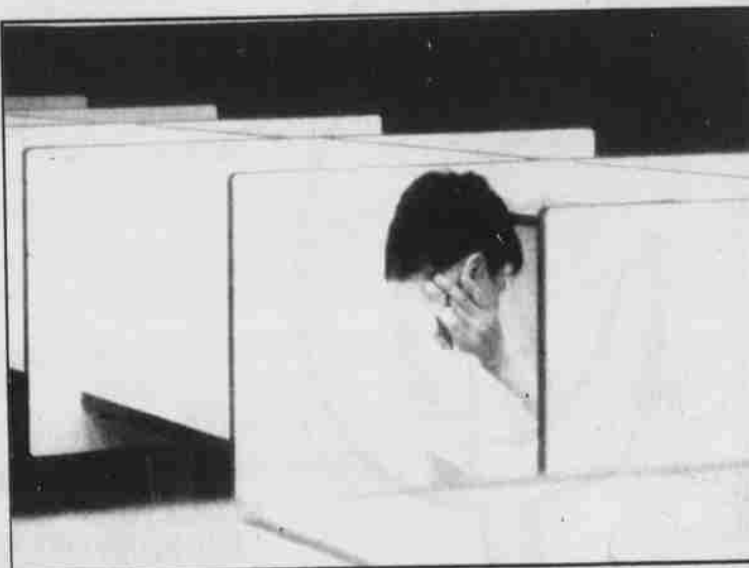
Other problems are more difficult to handle. Children with more serious refusal behavior problems because of fear of separation from parents, anxieties about oral communication, or negative prejudices against a school society, must go through other methods of treatment.

A 13-year-old brought up in an isolated family with no peer relationships would have difficulties making friends. Treatment would include relaxation training, short periods of separation from the parents, as well as a series of interviews which would assess the child's psychological state.

Kearney states that common practices in the society can contribute to a child's anxieties about the school environment.

"It is not advisable to cater to a child's fears through private tu-

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It's back to the books, as Fall semester enters its 4th day

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