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Carrboro police investigate UNC senior's arrest

■ Carrboro police arrested Troy Hendrick after he did not stop taking pictures.

BY AMY CAPIELLO
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When 21-year-old Troy Hendrick stepped out of his Greensboro Street house Saturday to take pictures of the fire trucks across the street, he never thought he'd end up being arrested.

But by photographing a spot news event for his photography class, Hendrick, a senior journalism major, disobeyed an order from Carrboro Police officer J.D. Langford and got a free ride to the Carrboro Police Department.

Now Carrboro police are investigating the incident that officials admit could have violated Hendrick's rights.

Saturday, Hendrick began taking pictures of the fire while standing in the street. But when Langford waved a finger at him, Hendrick retreated to his own property.

And as Hendrick stood on the sidewalk that runs through his front yard, Langford approached him and told him to stop taking pictures, Hendrick said Tuesday.

"I tried as hard as I could to stay cool and reasonable so they wouldn't have the ability to do anything to me," Hendrick said. "I told him that the First Amendment guaranteed my right to stay

where I was and take pictures.

"He said, 'The First Amendment? What are they teaching you at that school over there? If I tell you to do something, you do it.' I was flabbergasted."

Langford declined Tuesday to comment on the incident and said, "I made no comments like that."

As Langford stood in front of him, Hendrick raised his camera to his face, poised his finger on the shutter button and prepared to shoot.

"(Langford) took his left hand and knocked me with his left hand," Hendrick said. "He wasn't aiming for me but for the camera. The majority of his hand hit the camera. His fingers brushed against my face."

Within seconds, Hendrick said he was spun around, cuffed and pinned up against a car. But when he asked what he was being charged with, it took a while to get a reply.

"Officer Langford, before he was able to answer me, had to ask his partner (officer W. Smith) who was standing by and not saying anything, what they could charge me with," Hendrick said. "His partner had to suggest resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer."

Michael Williams, assistant professor in journalism and mass communication, said that anyone on private property could do basically anything they wanted to — including take pictures.

"If the student went into his own yard and wasn't in the way anymore, it sounds like the police officer got a little

carried away," Williams said.

Carrboro Police Capt. Carolyn Hutchinson said the department agreed that Hendrick was taking pictures on his own property when he was arrested for resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer.

After speaking with Sgt. James K. Phillips, Langford's supervisor, Saturday afternoon, Hendrick was "unarrested" and the charges were removed, a measure that Hutchinson said was an admission of a mistake.

The incident report surrounding Hendrick's arrest and subsequent unarrest has been removed from the public record while the investigation is being conducted.

But even though the "unarrest" should have closed the case, Hendrick decided to bring the issue back to the forefront when he saw the incident report.

Monday, Hendrick went back to the Carrboro Police Department to obtain a copy of the incident report, which he said was inaccurate.

"It's so far from what happened. The police officer walked at least 50 feet to me when I was on my private property, and we argued, and he hit me. There was no mention of it."

"Last night, I spoke to my dad," Hendrick continued. "He's an attorney, and during that call with him it became more evident to me that there was a lot more going on here."

The Carrboro Police Department came under criticism earlier this year



SPECIAL TO THE DTH/TROY HENDRICK

Troy Hendrick took this picture from his property as Carrboro police officer J.D. Langford ordered him to stop photographing a fire across the street. Langford arrested Hendrick for delaying and obstructing an officer.

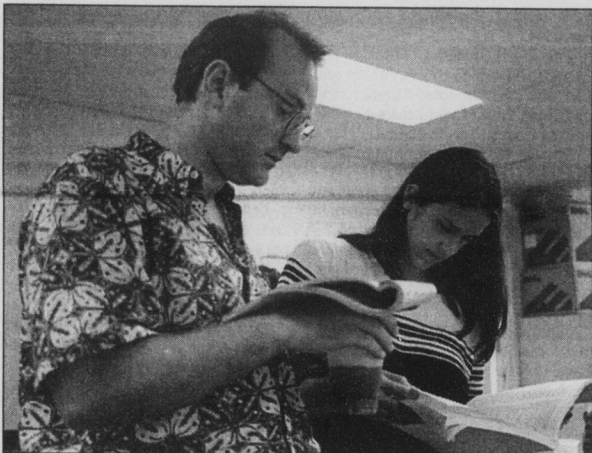
when five black men were detained in an apartment complex parking lot. The department admitted that the officers had not used proper procedures and instituted new policies.

Hutchinson was surprised by

Hendrick's decision to go public with Saturday's events, especially after the two, along with Carrboro Police Chief Ben Callahan, had agreed to set up a formal meeting to discuss the First Amendment and how it pertained to

this situation. A date for that meeting has not been set yet.

But Hendrick said, "(The Carrboro police) need to stand up, say this is what happened, talk about it truthfully and take responsibility."



DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Adviser Tom Baker assists history major Summer Auman in selecting spring semester classes at a pizza party for junior transfer students Tuesday.

Advising reform stalled; students challenge delay

■ Students proposed hiring an advising consultant, but officials want alternatives.

BY CATHERINE MEDEOT
STAFF WRITER

As students begin to visit their advisers for spring classes, a student government initiative to reform the advising system seems to have stalled.

This summer, student government proposed hiring an outside consultant to look at advising at UNC, an idea that administrators embraced at first.

But Monday, the Advising Steering Team, consisting of the dean of Arts and Sciences, the chairman of the Faculty and five students, decided to hold back on the plan and look at other options.

The team decided that using a firm might not be the most effective method of reform. Instead, the committee is debating the idea of bringing in a consultant from another university to look at UNC's system.

Arts and Sciences Dean Risa Palm said a consultant from a comparable university could look at UNC's system with a fresh view.

"It's reasonable to have somebody from a successful advising program look at UNC's system," Palm said.

The decision to hire a consultant will affect General College advisers, who said they had not been involved in the process.

Donald Jicha, associate dean of the

General College, said the issue needed more discussion.

"We still have some discussion," he said. "We still have some plans to make."

Fred Clark, an assistant dean of the General College, said he was not sure as to what was going on.

"We haven't really been informed yet," Clark said. "I think it's still in the planning stages."

Student government executive assistant Lacey Hawthorne said she could accept the team's direction, but she thought that a professional consultant would help to improve UNC's advising more than some adviser from another university.

"We're limited to the institutions that we know of and the contacts that we have," Hawthorne said. "A professional consultant can offer insight to everything that's out there."

Hawthorne said she would have liked to see a decision made at a team meeting on Monday night, but she understood that the rest of the team wanted to get acquainted with what else was available.

The team has delayed reforms because members are looking for a match with UNC, Palm said.

Barbara Crowley, student government's Academic Affairs co-chairwoman, said that the team did not want to jump into making a decision.

"It's not that they're trying to slow it down," she said. "In order to make the best decision, we wanted to look at institutions that had solid advising programs."

CAA cancels scheduled lip-sync concert

BY LAUREN BEAL
STAFF WRITER

The Carolina Athletic Association canceled "Carolina Jams," a lip-sync contest scheduled for Tuesday night, a week after the Black Student Movement planned a boycott of the event.

CAA Co-president Charlie Roederer said the group canceled the show Monday night because few participants had entered the contest.

Roederer said the BSM boycott was not the sole reason for the lack of interest.

But BSM President India Williams said the boycott had an effect.

Williams said the CAA should have expected lower participation and interest

when they did not contact the BSM about the event.

"The majority of last year's participants were members of the BSM," Williams said. "I can't say it was a direct effect, but it probably influenced it."

BSM Vice President Tamara Bailey said BSM members and others responded to the boycott and supported it.

"The boycott put (the show) in the limelight," Bailey said.

Roederer said he could not give reasons for the lack of student participation.

But he said not enough students have interest in any of the Homecoming events.

"Homecoming, as a whole, doesn't get the interest of students we as an

"The boycott was one way that we feel will help to open the door between the CAA and the BSM."

TAMARA BAILEY
BSM Vice President

organization believe it should," Roederer said.

Williams said last week that CAA members ignored her when she told them the BSM should have been told about their plans.

"If the CAA wanted an all-inclusive

type of week, they should have been trying to contact other student groups," Williams said.

Roederer said the CAA had publicized the contest well.

Last year the BSM and the CAA co-sponsored a lip-sync event, but this year the CAA did not tell the BSM of their plans to hold another show until last week.

"Poor communication with the CAA has become a problem early on, and we hope it will improve," Williams said.

Bailey said the BSM boycotted the event to improve communication between the organizations.

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Band members march to their own beat

BY REBECCA TENCH
STAFF WRITER

It's a sunny September afternoon at 4 o'clock, and sounds from the fine-tuned instruments of the Marching Tar Heels rise above the construction, gossip and lectures to remind people of their school spirit.

This select group of student musicians represents UNC across the state and country. Their trademark enthusiasm follows them wherever they go.

There are many things that go on behind the scenes of the band. Things that often go unseen and sometimes unheard create what is seen and heard.

The phrase "practice makes perfect" could not be more true than when it comes to the Marching Tar Heels. Practicing involves hours upon hours of music preparation and then even more time devoted to learning and perfecting the pregame and halftime shows.

Band members start the year with band camp, which instills marching drills and memorized music into the brains of the 335 band members.

"You practice from early in the morning until late at night," said Emily Lineberger, a 1996 UNC graduate from Charlotte. "You'll never sweat as much in your whole life."

In addition to the first grueling week, band members continue to practice for hours each week during the year.

"With a music class twice a week, private lessons and practice, I end up practicing about 15 hours a week," said Carter Brown, a freshman bass drum player from Southern Pines.

Game time ... a town of Tar Heels

A new addition this year, Tar Heel Town has now become the place to be before home games on Saturday. The

band plays the fight song and "Throw Down," the song that introduces the football players at each game.

"(Tar Heel Town) is a good idea,"

said Sam Phillips, a senior tuba player from Germantown, Md. "There are still

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DTH/ERIKA COLLINS

The horn section of the Marching Tar Heels live up to the phrase "practice makes perfect." Band members practice about 15 hours a week.

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Room for improvement

Despite bludgeoning N.C. A&T, the volleyball team still wanted to fine-tune its offensive schemes. **Page 13**

Working girl

Senior Michele Causey-Dugger deftly balances leadership activities and married life with her everyday school work. **Page 2**



TIME'S
RUNNING OUT!
3 days left to
register to vote

Today's weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 80s
Thursday: Sunny;
Mid 80s

To live is like to love — all reason is against it, and all healthy instinct for it.

Samuel Butler