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Suspension issued after police query

■ J.D. Langford was given a three-day suspension for an incident with a student.

BY AMY CAPPIELLO
CITY EDITOR

A Carrboro police officer has been suspended for three days without pay in connection with an Oct. 4 incident involving a UNC senior.

According to a press release issued by the town of Carrboro, the unnamed officer was suspended after an internal investigation in which, "Chief (Ben) Callahan determined that certain violations of police policies and procedures occurred in connection with the incident."

Although the release does not name either the officer or the individual, Troy Hendrick, a senior journalism and mass communication major from Winston-Salem, was involved in an incident with officer J.D. Langford.

Neither Langford nor Hendrick could be reached for comment.

Langford and officer W. Smith responded to a request to assist the fire department at 100 Shelton St. on Oct. 4. In a previous interview, Hendrick said he was standing in the street taking photos of the fire, and when Langford waved him off Hendrick stepped into his own yard.

Hendrick said Langford approached him and told him to stop taking photos. When Hendrick refused, he was arrested for resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer.

Hendrick was later "unreleased" at the Carrboro police station after Hendrick discussed the incident with Langford's supervisor, Sgt. James K. Phillips, and it was determined that probable cause in the case had diminished.

In a previous interview Capt. Carolyn Hutchison said Hendrick's unarrest was an admission on the part of the Carrboro Police Department that a mistake was made.

Callahan said Thursday that he was not able to speak about the officer's suspension.

"I am not authorized to comment on the disciplinary action," Callahan said. Carrboro Town Manager Bob Morgan said he was also unable to comment.

He said the press release prepared by Town Attorney Michael Brough, which is in accordance with the N.C. Personnel Records Privacy Act, was the only information available on the disciplinary action.

"There's a specific procedure we have to follow," Morgan said. "Only certain information can be released."

"If I don't follow what's in the state statute, I could be breaking the law."

Missing file prompts police investigation

■ The file was missing from an office that holds some Honor Court case records.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student Attorney General Charles Harris discovered earlier this week that a file had disappeared from what he called his tightly secured office.

Harris reported to University Police on Wednesday that a file from his desk was missing and other files in his office had been moved from their original positions.

Student leaders are keeping tight-

lipped about what was in the file while police search for it.

"At this point ... I don't want to comment on it, because it's actually an investigation," Harris said.

The office keeps several kinds of files, but most deal with cases that will go before the Honor Court — a panel of five students who rule on cases of academic cheating and other violations of the Honor Code.

Harris told police he first noticed the missing file when he entered his office Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

A housekeeper unlocked the office to clean it at about 8 a.m. and did not relock the door.

Harris said he believed someone took the file during that time.

The police report states he last knew the file was on his desk Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Harris said he strictly limits access to his office.

"I can't stress to you enough how much we keep that place locked down," Harris said.

Harris, who has already interviewed his colleagues, has not discovered who took the file.

Anyone who files charges against a student for violating the Honor Code sends the paperwork to the student attorney general's office or the Division of Student Affairs, Harris said.

The staff keeps the file in his office until the Honor Court hears the case sometime within the two weeks after

paperwork is filed.

Harris sends the paperwork back to Student Affairs when he is done. If Honor Court acquits a student, the paperwork is destroyed, he said.

Harris would not say whether he has the only copies of the files for fear of harming the investigation.

"Literally, what I say could (harm it)," he said.

Lane Dilg, chief justice of the Honor Court, said she had heard sketchy information about the theft, but she has tried to distance herself from the investigation.

"It's quite possible that if that did occur, it would come up as an Honor Court case," she said.

Dilg said she did not want any prior

information in case she had to sit over the case.

University Police Lt. Angela Carmon said Thursday afternoon that officers have made no advances in the case.

An unlocked door of the Student Attorney General's office contributed to an Honor Court case in spring 1996 when two students took nearly 1,500 copies of an issue of The Carolina Review that criticized a student body president candidate and put them in the office.

The Review's publisher charged the students with stealing, and the Honor Court acquitted them.

Margaret Barrett, judicial programs officer, was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Public-private partnership

BY CYNTHIA EAKES
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Dangel, associate professor of biology, studies the genes of a little weed called *Arabidopsis thaliana* in collaboration with Novartis, a company in Research Triangle Park.

"Our goal is to understand the basic defense mechanisms of plants by studying the genes in the model, *Arabidopsis*," Dangel said.

"Their goal is to take this information and develop more effective and environmentally friendly ways for plants to turn on their own defense system to fight off invaders."

Dangel's work is just one example of the symbiotic relationships between universities and corporations that grow out of contract research.

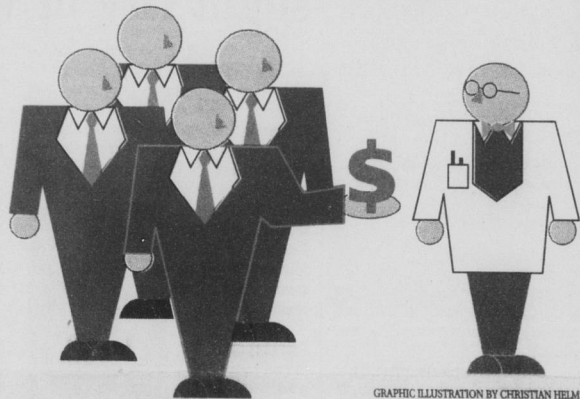
Contract research means that a company in the private sector provides grant money for research in the University. Another example of contract research is Glaxo Wellcome Inc.'s providing the School of Pharmacy with funds to research a new drug.

Although funding from the private industry comprises only a small percentage of the University's research dollars, many issues surround contract research.

Faculty have many outlets for funding, but the most money comes from federal sources, said Robert Lowman, associate vice provost for research.

Of the \$290 million in research grants last year, \$227 million, or 78 percent, came from federal sources. About \$14 million, or 4.8 percent, came from private industry.

Lowman said most researchers use



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federal money as their primary support and industry money as a supplement.

Kim Brouwer, associate professor of pharmacy, said she uses funding from the private sector to answer questions she could not generate federal dollars to support.

"In situations like these we are not for sure we will see a positive result or what we want to happen," Brouwer said.

Steven Offenbacher, professor of periodontology, said federal funding keeps getting tighter and tighter.

"Contract research gives scientists a way to balance the process," Offenbacher said.

Federal grants are also very hard to come by because of the competition that exists for the money.

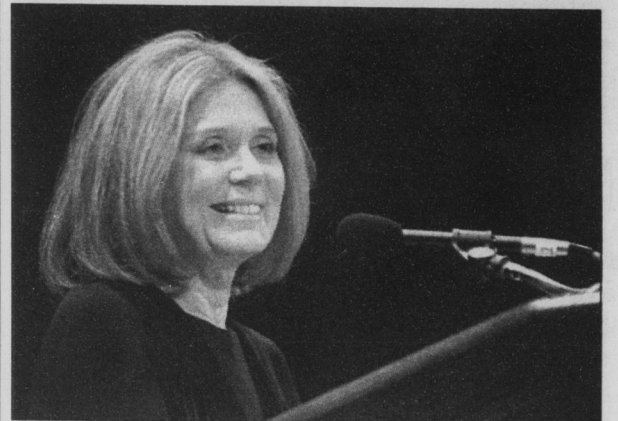
"I can write a federal grant and have

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Publish or Perish

A five-part series exploring the importance of research at UNC.

- Monday: Defining research
- Tuesday: The politics of funding research.
- Wednesday: Where do professors get support to balance teaching and research?
- Thursday: The differences between various departments' research.
- Today: The private sector's influence.



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Leading feminist Gloria Steinem lectured about being active in political and social causes Thursday evening in Memorial Hall.

Steinem shares ideas, spirit with full house

■ She said people need to understand that politics have caused oppression.

BY ANGELA MERS
STAFF WRITER

Acclaimed feminist Gloria Steinem shared her spirit and ideas on the dominance of the male hierarchy with what she called a "chemical combination" of people who would never again be replicated.

Steinem spoke Thursday night to a packed audience in Memorial Hall. GROWISE, Carolina Union Activities Board, and Carolina Women's Center sponsored the event.

Steinem is the founder and editor of

Ms. magazine, the author of the book "Moving Beyond Words," and an inductee into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

She concentrated on the plight of the feminist movement through the ideals of society's hierarchy and related the ideals of feminism with the interests of other oppressed groups.

"I thought she was amazingly laid back," said Heather Marin, a sophomore from Vermont. "She is a good example of what feminists should be."

Steinem started the evening out with a simple question, "Aren't we going to have a good time tonight?"

She established her agenda for the evening by telling the audience of her role as both the outside agitator and the

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Afternoon fire guts attic in five UNC students' residence



DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

On Thursday afternoon a fire seriously damaged the roof and attic of the home located at 821 Old Pittsboro Road, the residence of 5 members of the UNC varsity women's swim team.

BY ROB NELSON
AND STEVE MRAZ
ASSISTANT CITY EDITORS

A Thursday afternoon fire gutted the roof and attic of 821 Old Pittsboro Road, the home of five members of the UNC varsity women's swim team.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department arrived at the scene around 4:30 p.m. after receiving a call from an employee at the Children's School of Chapel Hill.

Mary McGovern, the school's director, said the employee left work at 4:30 p.m., then rushed back into the school, told her the house across the street was on fire and said to call the fire department.

McGovern said officials were on the scene and fighting the fire within five minutes of the call.

Chapel Hill Deputy Fire Chief Myrle Smith said the roof and attic of the house were damaged but that the cause of the fire was unknown.

Smith said the department would continue to conduct an investigation to determine the cause. Officials were compiling damage estimates at press time.

All five students were at a swim meet at the Koury Natatorium on Skipper Bowles Drive when the fire broke out.

"The fire started coming out of the side of the house, and then the whole roof caught on fire."

VALERIE BRITT

Next-door neighbor of the swimmers

Three of the students' parents, who arrived at the fire, later declined comment Thursday afternoon. The students also declined to comment after the meet.

Two of the students' next-door neighbors were eyewitnesses to the blaze.

"The fire started coming out of the side of the house, and then the whole roof caught on fire," said Valerie Britt of Garner, a second-year student in the School of Pharmacy.

"Some guy busted the door down to see if anybody was inside," she said. "He wasn't in there long."

Courtney Blacker, a senior journalism and mass communication major from Charlotte, said she was returning to her residence on 823 Old Pittsboro Road when the fire broke.

"I was walking down the street, and I thought it was my house," she said. "We're just glad no one was hurt."

INSIDE Friday

SEAC chainsaw massacre

Members of SEAC staged a protest in Polk Place. They were protesting the deaths of Amazon tribes people due to lumber companies seeking mahogany. Page 4



Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

Today's weather

Increasingly cloudy; upper 60s
Weekend: Sunny; mid 70s

A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat.

Katharine Whitehorn