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UNC clears professor of harassment claims

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A renown drama professor has been cleared of allegations of sexual harassment, removing a cloud of concern shared by the professor and several students in his graduate classes.

The University ended an investigation that started in August of anonymous claims that Professor David Hammond used graphic terms and put students in compromising positions in one of his drama classes.

The students claimed they complained after Hammond threatened to take away their scholarships.

"Following a thorough review of the allegations against dramatic art Professor David Hammond of violations of the University's policy has been found," College of Arts and Sciences Dean Risa Palm said in a prepared statement.

Hammond said he hoped the deci-

sion would allow him and his students to put the months of uncertainty behind him.

"I love the University, I love my department and teaching, and I'm very glad this has worked out," Hammond said from his office after leaving a meeting with his lawyer Tuesday.

"I think the University did a very fair and honest investigation. I hope we can put it behind us."

Hammond, known for directing the Playmakers Theatre production, "The



Renown dramatic art Professor **DAVID HAMMOND** said he wanted to put six students' claims of improprieties behind him.

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BURNIN' RUBBER



A bicyclist makes her way across Manning Drive on Tuesday afternoon. The steam from beneath the street billowed up through a manhole to engulf passers-by.

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Suit against UNC could be mediated

■ University Police Lt. C.E. Swain filed a lawsuit against UNC in December.

STAFF REPORT

Attorneys for a University Police officer have suggested a mediator to help settle their dispute before it lands in court, and are now waiting for the University to respond.

Alan McSurely, attorney for University Police Lt. C.E. Swain, proposed John Harkey mediate among the University, University officials and Swain.

Among the claims in the suit, Swain is suing the University for violating his constitutional rights and violating his rights under the whistleblower act.

In December, a judge ordered the two parties to attempt to work through their problems through mediation, McSurely said. The goal is to reach a settlement before the April 20 court date, he added.

Harkey is not new to University disputes. Harkey mediated the 1996 settlement between about 75 UNC housekeepers and the University in the housekeepers claims of unfair employment practices against UNC.

As of Tuesday, McSurely had not received word from the University as to whether it accepts Harkey. "Either (the University) agrees or they suggest someone," McSurely said. "It's best if both people sort of like the person."

Swain was fired in November for allegedly falsifying his timesheets.

According to a letter sent to Swain by University Police Maj. Jeff McCracken, Swain was observed by a Chapel Hill News employee conducting personal business in the newspaper office while on University time.

Swain denied the claims, and in December, Chancellor Michael Hooker reinstated Swain.

The allegations about Swain's timesheets followed months of fingerprinting surrounding the 11-year University Police veteran.

Trouble started when Swain accused University officials of pressuring him to remove a citation he wrote to Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield's then 18-year-old daughter Caroline Hancock.

Swain cited Hancock for underage possession after he witnessed her in the Ramshead parking lot holding a beer following the UNC-Virginia football game on Sept. 27.

University officials denied Swain's claims.

The policies of preference

■ Admissions data show that 57 percent of black applicants wouldn't be offered admission without affirmative action.

BY TONY MECIA
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Casey Foley thought she had a decent shot of getting into UNC.

She had scored 1280 on the SAT. She was graduating from Myers Park High School, a Charlotte high school with a solid reputation.

She had taken several advanced classes, and her grade point average was about 3.0. Foley was active on the debate team, the drama club and the Latin club.

She didn't get in. She said she remembered receiving the thin envelope in the spring of 1996 that broke the news.

"I was definitely disappointed," she said. "My mom opened it — my mom told me, which made it even worse."

Foley, now a sophomore at Appalachian State University, said she thought race might have played a role in the decision. She's white.

"I don't know if you'd say I'm a victim of (affirmative action), but it well could have affected the way things came out."

Foley isn't on the front lines of the affirmative action debate, but students like her might benefit if the University changed its admissions policies. And black students like many of those now enrolled at UNC-CH might disappear.

UNC-system President Molly Broad recently ordered a review of all race-based admissions policies to ensure they conform to the law.

According to a Daily Tar Heel analysis of admissions records, race plays a substantial role in admissions decisions. The analysis showed that African-Americans are offered admission at a greater rate than white applicants with similar academic backgrounds.

The DTH analyzed the 6,867 in-state applications for the freshman class that entered in the fall of 1997.

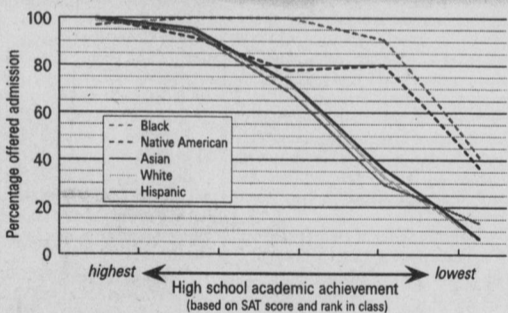
Specifically, the DTH examined the relationship between race, whether a student was admitted and the admissions index, a number between zero and four that admissions officers use to help them make admissions decisions.

The admissions index is calculated using an applicant's SAT

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A dual standard?

UNC's admissions office acknowledges that it grants preferences to black and Native American applicants. A DTH analysis of the 6,867 applications for the fall 1997 entering class shows how those preferences play out. This graph shows the percentage of applicants from various ethnic groups offered admission, broken down by SAT scores and high school class rank.



SOURCE: DTH ANALYSIS OF ADMISSIONS OFFICE RECORDS

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UNC seeks outside help to solve police problems

BY ERICA BESHEARS
EDITOR

The University has asked a team of campus law enforcement administrators to assess UNC's safety and security program.

Jan. 25-27, three administrators with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators will visit UNC, observe the Department of Public Safety and speak with University officials and campus leaders.

Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd said recent controversy within the University Police contributed to the decision to bring in the IACLEA team.

"We need to take a review based on many of the issues that have been in the public domain," Floyd said.

The University Police became the center of controversy last fall when Lt. C.E. Swain issued an underage possession of alcohol citation to the daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield. Swain accused his superiors of trying to suppress the ticket, which was removed from the computer system for three

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Executive Vice Chancellor

days. In November, Swain was fired for falsifying his timesheets, only to be reinstated in December. He is pursuing a lawsuit against the University.

In the meantime, Police Chief Don Gold took a temporary personal leave of absence in late October. University officials have not indicated when Gold will return or if he will be replaced.

Ann Dodd, assistant to the executive vice chancellor and director of quality control, explained that IACLEA provided a "loaned executive" program where teams of experts go to a University to study their safety department. Asa Boynton, director of public safety for the University of Georgia, will head the team coming to UNC.

The team's review will include interviews, observation and written records and materials.

Student Body President Mo Nathan will have an opportunity to speak to IACLEA. "An outside perspective is valuable," he said. Nathan said he was looking forward to sharing his views on how the public safety and transportation departments had been brought together.



Executive Vice Chancellor **ELSON FLOYD** said a police department review was necessary due to controversy.

Human cloning prompts moral, scientific questions

BY SCOTT HICKS
STAFF WRITER

Three cloned sheep have ignited a nationwide furor over the possibility of cloned human beings, as a Chicago scientist recently promised to create a human clone in less than two years.

But scientists remain skeptical about the chances of cloning humans, since the experiment that brought the world the sheep named Dolly has not yet been replicated in any other laboratory.

Nonetheless, many of these scientists share the same fears and moral concerns about human cloning as philosophers and others, who say that just because human cloning can be done, doesn't mean it should be done.

While the recent success in cloning sheep excited many scientists, their personal views urge caution and reserve. "From a scientist's point of view, I think it's fascinating," said Susan Lord, director of the Curriculum in Genetics and Molecular Biology at UNC. But the issue is more an issue for bioethicists than for researchers in the lab, she said.

For bioethicists and philosophers,

there are three ways of looking at cloning, said E.M. Adams, professor of philosophy at UNC.

Due to the present developing state of technology, some people argue that human cloning should wait until science has caught up with and can support cloned humans, Adams said. The rest either completely support or vehemently condemn the idea of cloning humans.

In Adams' opinion, human cloning is wrong. Like the sale of babies born in developing nations to parents who want to adopt, the availability of cloned humans, tissues and organs would create a similarly immoral market, he said.

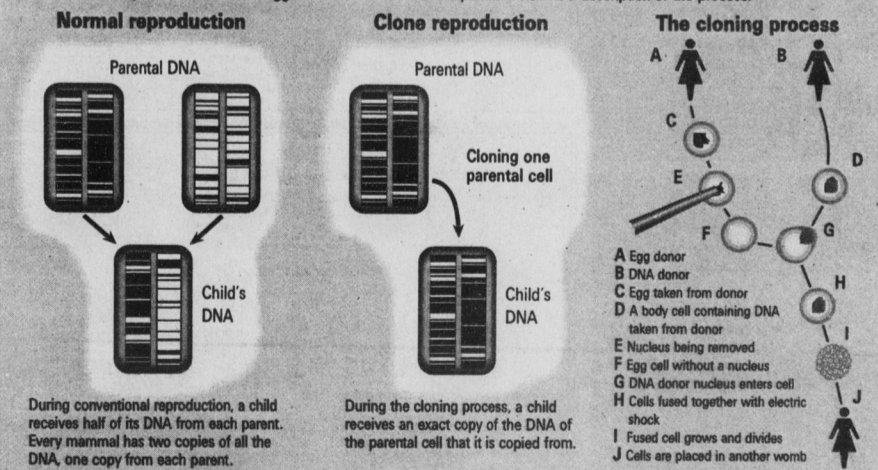
"It's going to be a corrupted system," he said. "To make that kind of market out of it seems to me to be inhuman."

But the company responsible for Dolly and the two other cloned sheep began their effort to help humans, Lord said. "The company has produced a line of sheep that will contain a human protein in the milk of the sheep to obtain the human protein for hemophilia," she said.

Before scientists consider whether humans could be cloned, they still have

The cloning process: basics of biology

The recent cloning of sheep indicates that human cloning is possible. Cloning does not produce a full-grown sheep (or human) when it is done. It produces a fertilized egg with DNA identical to the parent. Below is a description of the process:



SOURCE: DISCOVERY ONLINE

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to research if their original intent — transferring sheep proteins into humans — is safe for people, Lord said. Cloning humans would involve more research.

"We're skeptical that it's reproducible in a pragmatic manner," she said. Aside from scientific concerns, many

people bristle at the idea of cloning humans. Questions of what it means to be a person should be answered before any cloned human is created.

"Do they have human rights? Do they have a spirit? Does society know they're a clone?" said Kelley Vance, a

freshman from Newland, recalling the questions students asked during a seminar on human cloning she attended.

With problems like those, human cloning remains a risky idea, Vance said. "We don't know what the repercussions of trying something like that are."

INSIDE Wednesday

Political thoughts

Senior of the Week Sarah Mitchell spends time preparing for law school, organizing student government campaigns and working on a thesis about the election process. *Page 2*

Business is good

Changes in the business school's leadership and location have made for some tough moments and occasional tension, but haven't caused the problems some expected. *Page 4*

Today's weather

Showers;
mid 40s
Thursday: Showers;
low 40s

Wanted:

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Frank Lloyd Wright