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American hostage freed with Syrian, Iranian help

DAMASCUS, Syria — Pro-Iranian kidnappers freed American hostage Robert Polhill in Beirut Sunday after nearly 39 months of captivity. He was the first American hostage to be released in nearly three and a half years.

The White House said a U.S. plane would take Polhill to West Germany for debriefing and a medical exam before he returned to the United States. Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater thanked Iran and Syria for their roles in the release.

"I'm very happy and grateful to all the people who spent time on my case," Polhill said in a Syrian TV interview. But he added, "I'm still deeply concerned about my two friends and others who are still held in the conditions I was held in." Seventeen Western hostages remain in Lebanon, including seven Americans.

Polhill, 55, of New York was freed near the seaside Summerland Hotel in Moslem western Beirut at 5:15 p.m. (11:15 a.m. EDT) and driven immediately to Damascus. He was to be handed over to U.S. Ambassador Edward Djerejian at the Foreign Ministry, Syrian sources said.

Terms of the release, which followed a series of communiqués from the Shiite Moslem kidnappers, were not known. See related story, page 2.

Pope calls for meeting to spread church's message

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia — Pope John Paul II announced plans Sunday for an unprecedented European-wide meeting of bishops to discuss spreading the church's message across the continent after the fall of Communist regimes.

At an outdoor Mass later in Bratislava, which drew several hundred thousand faithful on a rain-drenched field, the pope lauded the perseverance of Roman Catholics and gave special thanks to Czechoslovakia's youth, who sparked the peaceful November revolution.

Discovery shuttle liftoff set for Tuesday morning

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's five astronauts returned Sunday for a second attempt to launch the shuttle with NASA's most valuable and celebrated payload, the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

Discovery is scheduled to lift off at 8:31 a.m. Tuesday.

"We feel very confident that things are going to go well this time," said Discovery's commander, Air Force Col. Loren Shriver.

NASA test director Mike Leinbach said Sunday that the countdown was proceeding smoothly and the shuttle appeared to be in perfect condition. The countdown got under way Saturday afternoon.

A faulty power unit forced the first launch attempt to be scrubbed four minutes before liftoff April 10. The unit was replaced with a new one, which tests showed to be fine.

A 70 percent chance of favorable weather was expected at launch time, with low clouds being the main concern, said Ed Priselac, Air Force shuttle weather officer. A weak cold front from the north was expected to pass through the area by Monday night.

— From Associated Press reports

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The history of Keith Edwards' grievance against the University Police Department

June 1987	The University police department reorganized and promoted 13 officers. Soon afterward, Edwards and several other officers filed discrimination grievances against the department.
July 1988	The University Staff Employee Grievance Committee found no evidence of racial or sexual discrimination in the police department's promotion practices. The committee did not make recommendations for improvement.
Sept. 1988	Edwards, charging that the entire grievance process was unfair, continued with her grievance while the other officers dropped their cases. Her decision eventually led to step four in the grievance process, which went beyond the University's jurisdiction to state court.
Sept. 1989	Edwards' court hearing before a state judge at step four in the grievance process was postponed because of a scheduling conflict in the state attorney general's office.
Oct. 1989	State judge Delores Nesnow denied the University's request to dismiss Edwards' case.
Feb. 1990	Edwards' court hearing ended, with the judge's decision still pending.

Edwards awaiting grievance verdict

By MYRON B. PITTS
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Officer Keith Edwards, who filed a discrimination complaint against the University police department in 1987, is still waiting for a verdict on her case, although her grievance hearing was completed Feb. 2.

Edwards' grievance, along with those of several other officers, was submitted after 13 white officers were promoted during a 1987 departmental reorganization. Of the eight people who filed grievances, only Edwards carried the process to Step 4, the only level handled outside of University jurisdiction.

UNC's lawyer, N.C. Assistant Attorney General Lars Nance, has yet to receive a transcript of the court hearing, Edwards said. Upon receiving the transcripts, both Nance and Edwards's counsel, Alan McSurely, will have 30-60 days to prepare final arguments, and the trial judge will have an additional

45 days to hand down a decision.

Edwards said she wished both attorneys had delivered oral final arguments to avoid a lengthy wait. The extended length of time is working in favor of the University and represents a ploy to put "wear and tear" on her to make her "go away," she added.

"It's taken long enough to get a transcript. This case has been tied up in red tape from the beginning."

The police department will find handling problems difficult if it takes so long for complaints to be addressed, Edwards said. "No one should have to go through this. I only filed a grievance. How can you deal with problems if you're going to allow this to happen?"

Edwards has filed a new grievance, which has also reached Step 4, and plans to release the details later this week. Despite the numerous grievances that have besieged the police department and a recommendation from

Chancellor Paul Hardin to give every qualified officer a fair chance at promotion, the discriminatory practices remain, Edwards said.

"It's (the grievance is) based on the same thing," Edwards said. "It's still favoritism."

Two other officers, Ollie Bowler and Lonnie Sexton, recently received the resolution of a grievance they filed in 1988. Bowler and Sexton also filed a grievance in 1987 but dropped it at the Step 3 level.

Bowler said the 1988 grievance had just gone through Step 2 and was headed for Step 3 when John Devitto, who had just been appointed director of security services, reviewed their case and decided they had been mistreated. Sexton and Bowler each received a promotion to lieutenant, backpay dating from March 10, 1989, and a letter of apology.

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Results positive for Earth Week

By MICHELLE SMITH
Staff Writer

The seven days set aside for Earth Week and celebrated around the world have ended, but UNC students involved in the week's events said the enthusiasm generated would be around for a long time.

Ethan Clotfelter, Earth Week committee co-chairman of Student Environmental Action Coalition, said a variety of people were involved across the nation in this year's activities.

Although many scheduled events were planned for Earth Week at UNC, many students celebrated in their own ways.

Bonny Moellenbrock, a sophomore from Centre Hall, Pa., said she and two friends distributed bags in Manly Residence Hall to encourage residents to separate their trash for recycling.

Moellenbrock, co-chairwoman of Tar Heel Aluminum Recycling Program, said they put out separate bags for newspaper, colored paper, white paper, glass and plastic.

They will not continue distributing the bags because it is inconvenient to drive repeatedly to Raleigh, where the plastic is recycled, she said. The project's purpose was to show students that things they do can make a difference.

"I think Earth Week was successful because the events did inform people of what needs to be done," Moellenbrock said. "You can't help but know there's something wrong here, and now we know some things we can do."

Chuck Brittain, governor of Henderson Residence College (HRC), also

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Police arrest man for rape, kidnap attempt

From staff reports

Edwin Tyrone Wade, 20, of Route 11, Box 219, Highway 54 West, Chapel Hill, was arrested at 6:08 a.m. Sunday and charged with one count of attempted second-degree rape, one count of second-degree kidnapping and six traffic offenses.

Wade's arrest occurred after Officer S.S. Barnes of the University police saw a female running away from a parked vehicle in Rams Head Parking Lot. According to police reports, the woman was visibly upset and in need of

assistance.

Barnes approached the vehicle, which left the scene with Barnes in pursuit. Another officer arrived on the scene and took the victim to Student Health Service.

The pursuit ended at South Road and Columbia Street when Wade wrecked his vehicle. He was taken to North Carolina Memorial Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries resulting from the wreck. He was then released and taken to the magistrate's office. Wade's bail was set at \$90,000.



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Hat head

Simcha Weinstein entertains a youngster at Weaver Street Market, where the Earth Day Parade culminated, Saturday afternoon.

Chapel Hill man arrested for 1989 rape, assault

By JESSICA YATES
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Police charged a man

Thursday with breaking into a woman's apartment in the Ephesus Church Road area and raping her on April 27, 1989.

Michael Joseph Morgan, 35, of 1009 Clarence Drive, Chapel Hill, was charged with second-degree rape, second-degree sexual offense and first-degree burglary, Chapel Hill Police Planner Jane Cousins said. Morgan was held on \$50,000 secured bond but was released after someone signed a piece of property on the bond.

Morgan's first appearance in

Hillsborough District Court was Friday, when a judge reviewed and sustained the charges. He will appear in Chapel Hill District Court May 11 for his probable cause hearing, said Joan Terry, assistant clerk of court in Hillsborough.

Cousins said information from an unnamed source led to Morgan's arrest. "The investigators have been working on all the sexual assault cases."

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Elections Board to present rules changes to congress

By SUSIE KATZ
Staff Writer

In a Friday afternoon forum, the Elections Board discussed another round of changes in elections rules which it plans to send to the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee today and eventually to full congress for final approval.

After the highly publicized controversy surrounding this spring's student body president election, it was clear that the elections laws needed to be reviewed and revised, said Mary Jo Harris, Elections Board chairwoman.

"There was a lot of vagueness as far as what the powers of the Elections Board were, how they could be implemented, and what procedure to follow (in implementing them)," she said.

Board members discussed the code all weekend so they would be ready to present their proposed changes to the Rules and Judiciary Committee today, Harris said. "The sooner this gets done

and the longer the code is in effect, the more familiar the new Elections Board will be with it."

Although some of the changes were meant to clarify the rules that candidates must follow during campaigns, many of them were simply procedural clarifications to allow the Elections Board to function more smoothly, Harris said.

"We made a lot of additions to the code that won't really affect any candidates, just procedure-type additions."

Many of the changes came under the heading of penalties. Proposed changes in the code would give the board the authority to act as soon as it had determined that violations had occurred.

Mark Shelburne, Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman, said he thought the two most important changes involved the definition of campaign materials and the procedures by which

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Going down?!

Gene Davis takes a moment to get his friend David Smith a little wet in the dunking booth and donate \$1 to charity as part of the Senior Week activities Friday afternoon outside of the Union.

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names. — John F. Kennedy