

U.S. Spy Plane Held on Chinese Soil

President Bush said his priority is the safe and quick return of the plane and its crew members.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In a tense standoff with China, President Bush demanded the prompt return of 24 U.S. spy plane crew members on Monday and the release of their crippled plane "without further damaging or tampering." China said there would be no access until Tuesday at the earliest.

Bush, reading a sober statement at the White House, said, "Failure of the Chinese government to react promptly

to our request is inconsistent with standard diplomatic practice, and with the expressed desire of both our countries for better relations."

The emergency landing of the turbo-prop EP-3 surveillance plane on the Chinese island of Hainan after it collided with a Chinese fighter jet early Sunday brought a new chill to already frosty U.S.-Chinese relations just as Bush was nearing a decision on an arms-sale package for Taiwan that Beijing has opposed.

U.S. officials assumed the plane had been boarded by the Chinese military after its emergency landing on the island in the South China Sea, but they had no concrete information on the extent to which the plane, laden with high-tech surveillance equipment, might have

been searched.

The United States considers the aircraft to be sovereign U.S. territory and not subject to search or seizure.

China blamed the collision on the American pilot, saying the U.S. plane veered into one of its F-8 fighters.

Navy spy planes fly routinely off China's southeastern coast to monitor military activity, especially any that might threaten Taiwan, and they are often shadowed in turn by Chinese fighter planes.

As tensions grew on Monday, the United States ordered three Navy destroyers to remain near Hainan instead of continuing their journey home from the Persian Gulf. Later, Pentagon officials said the three ships were no longer needed and returning

home.

"Our priorities are the prompt and safe return of the crew and the return of the aircraft without further damaging or tampering," Bush said on the White House lawn.

Later, during a picture-taking session in the Oval Office with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Bush sidestepped questions on whether the crew members were viewed as hostages or whether he believed the accident to be a provocation by China.

"My reaction is that the Chinese must promptly allow us to have contact with the 24 airmen and women that are there and return our plane to us without any further tampering," said Bush, facing the most difficult foreign situation of his young presidency.

STUDENT BOARD

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undergraduate class. "We want to make sure that the board is not stacked in either direction," she said.

Carolyn Cannon, associate dean of academic advising, said she hopes one male and one female student would be selected from each class. "We've been trying to get input from the students," she said. "It helps us to understand what

students' concerns are."

Rentas said one of the eight students on the board will be from the honors program, as advising is different for honors students than for the general student body.

She said applications eventually will be made available for students interested in joining the board after approval from the advising department.

Rentas said she came up with the idea for the board after observing many students dissatisfied with advising.

"UNC consistently scores the lowest

among our sister universities when it comes to student satisfaction with their advising," Rentas said. "It really sucks to work hard and hear people complain and complain and never do anything about it."

But Rentas said she feels the advising department genuinely has the best interest of the students in mind whenever it makes decisions and that both the student board and the advising department would share this ideal.

Rentas said the board's input on decision-making would be equally weighed

with that of the advising department.

Cannon said the role of the students on the advising board would be to act as a voice for the entire student body. She said this would increase communication between students and the advising department. "They will be our links so we know what students want," Cannon said. "It sounds like a positive road for the advising board to take."

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can claim. "The only expenses students can claim are tuition and required fees," he said.

An IRS spokeswoman, who asked that her name not be used, echoed Sapir. She said the biggest mistake students make is claiming room and board expenses and book fees, which cannot be claimed. The spokeswoman added that students must subtract scholarships and grants from their expenses.

Sapir said another confusing tax law deals with interest paid on student loans. "Student loan interest is deductible only during the first 60 months of the required repayment period," he said.

COMMISSIONERS

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Jacquelyn Gist said Carrboro would have to make up the loss with tax revenues.

"See, (Carrboro taxpayers) would be saving it on the county tax bill but supplementing it on your Carrboro tax bill," she said. "But that doesn't mean it's not a good idea."

Gist said the best way for the county to save money on schools is to go to year-round schools, which have a higher capacity than traditional schools.

Jacobs said he began thinking about waiving the fees when the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education asked for \$24,000 for an Initial Site Plan Review that Chapel Hill required for the proposed site for the elementary school at the Meadowmont subdevelopment.

According to a memo to the commissioners from County Budget Director Donna Dean, the total for the permits and fees for this school will cost \$77,680.

Jacobs said these costs are part of the reason Orange County spends so much money on its public schools.

"We lead this state in the amount of money we spend per student in public schools," Jacobs said. "We've estimated elementary schools in the \$13 and \$14 million range."

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"AEROS"

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ly validate the show," said Jennifer Smith, marketing coordinator for the Carolina Union.

All three choreographers have received awards for their work in entertainment and dance. To produce "AEROS," they collaborated with Luke Cresswell and Steven McNicholas, the creators of the percussive Broadway show "STOMP."

The 15 young men and women of "AEROS" bring a lifetime of dedication and talent to the stage. "It cannot be beautiful without hard work," Pohoata said.

All of the performers were chosen from the prestigious Romanian Gymnastics Federation by the choreographers specifically for this show. Four of them are world champions.

With world-class gymnasts and renowned choreographers, Smith said she is sure the Carolina Union has made a good choice in "AEROS." "It's going to be an amazing event," she says. "No one will leave disappointed."

"AEROS" shows one night only, at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Hall. For tickets, call the Carolina Union Box Office at 962-1449.

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Carrboro Police Arrest 2 Carjacking Suspects

By JENNIFER BAILEY
Staff Writer

Carrboro police arrested two people Sunday in connection with a carjacking that occurred late Saturday night on Jones Ferry Road.

Michael Leon Edwards, 33, of 1403 Foxglen Court and Jennings J. Robinson, 27, of 2919 University Drive in Durham, were arrested at 5:26 a.m. Sunday for multiple offenses in relation to the carjacking incident.

Police responded to a report of carjacking at The Pantry No. 386 at 500 Jones Ferry Road. The victim said a suspect he later identified as Edwards climbed into the passenger side of the victim's car, which belonged to the victim's brother. The suspect stuck the victim in the side with a sharp object and told the victim to drive, reports state.

Reports also state that after the suspect forced the victim to drive for several miles in an area around Jones Ferry Road with which the victim was not familiar, the victim said he was pushed from the car.

Police reportedly spotted the stolen vehicle at The Pantry No. 941 at 102 N.C. 54, and found Robinson in the driver's seat. Edwards was reportedly in the passenger seat of the car.

Reports state that the officials recognized Robinson as having been involved in other incidents in the area and when they stopped her for questioning, Edwards and Robinson ran. Police apprehended both Edwards and Robinson. Reports state that Edwards was charged with possession of cocaine, armed robbery, first-degree kidnapping, possession of a stolen vehicle and resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest.

Robinson was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a stolen vehicle and resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest, reports state.

Both suspects were taken to Orange County Jail, reports state. Edwards was held in lieu of a \$7,500 secured bond, and Robinson was held in lieu of a \$1,000 secured bond, reports state.

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GREEK WEEK 2001 SCHEDULE APRIL 2-7

The Greek Community at UNC invites you to participate in Greek Week! The following activities are open to all of the student body.

Tuesday, April 3rd

7 pm to 9 pm - Forum (discussing various health issues such as STDs and sexual assault) in Hamilton 100

Wednesday, April 4th (wear your Greek letters)

11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Cotton candy in the quad for all students!

Thursday, April 5th

6 pm to 8 pm - Self-defense class in Fetzer Gym C

Saturday, April 7th

11 am to 2 pm - Service Day

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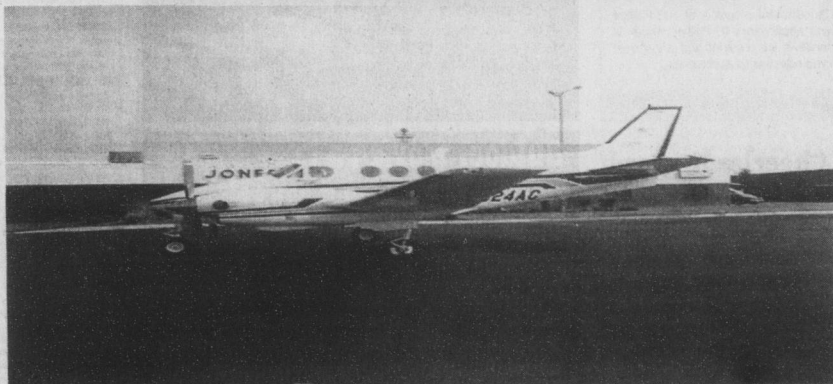
On Wednesday
April 04

At the UNC-Chapel Hill Airport (Horace Williams)

Come meet a Marine Corps Aviator, learn more about the guaranteed pilot programs available through the Marine Corps, and take a flight in the multi-engine Cessna shown below. You'll even get a chance to fly the aircraft!

The Marine Corps has several commissioning programs available for graduates and undergraduates that will get physically and mentally qualified students in the cockpit when they complete college.

To sign up for a time (between 8 AM and 3 PM), get directions, and receive more information on the Marine Corps aviation programs, call Capt. Miles or Capt. Peters at 1-866-300-3832!



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Depression Therapy

Do you often feel down or sad? Tired?
Like you have no energy?

You, like many other people, may be suffering from depression.

If you currently live with a relative or boyfriend/girlfriend, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that includes a free 10-session group treatment for depression that is being offered at UNC-Chapel Hill.

For more information, call Keith Renshaw at 962-2507, or visit <http://www.unc.edu/~krenshaw/DepFamInt.html>

"What do you mean, I'm overdrawn? I still have checks left in my checkbook!"

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Money Management for Students

You are invited to a money management seminar geared to students' needs and income. Spending and savings plans, investments, obtaining loans - your questions about financial planning will finally be answered.

Wednesday, April 4
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Carolina Club, Royall Room
George Watts Hill Alumni Center

Dinner provided by Miami Subs

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Open Forum

Candidate for

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies

Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Research,
University of Illinois

Thursday, April 5, 2001

9:00-10:00 AM
Commons Room
Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence