

# Nassif concerned with traffic, parking problems

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Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif said he saw the most important issues currently facing the town and the University, to be traffic and parking problems, the Rosemary Square project to be built downtown, and conflicts on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

In an interview yesterday, Nassif said traffic problems downtown already were bad and the University's admitting more students and adding more on-campus parking areas only made the problem worse.

"If the University makes parking readily available then it would be a nightmare," Nassif said.

He said the University should designate areas outside Chapel Hill where



Joe Nassif

students could park and then ride buses to campus.

But if the University made a more rigid policy limiting the number of vehicles on campus, more people probably would begin using the town bus system, thus increasing the cost of riding the buses, he said.

Adding a new dorm for only 500 students will have a tremendous effect on traffic and parking in Chapel Hill, Nassif said, because the town itself has only built 200 or 300 new housing units each year.

"The only thing that generates traffic downtown is from the University," he said, because townspeople usually prefer to drive out to Kroger Plaza or University Mall to shop.

Nassif said Rosemary Square, which will contain condominiums, a hotel, a parking deck and an office complex on Rosemary Street beside NCNB Plaza would help the downtown area by bringing in people other than students to live there.

"(Downtown) has to have a better

mix of people," Nassif said. "Bringing people downtown to live will bring other people downtown too."

Nassif, who is in the middle of his third term as mayor, said he also was concerned about problems that arise in working with the town council. He said conflicts among council members hinder the council's work. "It's nonsense; we track the same ruts over and over and over," he said. "When new people come on the board we reinvent the wheel again. Meeting time is for action, not for endless debate."

He said the lack of decisions being made caused problems, adding he wished more motions could just be put forth and disposed of.

Nassif said he enjoyed being mayor but that he did not like the way government seemed to move slowly. "I'm trying to understand if it has to move so slow or if we could move it along."

Nassif said Chapel Hill was an alive, active community and that townspeople

did a good job keeping any part of it from becoming run-down. "Lots of people in the state think this is the weird capital of the world, but you can look and see people care about it."

Nassif said he also was striving to help solve the town's recurring water shortages. Next year a cofferdam will be built at Cane Creek, he said, because it will bring 200 to 300 million gallons of water to Chapel Hill.

A cofferdam is a temporary earth dam to be built on Cane Creek until a permanent dam can be built in the next two to four years. University Lake now provides the town with about six million gallons of water a day.

Nassif graduated from Notre Dame University in structural engineering and later attended N.C. State University to get a degree in architectural design. He runs his own architectural firm and has just bought the Little Professor Bookstore at University Square in Chapel Hill, renaming it Page One. He and his wife have four children.

# Bolivian labor strike ends

From Associated Press reports  
LA PAZ, Bolivia — Labor leaders voted to end a six-day-old general strike yesterday in return for a government pledge to raise the minimum wage by 756 percent and enforce price controls.

Bolivia's 1,500 percent annual inflation rate is the world's highest. Prices of food and other essentials soared by between 300 and 900 percent after a 77.7 percent devaluation of the peso two weeks ago.

The 150 national delegates of the Bolivian Workers Central voted Tuesday night to drop demands for a 1,100 percent wage hike and to reopen mines, factories, government offices, schools and businesses yesterday. In return, the government agreed to control food supplies and prices.

## Charges made against CIA

WASHINGTON — Citing affidavits from Nicaraguans who say they have witnessed abuses by U.S.-backed rebels, a civil liberties group is charging that the CIA's covert war and its controversial rebel manual have led to "wholesale violations" of U.S. law and human rights.

In testimony submitted to the House Intelligence Committee for its hearing on the manual, the Center for Constitutional Rights cited dozens of cases in which rebels allegedly raped, tortured and murdered civilians. The charges are similar to ones made by the leftist Nicaraguan government and denied by rebel leaders.

## Reagan to pressure Soviets

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration says it "will continue

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to exert political and moral pressure" on the Soviet bloc to improve its "generally poor record" on human rights.

In a biannual report to Congress on Soviet bloc compliance with the 1975 Helsinki accords, the administration said "Soviet performance in the field of human rights continued a deplorable decline" during 1984 and that, with some exceptions, the situation was also bad in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and other communist-ruled East European countries.

The document, released Tuesday by the State Department, covered last April through September and concentrated on compliance with the humanitarian accords reached at Helsinki and at the 1980-83 follow up conference at Madrid.

## NATO spending upped

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO defense ministers agreed yesterday to increase conventional defense spending by 40 percent to counter an imbalance in Europe favoring the Soviet bloc.

U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, citing the threat of "Soviet hordes," and other defense ministers said the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would spend \$7.85 billion in the next six years. The money will primarily go to upgrade equipment and facilities for U.S. reinforcement troops that would come to Europe in time of war.

# Porto dedicated to a more unified Carrboro

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Not many people have both flown helicopters and read Aristotle avidly; even fewer have attended each of the major universities in the Triangle area — UNC and N.C. State and Duke Universities. Carrboro Mayor Jim Porto has done all of these things.

Porto, 38, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve who flies choppers around Norfolk, Va., twice a month. He has been in the Marines since 1968, when he went to Vietnam for a year, and said he hoped his dedication to the Marines will pay off with the command of a combat-ready unit in the near future.

Porto is a 1968 graduate of Duke where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy.



Jim Porto

After traveling around the world in the Marine Corps for five years, he returned to the Triangle to attend N.C. State for his master's in Public Administration, and UNC to earn a minor in administrative law. "I guess I've covered the area," he said.

Porto said the goal of education should not be simply to cut out people for certain vocations after they graduated. "If we get people who can think on broader areas then they will contribute to our society," Porto said.

Until recently, Porto said he often had three or four different books on philosophy that he was trying to read. "The latest thing that I've read has been a commentary on Aristotle's Politics."

Porto, a native of Columbia, S.C., first ran for mayor of Carrboro seven years ago as an independent candidate. He lost but volunteered for a position on the town's appearance commission, of which he eventually became chairman. Last fall he ran for mayor again and was elected.

Porto said he had not wanted to get involved in either of Carrboro's two local political factions, the Association

for a Better Carrboro and the Carrboro Community Coalition. "I wanted to see if I couldn't get the community united," he said.

"I think we are not as polarized as we once were. Twenty-five percent of the people voted one year ago. Seventy-five percent of voters voted this year."

As mayor, Porto worked this fall to try to get the town to build the Franklin Street Extension to alleviate traffic problems in Carrboro and revitalize downtown businesses. The proposal did not pass, but Porto said that in the coming year he still wanted to work to help downtown Carrboro remain a viable, vital community.

"Carrboro is the last place where moderate-priced housing is available," he said, because so many higher income families have been moving into Chapel Hill.

"Chapel Hill is becoming an exclusive community," Porto said. "We must move to balance the (Carrboro) community."

At Carrboro Board of Aldermen meetings, Porto often seems to be leaning back relaxed in his chair with

his hands locked behind his head. He grins a lot. But he said there was a problem with being mayor, though: "I like the job so much I'd like to be doing it full time," he said.

Since the mayor in Carrboro does not vote on the Board of Aldermen except to break a tie and cannot veto bills or make appointments, Porto said he saw his role as mayor to be acting as a focal point for the affairs of the town.

"The mayor is primarily a representative for the town," he said. "He takes stands and performs leadership roles."

Porto also works as a management consultant with Management Applications Information, a business he and two friends started three years ago.

Porto, who is originally from Columbia, S.C., and his wife Camille, have two children, Trey, 16, who is in the 11th grade at Chapel Hill High School, and Rachel, 14, who attends Phillips Junior High.

## Campus Calendar

The Carolina Student Fund/DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run in the expanded version on Mondays and Thursdays must be placed in the box outside the Carolina Student Fund office on the third floor of South Building by 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Wednesday, respectively. The deadlines for the limited editions will be noon one day before the announcement is to run. Only announcements from University recognized and campus organizations will be printed.

## Thursday

- Noon University Managers Association lecture: "Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of N.C." by N.C. Representative J.L. Mavretic in 205 Union.
- 12:30 p.m. Lecture: "Indoor Air and Human Health: Lessons from South Asia" by Dr. Kirk Smith of University of Hawaii in Rosenau Hall Auditorium.
- 3:30 p.m. Undergraduate Geography Association last fall meeting in 3rd floor lounge of Saunders.
- 4 p.m. CSF Steering & Members at large meeting in CSF Office. This is the last meeting.
- 6:30 p.m. Model UN Club meeting and elections in 470 Hamilton.
- 7 p.m. Comic Book Club meeting in the Union.

- Christmas large group meeting in the Union.
- 7:30 p.m. Riding Club meeting and dinner at Darryl's. STAND meeting in the Y Lounge.
- 8:30 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting with Steve Esten-camper of Athletes-in-Action in 208 Union.

## Friday

- 7 a.m. CCF Prayer breakfast at CCF House at 204 Glenburnie St.
- 7 p.m. CCF Christmas Party at CCF House at 204 Glenburnie St.
- 8 p.m. North Chapter IVCF Christmas Worship Service at Chapel of the Cross.
- 8 p.m. STAND Peace Vigil at Franklin St. Post Office.
- 8 p.m. Clogging Club Square Dance at Presbyterian Center, 410 Henderson St.

## Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. Anglican Student Fellowship Saturday breakfast at Chapel of the Cross.
- 7 p.m. FOCUS (Graduate IVCF) Open "Messiah" Sing at 214 Pittsboro St.

## Sunday

- 11 a.m. CCF Worship Service in the Union.
- 7 p.m. Chimera Cantina Rehearsal in Great Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. Wesley Foundation Lovefeast in the Moravian Tradition at 214 Pittsboro St.

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It also is important for students to maintain communication at home. Ranc said. "Parents can put too much pressure on students. Sometimes breaks between semesters are good times for students to sit down and talk with them. They can then come back to school with a new idea or more support for what they want to do."

To combat "pre-exam jitters," Lowe said, students should make a flexible master schedule of when and what to study, find a quiet place to study, get organized, reward themselves and set realistic goals.

Students can reduce test anxiety by thinking through potential questions, taking a few deep breaths before going to an exam, not panicking on "impossible" questions, carefully reading directions and questions, and answering all parts of questions, Peel said.

"If you find you're getting overwhelmed, do talk to an RA," Lowe said. "We've been trained and have a lot to share. That's the whole reason we're here."

Lowe said she referred students with severe problems to the Student Development Counseling Service at Nash Hall for stress management and study skills programs or to the Student Mental Health Service.

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