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## Mayor's salary is attacked as too high



Winston Broadfoot

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When Winston Broadfoot finished presenting his proposal Tuesday night to cut the salary of the mayor of Chapel Hill, Mayor Joe Nassif bombarded Broadfoot and the other Town Council members with a set of statistics that defended his \$10,000-a-year salary.

While denying that he and Nassif were involved in a personal feud, Broadfoot proposed a reduction in the number of council members from nine to seven at a budget work session. He also said that the mayor's salary was far too large for the duties required, in comparison to cities of comparable size and population to Chapel Hill.

Broadfoot presented figures from the N.C. League of Municipalities that reported Charlotte's mayor earned a salary of \$11,000 a year, while the mayor of Chapel Hill received \$10,000.

"Our city's mayoral salary should be reduced in light of Charlotte's larger size and its mayor having no greater responsibilities (than Chapel Hill's mayor)," Broadfoot said.

Nassif readily admitted that, according to Broadfoot's statistics, his (Nassif's) salary should be reduced. However, after seemingly ignoring Broadfoot's proposal and moving to the next item on the

agenda, Nassif returned to the subject by quoting some figures of his own.

Nassif portrayed a history, beginning in the 1960s, of the Chapel Hill mayor's and council members' salaries. In the 1960s, the mayor earned \$1,200 while the council members earned \$400, Nassif said.

In the early 1970s, the Town Council voted to increase the mayor's salary to \$3,000 and the council members' salaries to \$1,200. Starting in fiscal 1975-76, the salaries steadily increased from \$5,000 to \$8,000 and finally to \$10,000 for mayor and rose from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the council members, Nassif said.

He said the person responsible for these salary increases was former Chapel Hill Mayor Jim Wallace. These increases are justified because "an elected official should not be driven to the poorhouse," Nassif said.

Citing statistics on mayor's salaries from five cities across the state, Nassif said that he had personally called the mayors of Charlotte, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Rocky Mount and Greensboro.

The mayor of Winston-Salem earns a salary of only \$8,800, but he also receives an expense account containing \$3,300, for a "total annual compensation" of \$12,100. This salary is \$2,100 greater than that of Chapel Hill's mayor.

Since Broadfoot quoted Charlotte's mayor's salary as being only \$1,000 greater than Chapel Hill's mayor's, Nassif brought that city's salary figures to the attention of the council.

While the Charlotte mayor earns \$11,000 per year, Nassif said that Charlotte's mayor also receives an expense account of \$4,700, in addition to receiving the use of a car, which Nassif quoted as being worth \$4,000 per year. This brings the Charlotte mayor's total annual compensation to \$19,970, nearly double what Mayor Nassif receives.

Nassif ended his speech by saying that "if anything, Chapel Hill has taken advantage of its elected officials."

Leaning back, placing his hands behind his head, Broadfoot sighed and said, "I'm impressed with the way Mayor Nassif has shot down my figures. My figures obviously stink and are obviously no damn good."

Nassif then proceeded to show why Broadfoot's reasons for reducing the size of the council and the mayor's salary were not well-founded.

First, Nassif said, the size of a city's council should be left to individual cities and should be independent of other cities and the sizes of their councils.



Joe Nassif

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## Drunk driving bills are too costly, says senator

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Hunt's drunken driving program cleared an important hurdle Wednesday, only to hit a snag when a state senator claimed it would cost \$1 million more than it would produce.

The Senate Finance Committee gave an amended version of Hunt's bill a favorable report, a move that Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green said last week could get it to the Senate floor by today or Friday.

But prospects dimmed when Sen. Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir, called for the bill to be sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee, which he chairs. Hardison said the Ways and Means Committee also might need to study the bill before it reaches the floor.

Hardison said legislative analysts had predicted that the bill, expected to generate up to \$2.5 million annually through fee assessment, would cost \$1 million more than that by creating a need for more judges, prosecutors and court clerks.

"We're got to meet the costs of the son of a gun," he said. "There's no use kidding ourselves — this bill is going to cost us."

The bill, an amended version of the one Hunt originally backed, was approved last week by the Senate Judiciary III Committee after a month-long probe.

It rewrites drunken driving laws, creating a new driving while impaired offense expected to boost conviction rates. Mandatory jail terms would be required in most cases.

Plea bargaining would be eliminated, while cars could be impounded in extreme cases. Prosecutors would have to explain in writing when they dismiss charges, the drinking age would be increased from 18 to 19, and civil liability would be imposed on shopkeepers or bar operators who sell to people already drunk or under age who later cause accidents.

Hardison said the Legislature should have no trouble coming up with money to

fund the bill, although the budget is so tight that spending cuts are being considered to keep it balanced.

"We'll just have to find out how much it's going to cost and appropriate the money," he said. "The people of North Carolina can't expect us to pass a bill without appropriating the money to pay for it."

Hardison wouldn't predict how long it would take to get the bill to the Senate floor, but said the Appropriations Committee would begin work on it "immediately." He denied that the further committee work was a delaying tactic.

"There's no use in throwing up our hands and saying we've got to rush this bill through so we can get drunks off the road. We'll get them off the road but we've got to do it right."

Zeb Alley, Hunt's legislative liaison, said he wasn't worried that the delay would hurt the bill's prospects for passage.

"It's just part of their careful consideration of the bill," said Alley. "It doesn't take effect until Oct. 1, anyway. The bill will move along in good time."

Hardison said he was determined to pin down how much the bill would cost, though some observers said it would be all but impossible to do.

Franklin Freeman, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, said he had recommended an additional \$500,000 be appropriated to pay attorney's fees. That cost would be created by the bill's requirement that sentencing hearings follow any conviction of driving while impaired.

Freeman said more money would be needed to pay for eight assistant court clerks and eight assistant district attorneys. He said the present number of district court judges — 142 with six available for emergency duty — probably would be enough for the 1983-84 fiscal year but was reluctant to predict the need for ensuing years.

Two new superior court judgeships

needed by 1985 might have to be created earlier because of the bill, Freeman added.

The Finance Committee approved the bill after questioning its sponsor, Sen. Henson Barnes, D-Wayne, about fees it imposes. They include:

- \$15 for driver's license revocation when a person blows at least a .10 on the Breathalyzer.

- \$15 if a law enforcement officer is required to pick up the license at a later date.

- \$23 of the defendant requests a revocation hearing before a magistrate.

- \$100 to attend a drunken driving school, the cost of which could not be waived as is sometimes done under existing law.

The Finance Committee heeded the plea of its chairman, Sen. Marshall Rauch, D-Gaston, that it confine itself to examining the monetary aspects of the drunken driving bill instead of delving into other parts such as the controversial dram shop and drinking age provisions.

An amendment proposed by Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, to keep the drinking age at 18 under certain circumstances appeared to have passed Tuesday when House Judiciary III Committee members voted for it by an 8-7 margin. But Rep. Charles Evans, D-Dare, acting as temporary chairman, then cast a negative vote.

Since an amendment must pass by majority vote, the 8-8 tie killed it. Blue said later that chairmen usually vote only to break a tie — not to create one.

"It (the amendment) passed until they (opponents) used the strange tactic of allowing the chairman to vote," said Blue. But committee chairman Rep. Martin Lancaster, D-Wayne, who passed the chair to Evans so he could speak and vote against the amendment, said there was nothing wrong with Evans' vote.

"It's been done many times before. It's not inappropriate at all," he said.

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Report by a youth of a stabbing on Wednesday led police on wild goose chase ... in spite of finding blood, the police were victims of an apparent hoax

### Report hoaxes police

## Search for victim called a waste

By JOHN CONWAY  
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What Chapel Hill police had believed to be a serious shooting or stabbing incident on Caldwell Street Wednesday afternoon turned out to be a hoax.

According to police arrest records, Charlie Greer Jr., 18, of 209 Broad St., Carrboro, was arrested for making false reports to the police. Greer was arrested at 2:30 p.m. by

Lt. Robert Brooks of the Chapel Hill Police Department and was released later on an unsecured bond.

Chapel Hill police received a report Wednesday at about 1:20 p.m. of a stabbing incident near the intersection of Caldwell Street and Mitchell Lane. When police arrived on the scene, they found a pool of blood on the sidewalk of Caldwell Street.

Police began searching an adjacent gulley for a possible victim as well as a suspect. Police also questioned

residents of the neighborhood for possible clues to the mysterious incident.

Police continued searching neighboring areas. Blood stains were also found in a second location, according to Lt. Ralph Pendergraph of the CHPD.

"There is no indication at all that it was an actual situation," Pendergraph said.

A total of 10 officers were eventually

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## Chapel Hill board discusses thoroughfare ideas

By KATHERINE FARLEY  
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The Chapel Hill Planning Board made some partial decisions Tuesday night on the proposed thoroughfare plan, including a 6-3 vote to strike from consideration any route that would divide the environmentally valuable Mason Farm tract.

The Board also voted unanimously to keep the Estes Drive extension part of the thoroughfare plan as well as the extension of McCauley Street, Pittsboro Street and the concept of one-way pairings in town.

The planning board members and staff officials considered all possible alternatives for each recommendation of the thoroughfare plan. Two elements, the South Loop and Estes Drive extension, drew the most discussion.

The South Loop was originally proposed to cut through the middle of Mason Farm, property owned by the University and used for biological research.

At a public hearing on Jan. 31, several University students and conservationists expressed concern about the possible destruction of the land. The board's decision, however, did not answer the question of how far south the loop should go.

Planning Board member Alice Ingram

proposed building a road farther south, adding 2.2 miles to the originally proposed loop.

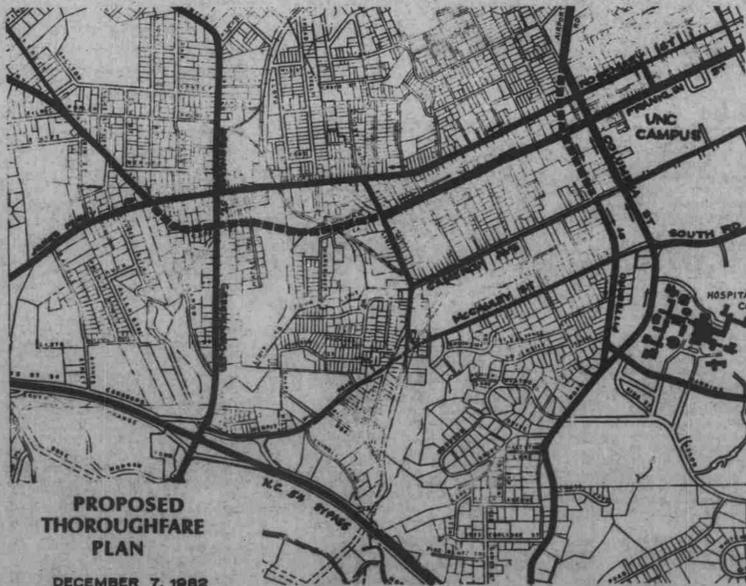
Planning Director Mike Jennings disagreed with Ingram's proposed route, saying the route is too far south. Jennings proposed a route that "skirts" around Mason Farm. This proposal brings up the question of flood plains and biological impact considerations of Mason Farm.

Both the board and the planning staff agreed that a compromise can be made. They will consider both alternatives and make a concrete decision by the planning board's March 1 meeting.

The Estes Drive extension, which would connect Estes Drive to U.S. 15-501 Bypass, involves extreme costs in many areas, planning board member Roscoe Reeve said. Reeve motioned immediately that the Estes Drive extension be eliminated from the thoroughfare plan and suggested that this might be considered as a "hypothetical route to be taken by the town."

Planning officials warned that without the extension, traffic would increase in nearby residential areas. The board voted to keep the extension as part of the thoroughfare plan for its long range goals.

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## UGa.'s Walker decides to forego final season

From staff and wire reports

University of Georgia Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Herschel Walker, who was closing in on the all-time NCAA rushing title after his junior year, has been declared ineligible for his final collegiate season of football.

The Macon (Ga.) News reported Wednesday that Georgia athletic officials had declared Walker ineligible after determining that he broke NCAA rules by signing a contract with the New Jersey Generals of the new United States Football League.

Walker had repeatedly denied signing such a contract, but university officials obtained information from the Generals indicating that NCAA rules had been broken.

Lee Hayley, the university's associate athletic director, made the decision after he contacted Coach Vince Dooley, who was in Colorado for a speaking engagement.

Walker, a three-time All-American, was scheduled to leave Wednesday for Orlando, Fla., site of the Generals' training camp, the News reported.

A statement released by the university said that information about Walker's agreement with the Generals was brought to Dooley's attention Tuesday by assistant coach Mike Cavan, who had been contacted by USFL officials.

The statement said that Dooley talked with Walker Tuesday night, and, after discussing the matter with his parents, Walker decided it would be "in his best interest to pursue a professional football career at this time."

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