Triangle Hospice Tries to Ease Pain of Death

BY MELISSA STEELE STAFF WRITER

When a family member is dying, there is often nothing harder than having to say goodbye in the sterile, unfamiliar atmo-

sphere of a hospital.

However, many terminally ill patients have discovered an alternative to receiving care in the hospital during their last months alive. These patients and their families have turned to Triangle Hospice, in the hope that the dying process will be less painful for everyone involved.

Triangle Hospice is a group of medical caregivers, social workers and spiritual

counselors who create a setting where ter-minally ill patients can either remain at home or in a nursing home during their final months. The hospice serves Durham, Orange and Granville Counties.

The organization's main goal is "keep-ing people in surroundings that are kind and comfortable," said Joy Close, a social worker for Triangle Hospice. "We try to prepare them and help them anticipate

what is happening."

Close said people in America were not taught to accept death as a natural part of life. Instead, they pushed death away, making it more difficult for those who were left behind after the patient died.

Triangle Hospice, a private non-profit organization, helps terminally ill patients and their families in the areas of counseling and medical care, Public Relations Director Erin Willis said.

Close said the organization generally had about 110 patients of various ages under their care; the only requirement was that they be diagnosed with six months or less to live. The hospice is funded primarily by patient reimbursement through Medi-care, Medicaid and insurance. A small part of its funding comes from community donations. Willis said no patient was ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Hospice care was started in the 1970s in England by a group of volunteer social workers, doctors and nurses. In 1976, a

hospice was started at Yale University, and from there it branched out and gained

a home care focus.

Willis said the Triangle Hospice began service in 1979. There is now a paid staff of about 55 people, most of them working in the clinical areas, and over 100 volunteers who work in different areas. However, Willis said they are always looking for more people to help out. The hospice recently started counseling programs in high schools when a student

programs in high schools when a student dies. They have a program in elementary schools called "Cool Tools for Coping," where they help younger kids deal with different types of loss, and an overnight camp called "Camp Relief," for kids who have lost a parent or in-home grandparent. Willis said within the home the group worked in a different manner than other home health care programs. "Family membrane health care programs."

home health care programs. "Family members are typically the primary caregivers," she said. "We offer support and education so that the family can give the best care

Close agreed with Willis' characterization of family involvement in the program.
"They are the key players, the pivotal point," she said. "Although it is painful, they find strength, and there is almost a beauty in their ability to work things through. They make a stronger unit." Another area of service that Triangle

Another area of service that Thange Hospice offers is spiritual care. Danny Green is one of two clinical chaplains who work with hospice patients. He works strictly with the nursing home patients.

"We go in and figure out where these

people are in their spiritual lives and take it from there," Green said. "We look at life, find meaning and tie up any loose ends that may be left in their relationships." But this counseling does not always

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But this counseling does not always deal with specific religious denominations. "We're not all religious, but there's a part of all of us that is spiritual," Green said. Willis said one of the goals of Triangle Hospice was to assess each patient on an individual basis.

"There's no set way of doing things, that's for sure," she said. "If we control a person's pain and keep them in a comfortable environment, it enhances their quality

Historic Carolina Inn Finally Set to Open Today

BY J.C. JOHNSON II

The historic Carolina Inn is scheduled to reopen its doors for business today at noon, although not all renovation work is

"Ideally, we'd love to have more time to make everything perfect," said Carolina Inn General Manager Terry Murphy. "But demand for guest rooms, meetings

and special events is so high that we simply can't forestall the opening any longer."

Murphy said the Inn is completely booked for its reopening weekend.

The Carolina Inn was scheduled to re-

open Sept. 1, 1995. But due to a prolonged renovation process, the reopening was de-layed. This was primarily because the Inn

faced difficulty in finding enough workers Renovations to the 71-year-old hotel have been extensive. The 185-room Inn closed in November 1994 and has since undergone \$13.5 million worth of improve-ments and repairs. Chancellor Michael Hooker will speak

Chancellor Michael Hooker will speak at today's reopening. After the festivities take place, the Inn's new guests will be checked in. According to Murphy, the Inn is going to be "first class."

When the hotel opens, only 100 of the rooms will be available for use. Work will also continue on some of the meeting rooms.

also continue on some of the meeting rooms in the hotel. The renovations will continue, and all of the 185 rooms should be

open by the first week in October.

A formal gala by invitation only to celebrate the reopening of the Carolina Inn is planned for Sept. 28.

This is not the first time the Carolina

Inn has received a facelift. The hotel underwent two previous renovations, in 1969

HORNE

Horne, who was working in Santa Barbara two years ago, said he had heard about the fight for a free-standing BCC. "I think the idea of building a building is

a good idea," he said. "It seems it will be a boon to the University and an overall plus

Developing programming and orchestrating the center's activities in its new facilities will also be a priority, Home said. "I think we'll be attempting to bring excit-ing speakers and diverse programming, including film," he said.

Richardson said that during the interview process Horne expressed great interest in building a program around black film, with a focus on the black experience in different cultures.

He also has an interest in African cul-

ture, particularly art. Cedric Robinson, chairman of the black studies department at UC-Santa Barbara, said Horne had been a key element in

building the department.

"He was very instrumental in building this department," he said. "He guided it over some rough spots, and it's on its way to becoming one of the top institutions in the courter." the country

"I think he is a very able and a very effective academic leader. He's extremely creative and an effectively aggressive per-

Horne, who graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University in 1970, has been a professor at UC-SB

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GERALD HORNE Pending BCC Director



since 1988 and is the former chairman. He also holds a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Colum-

bia University in New York.
His extensive resume includes a stint as a labor lawyer. He is also the author of almost a dozen books, several chronicling

the history of radical leaders in the black mmunity.

Perhaps the most controversial item on

his resume includes an unsuccessful campaign for U.S. Senate in 1992. Horne ran as the candidate in the Peace and Freedom Party, a left-wing party only on the ballot in California.

"I decided to run because I'm always into circulating ideas, by writing books, by radio programs," he said. "This was another very good way to circulate ideas, because in my view political races, especially in election years. are a very good way

He said he was particularly interested in circulating many social issues being de-bated today, including equality and affir-

"It was an educational campaign in

other words," Horne said. Horne's cam-paign garnered almost 300,000 votes. He also advocated cutting defense and military intelligence spending by 85 per-

William Williams, a former member of William Williams, a former member or the party's central committee for the state of California, said the group was the most "left-qualified" party of the six political groups listed on California's ballot. "The party is really a conglomeration of various leftist groups, including what's left of the Communist Party here in California and other leftist parties" he said

and other leftist parties," he said. Horne has been a vocal supporter of affirmative action in the Los Angeles community. As director of the New Yorkbased National Conference of Black Law yers, Horne also was active in investigat-ing allegations of police brutality against blacks by the San Diego Police Depart-

Richardson said he doubted Horne's activist past and affiliation with the leftwing party would have any bearing on his appointment as director. He said Horne's

past should play in his favor.
"What he's presenting is his administrative skills and his academic talent," he

said. "But it's also good to see he has experience working in the real world." Robinson said his colleague had been a visible leader on the campus at Santa Bar-

"He's a visible figure, as exemplified by his senate campaign," he said. Horne said he was isolated from contact

was still waiting to hear about his position.
"I just need to know whether to send my bags back to California or to Chapel Hill."

Students Find New Ways to Get Down

Utter the words "party this weekend" on Franklin Street and other the words "party this weekend" on Frankin Street and some people owning property in Chapel Hill and Carrboro will take heed. Family dogs will be brought in for the night, and these residents will prepare themselves for something resembling the siege of Troy. Images of "Animal House" may be swimming in their subconscious until the sun breaks the Piedmont sky early

But some Chapel Hill students are forging their own party ethics. New soirces thrown by students are often proving to be celebrations of diverse lifestyles, as well as recreations of society's flamboyant decades. There are 70s and 80s blowouts, country

themes, tie-dyed T-shirt parties and indoor beach bashes.
Shannon Francis, a senior from Raleigh, said she and her sisters of Alpha Chi Omega haven't forgotten the 1970s. On the evening of Sept. 7, they relived the plastic fantastic era of lava lamps, tawdry dresses and platform shoes. "We went to Time After Time and just bought weird stuff," Francis said. "The point was to do something different."

Due to rapidly-evolving alcohol policies in Chapel Hill, Francis said the Alpha Chi Omega function was a closed party. She said sororities and fraternities were becoming ever more aware of liability issues. But despite any restrictions, Francis said the 70s theme was a smash. "It's like Halloween, you feel like you're in disguise," Francis said. "We had a better time just seeing what people were wearing."

Mixers provide one outlet for sororities and fraternities to go wild with the party themes. Events like Alpha Delta Pi's "Hoe Down," which was a shindig based around the country-western

theme, have proven to be popular.

Fraternities and sororities aren't the only ones who throw outrageous parties in Chapel Hill. Throughout the year there are gatherings set up by students which cater to anyone willing

to take the plunge.

Beth Kehler, a junior from Narberth, Pa., is no stranger to the complexities of home improvement parties. She said she attended a "Draw on the Wall" party which took on a life of its own. "We covered the walls with grocery bags from the supermarket," Kehler said. "People were writing poems on the wall all night, and it progressed to writing on clothes."

Kehler said she felt there was a lot that could be said for

creativity and companionship, and this contributed to the charm of the party. "The theme parties are better because people come to have a good time and not just sit by a keg all night," she said.

Some parties offer the opportunity to give back to the community, drink, be merry and listen to live bands. Sigma Chi's "Derby Days" is one such event. "It's a one-week fund raiser for the Children's Hospital in Durham," sophomore Ryan Kalooky said.

Campus Calendar

THURSDAY
3:30 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES
will sonsor "Keeping Your Career Options Open."
There will be a consulting and investment banking
career panel at 4 p.m. and a presentation by Mereck
& Co. at 7.m.

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4p.m. STUDY ABROAD will have an informa

tion session on Britain in 12 Caldwell Hall.

5 p.m. CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF
BLACK JOURNALISTS will sponsor a resume
workshop in 203 Howell Hall.

5:30 p.m. KASA will hold its forum on gender stereotypes in Union 220.
6 p.m. DRAGON UNION will have its first general meeting in Union 213.
6:30 p.m. CAROLINA S.A.F.E. will have a general interest meeting in Union 226.
CAMPUS Y'S NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE will meet in the Campus Y court.
7 p.m. OVERCOMERS OF UNIC will meet in Hamilton 100. The topic is "Boldness".
UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will spon-

sor a presentation by Mereck & Co. in 210 Hanes Hall. INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING will

teet in Great Hall.

OUTING CLUB will meet in 304 Woollen Gym.

STUDENTS FOR CHILDREN will have an
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