

# McDonald House project nears completion

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Members and friends of the Ronald McDonald House gathered for their annual meeting at the Koury Natatorium Wednesday evening in order to recognize and thank participants in the four-year project.

Gennie Polk, president of the Chapel Hill house, said the program will be completed in February 1988 when the house opens its doors.

"We've been through a lot of long, hard miles," Polk said. "But it's been fun and it's exciting to finally walk into our house."

The nearly completed Ronald McDonald House is located on Old Mason Farm Road beside the Finley Golf Course. The 20-bedroom house will provide temporary housing for families whose children are being treated for serious illnesses at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

Over \$1 million has been raised for "the house with a heart," as the Chapel Hill house is known. Margie Haber, chairwoman of the fund-raising committee, said \$300,000 must be raised by February to cover building costs. An additional \$300,000 is needed by October 1988

to cover operating costs, she said. It will cost between \$100,000 and \$120,000 per year to keep the Ronald McDonald House running, she said.

Haber reported some recent donations, including a \$10,000 donation for playground equipment. McDonald's owners and operators in eastern North Carolina donated \$2,500, she said.

"We have done a good job of raising money, but we are by no means finished," Polk said. "We need to continue to fund-raise to keep this house going, so don't you even think we're through."

Polk commended all the people who have donated their time and energy to the Ronald McDonald House.

"These volunteers have helped make our dreams become a reality," she said.

Elaine Hill, director of volunteer services at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, and Mike Haley, a McDonald's representative, were selected by the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald board of officers as the Chapel Hill Volunteers of the Year. Polk said Hill and Haley went far beyond their call of duty in their dedication to the

house.

Polk, whose own child underwent successful treatment for cancer, was praised for her work on the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald House.

"This project would not exist without Gennie," administrative assistant Marcy Hirsch said.

"Every organization has a glue that holds it together," said Hill. "Gennie is that glue."

Future projects to support the Ronald McDonald House include the "Thanks for Giving" campaign and a cookbook with recipes from UNC athletes due out in September 1988.

# Residents may sue to stop women's center relocation

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The Orange County Women's Center's plans to relocate to the Cobb Terrace neighborhood could trigger a lawsuit from neighborhood residents who have opposed the move for three years.

Despite approval from the Chapel Hill Town Council to relocate the center from 431 W. Franklin St. to 210 Henderson St., Attorney Bob Epting said last month that he would file a suit on behalf of Cobb Terrace

residents against the town and the center by Dec. 9.

Epting was unavailable for comment this week.

The Women's Center has fought a three-year battle with residents who oppose relocating the center, but on Nov. 9 the town council voted 7-2 to grant the center a special-use permit allowing the relocation. Mayor James Wallace and council member Nancy Preston voted against the permit.

Wallace said he voted against the

permit because it violated proper procedure. He said Cobb Terrace residents may bring up a lawsuit because the council changed a city ordinance involving a detailed application for a special-use permit.

Preston, a resident of Cobb Terrace, said she voted against the permit because she does not believe the center will be appropriate in the Cobb Terrace-North Street neighborhood.

No single-family houses exist in the neighborhood, which consists of one block.

The center's board of directors decided the new location would be more accessible than the present one because it is on the bus route, said Director Carol Burnette. Also, the house would be closer to the University, enabling the center to do research in women's issues and

concerns, she said.

The four elected to the council in November — Preston, Wallace, Joe Herzenberg and Roosevelt Wilkerson — all oppose relocating the women's center to Henderson Street. The new council members will be sworn into office Dec. 7.

Established in 1976, the center was originally housed at 406 W. Rosemary St.

## Carving

the "KKK" on their door.

The senior said she didn't think the incident was racially motivated. "But if we weren't black they could have called us something else, or written something else. Someone is just trying to instill fear in us."

Her roommate added: "Even if it wasn't racially motivated, it shows that deep down in their hearts they (the people who carved the letters) have something against blacks."

About 53 students live on the hall, and eight of those students are black, according to the resident assistant in charge of the hall.

After noticing the letters, the two

students called Hayden Renwick, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, and several housing officials.

"I'd like to maximize the seriousness of this type of thing," said Renwick, who visited the students' room Thursday night to see the letters. "This constitutes vandalism and harassment. To me, this is not a joke."

Renwick notified University police, and a police officer also visited Joyner Thursday night to make a report on the incident. The officer would not comment and asked not to be identified.

Anne Presnell, Cobb/Joyner area director, said University housing officials would not permit any type of harassment in residence halls.

"Although I can't comment on any specific incident, I can say that we'll do everything possible to find out who is responsible for any harassment," Presnell said Thursday. "We'll do everything we can to deal with those people quickly and severely."

Severe punishment could include requiring students to perform community service, relocating the students, placing their housing contracts on probation or terminating their contracts, she said.

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## To Remember in December

- Final signed copies of doctoral dissertations and master's theses for candidates for the December graduation must be filed in the graduate school. . . . . Friday, Dec. 4
- Fall semester classes end. . . . . Friday, Dec. 4
- Reading Day. . . . . Monday, Dec. 7
- Fall semester exams begin. . . . . Tuesday, Dec. 8
- Fall semester exams end. . . . . Wednesday, Dec. 16
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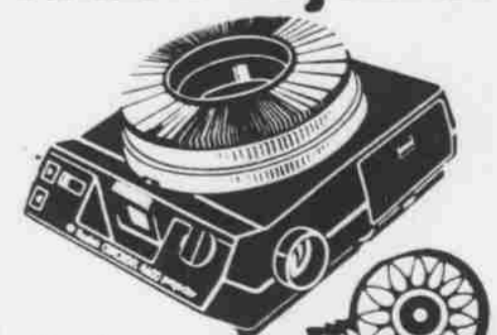
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