

NYC Photos on Display at Open Eye

Shots focus on the city, not Sept. 11

By Aaron Freeman
Staff Writer

To coincide with the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Carrboro's Open Eye Cafe is featuring a new exhibit called "NYC Photography Memorial."

But the photos don't focus on what's missing in New York—they focus on the diversity and spirit that remains.

The pictures, taken by UNC alumna Joshua Corbin, showcase the elegance and personality of New York City and shy away from the type of graphic images used constantly by the media since the World Trade Center attacks. As a resident of lower Manhattan, Corbin captured many images before, during and after September of last year.

The range of the photographs is impeccable. Pictures of fire-breathers at Coney Island's "Mermaid Parade" showcase the spirit of the city, while images of the City of Light Memorial show one way New York coped with Sept. 11.

"The idea wasn't to capitalize on the gore factor," said cafe owner Scott Connary. "The exhibit is more about reflection."

In addition to capturing the splendor of the city, several pictures serve as a



Graduate student and Carrboro resident Alison Babb looks over the photos on exhibit in the Open Eye Cafe on Monday evening.

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poignant reminder of what happened one year ago.

In a photograph simply titled "Chinatown, 2002," Corbin shows two Asian children peering out of a brick-lined window with a small, tattered American flag gently blowing in the wind. The picture silently reveals the scope of the sorrow felt in New York City.

Its pictures like these, not pictures of Ground Zero, that really encapsulate

the suffering that occurred on Sept. 11—which is something that people need to remember, said Connary.

"It seems like people are distancing themselves from the reality of it and forget that the people that lost their lives were just going through an average

day." Among the pictures that hang on the walls of the Open Eye Cafe, about half are not directly related to Sept. 11 and instead serve to celebrate the daily life of the city.

The other half of the exhibit illustrates the perseverance of New York City citizens after the tragedy.

Regardless of the nature of the pictures, the fact that Corbin is a New Yorker himself strengthens the connection between the artist and his work.

"These aren't from some outsider, it's someone who actually lives right on the edge of Chinatown—that's what I pull from looking at these pictures," Connary said.

Like all New Yorkers, Corbin has an acute understanding of what happened on Sept. 11, and his photographs reflect his unique and personal connection to the city.

"What really struck me was that it is about real life—about the area and the people."

The exhibit runs until the end of September. For more information, call the Open Eye Cafe at 968-9410.

The Arts & Entertainment Editor can be reached at artsdesk@unc.edu.

Campus Calendar

Today

5 p.m. — The Daily Tar Heel will hold a meeting in Student Union 3503 for students interested in working for the paper. DTH editors will be present to discuss opportunities at the paper and answer questions. All are welcome.

9 p.m. — The Young Democrats will host a debate between state Sens. Ellie Kinnaird and Howard Lee in 103 Bingham Hall. Come ask questions.

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7 p.m. — Do you believe in reproductive freedom? Do you want to educate your peers about their rights and options? Come to the first Choice USA meeting of the year in 105 Gardner Hall. Visit our Web site at <http://www.unc.edu/choice>.

For the Record

The Aug. 30 article "UNC Recycling Program Looks for Attention" incorrectly reported that the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling has 15,000 recycling bins located in campus buildings. The office has 1,500 bins.

The article also failed to mention that there are 105 recycling sites outside campus buildings, in addition to 15 sites along campus walkways.

The article also incorrectly stated that more than 2,900 tons of material were recycled in the past year. The correct figure is 3,200 tons.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Professor Wins Prize For Genetics Work

By Jennifer Johnson
Staff Writer

The Massry Prize is a prestigious award given to many future Nobel Prize winners, but it is just the most recent of many awards one UNC professor has received.

Oliver Smithies, excellence professor of pathology, just added the 2002 Massry Prize to the list of awards garnered for his groundbreaking work with genes that affect human and animal health.

Last year Smithies won the Laskar Award for Basic Medical Research, which is likened to the Nobel Prize. He also has received two Gairdner awards, the CIBA Award of the American Heart Association and the International Okamoto Award from the Japan Vascular Disease Research Foundation.

Smithies pioneered gene targeting, a process that allows scientists to program in mice genetic mutations that model human diseases.

A statement from the Massry Foundation states that, "The creation of these mouse models... forms the basis for rapid advances in diagnosis, treatment and cure of human disease."

The method, called homologous recombination, has allowed researchers to model and study genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and cancer in hopes of finding a gene that causes them.

The Massry Prize is given by the Meira and Shaul G. Massry Foundation of Beverly Hills, Calif., and consists of a gold medal and \$40,000. Smithies is sharing the award with University of Utah researcher Mario Capecchi.

Charles Jennette, chairman of the Department of Pathology and

Laboratory Medicine, said the honor is not in the actual prize but in the prestige of the award.

"The monetary award is not that significant," Jennette said. "The award is a sign of the significance of what [Smithies] is doing."

Jennette said recognition through awards like Smithies' has contributed to the image of UNC as a top genetic research institution.

"It's good for the University, it's good for the medical school, and it's very good for the (pathology) department," he said.

Officials say the researchers' recognition helps draw support for UNC projects such as the recent addition of the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences, which focuses specifically on the emerging field of genetics.

The center was the focus of media attention in August 2001 after receiving \$245 million in public and private backing.

The center is working closely with similar centers at Duke University and N.C. State University as part of the N.C. Genomics and Bioinformatics Consortium, which aims to bring together the specialties of each center.

Researchers at the UNC center are concentrating on genomics sciences and medicine.

Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and development, said the award brings further international recognition to Smithies and elevates the status of the University by highlighting the caliber of its faculty.

Assistant University Editor Meredith Nicholson contributed to this article.

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Student Leaders Invited To Discuss DTH, Coverage

Staff Report

The first meeting of The Daily Tar Heel Association of Student Leaders will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 100

Hamilton Hall.

ASL is a forum hosted by the DTH that allows students—and specifically students in leadership roles on campus—to share their views of the DTH and to give DTH editors feedback on the paper's coverage.

The forum also is an opportunity for student leaders to provide DTH editors with information about events and issues they think should receive coverage in the paper.

At this week's meeting, DTH editors also will seek feedback on what students would like to see from the paper's Sept. 11 one-year anniversary coverage.

All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Any student who wishes to be added to the ASL listserve to receive information about future ASL meetings should contact DTH Managing Editor Alex Kaplun at kaplun@email.unc.edu.

Further questions and comments about ASL can also be directed to Kaplun at the same e-mail address.

Future meetings will be held Oct. 3, Oct. 29 and Nov. 25.

All future meetings will be at 7 p.m. in Student Union 3503.

A reminder will be sent over the ASL listserve before each meeting.

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