

Photos depict teens' lives on death row

Photographer seeks to effect change

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Room 103 in Bingham Hall was surrounded by photos of young faces Monday night.

They were not the youthful faces of those seen on UNC's campus every day. Instead they were all teenage inmates in chains who are living on death row.

Toshi Kazama, a professional photographer from New York City, brought his project, titled "Juveniles on Death Row: A Documentary Exploration," to campus as part of a visit arranged by UNC's Campaign to End the Death Penalty and the Newman Catholic Student Center Parish.

CEDP President Frances Ferris said she saw Kazama's work last spring at an Amnesty International death penalty conference in Atlanta and thought it would be appropriate. "I really just thought that bringing him here was the best way to present this topic," she said.

The audience was given a half-hour to view the black-and-white images first. They consisted of not only portraits of the teenagers on death row, but also their families, locations of the crimes and various

parts of the prisons, including several electric chairs and injection tables.

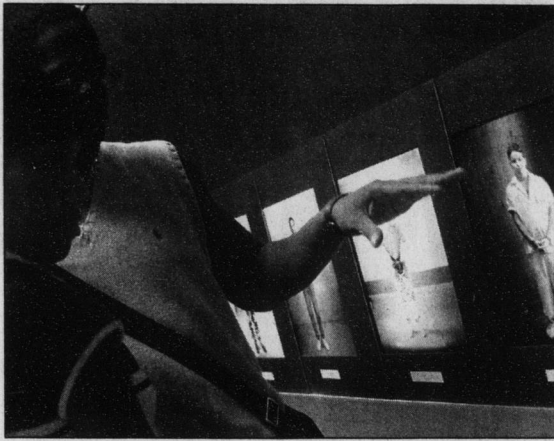
Originally from Japan, Kazama did not become interested in the topic until moving to the United States and building a family. He said that it was the frequent occurrence of crimes and injustice in this country that really fueled his interest.

"As a parent, it's very scary to raise kids in this society," Kazama said. "So instead of packing up and leaving, I thought I could use my tool, photography, to do something about it."

"I thought about dealing with guns, drugs or injustice, but I wanted to do something bigger. Capital punishment encompasses all of those things."

Kazama's project began in 1996 when, after six months of tedious paperwork, he was able to enter a correctional facility in Alabama to photograph the prison and an inmate named Michael Barnes, who was charged with two murders and was awaiting execution.

"(Barnes) had a full-scale IQ of 68, and he was known as mentally retarded," Kazama recalled. "I remember him saying, 'Toshi, I'm



Sophomore Jasmin Hines (left) and senior Mac Alston look at Toshi Kazama's photos in Bingham Hall documenting juveniles on death row.

afraid of big guys. I'm a bitch,' and at first I didn't understand what he meant. Then my assistant told me that he was sexually abused."

His initial visit also produced a photograph of the prison's electric chair, which is painted a solid yellow to match the tiny room that holds it. It is known to the inmates and the employees of the facility as "Yellow Mama."

Even before Kazama knew of its nickname, he said he felt as though the wooden chair had almost a mothering draw to it. He wanted to sit in it.

This came as a shock to the audience, who had just been told that a black smudge in the middle of the seat was actually a burn mark made by a tailbone.

The photographs of "Yellow Mama" and Barnes posing in his handcuffs and shackles were blown up to life size and displayed in the front of the room.

Other subjects included Christa

Pike, the youngest woman on death row, and her mother, both of whom hail from North Carolina. Pike's crime was committed in Tennessee, where she is awaiting execution.

Prisons around the country also were frequently seen in the presentation, including those in Texas and Alabama.

Kazama took photographs of several of a death row inmate's last stops. There was a picture of the last shower room and the last dinner table. Although the table is covered with a white tablecloth and adorned with a vase of artificial flowers, it sits only a few meters from the execution room.

While Kazama can still recall the chills he felt on several of his prison visits, he reiterated what he learned from the eight-year project.

"You have to learn to hate the crime, not the person," he said. "Meeting these people was a treasure."

Bid to revise Airport Road name divisive

NAACP officials seek tribute to MLK

BY LINDSEY LISTROM
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Emotions ran high in Chapel Hill Town Hall on Monday night as residents faced off in what began as a public hearing and turned into heated discussion about the possibility of renaming a major town thoroughfare.

The Chapel Hill Town Council is considering renaming Airport Road, which connects Interstate 40 to Chapel Hill, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Passionate advocates from both sides offered opinions and suggestions to the council, marked by a controversy between avoiding future costs and honoring past legacies.

Fred Battle, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said renaming a such a well-travelled thoroughfare in King's honor is necessary in a town that lacks appropriate memorials to the fight for civil rights.

"Think about the price that's been paid," Battle said. "He gave his life for civil rights."

After applause and "Amens" from the audience, Battle directly addressed those opposed to the renaming.

"I detest the attitude that's been presented here tonight," Battle said. "This road doesn't belong to you. It belongs to everyone."

Tensions came to a head when Dave Walker interrupted Battle's comments by yelling from the audience that Battle was a racist.

Walker, owner of a small business on Airport Road, had earlier said his interests would suffer from the cost of changing stationary and business cards to reflect the road's new name.

Bruce Johnson, who has lived on Airport Road for 64 years and owns three properties there, said he did

not see the need to create unnecessary expenses for residents or for the town. "The last thing I need is something to incur more cost."

Town officials estimate changing street name signs on Airport Road would cost about \$16,700.

Mary Louise Cowdrick, an 84-year-old resident of The Gables condominiums on Airport Road, asked the council to consider her position as a taxpayer.

"I'm not into crime. Therefore, I'm not a burden on the police department," she said. "I've often wondered what I'm getting in return for those taxes that keep going up and up and up."

But Nancie McDermott, who lives off Airport Road, said the long term impact of the change would be worth the cost.

"That would put Martin Luther King front and center in our everyday lives," McDermott said. "I need that for my children to see that."

NAACP official Michelle Laws also said Airport Road was the best location for such an important memorial.

In many other cities, roads named for King pass through dilapidated buildings and high crime areas, she said.

"Airport Road is a place that represents the very best of Chapel Hill," Laws said. "It is one of the best places we can offer at this time."

Council member Dorothy Verkerk expressed concern about changing the name of a road that memorializes the University's Horace Williams Airport and asked about alternative locations that do not have such historical significance.

The council will vote on renaming the road at its May 24 meeting.

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*A SportsMonday article on track incorrectly stated that Jessica Perry won the women's 10,000-meter run. Perry finished fourth.

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