

Turlington entry best in show

By TODD HOWE

Pat Turlington, art instructor at WCC for the past 6 years, won Best in Wayne County in Goldsboro's Thirteenth Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition held from March 13-April 24.

Her work, entitled "Jacks," was a watercolor on paper of 2 large jackrocks, 1 silver and 1 blue.

"I had originally planned to paint 10 or 12, but because of the deadline painted only two."

Turlington has previously won this same award in 1983, 1986, and 1990.

In 1980 she won first place in the entire exhibit, and she has won honorable mentions 4 other times.

Turlington teaches basic drawing, color and design, art appreciation, and history of art.

She will teach introduction to art at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base this summer.

Born in Washinton, D. C., Turlington grew up in Raleigh and lived all over the United States before settling in Goldsboro.

A highlight of her artistic career has been a one-woman show at Salem College which led to a position as visiting artist in April for several days lecturing to and teaching art students.

The Art Department at Salem suspended classes for the day to allow faculty and students to attend the sessions.

Turlington entered Rocky Mount's 35th Annual Juried Art Exhibit this month and won 2 awards for the same work, Best in Show and first prize in watercolor for "Song of Eve."

Her watercolor of "Jacks" also won honorable mention in this exhibit.

In August, Turlington will go to New York City to install an 18x18 foot brick sculpture on the side of the New York City Port Authority Building.

Turlington is very excited about moving to the new arts and mathematics building on the North Campus.

She hopes that the aesthetic environment and larger rooms will inspire students to do even better work.



Pat Turlington stands with her award-winning watercolor "Jacks" in the Art Center Gallery. PHOTO: Todd Howe

Van Meir comes home again

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In a few years, the Wayne County Mental Health Department will move its offices from Ash Street to what is now WCC's South Campus.

For Robert Van Meir, former WCC college transfer student, this move will mean a return to where he began as a freshman in 1985.

Van Meir attended WCC from 1985 through 1988, staying out one year to see if he really wanted to go to college.

Active in SGA, Van Meir received a transfer scholarship from Mount Olive upon graduating from WCC in 1988.

Not knowing how well WCC had prepared him for a four-year school, Van Meir attended his first psychology class at Mount Olive College.

Van Meir said he did not understand a single word in the first two chapters but rested easier when none of his classmates understood the material either.

In another class Van Meir recalled what he had learned in Dr. Ed Hogan's psychology class.

Van Meir and the teacher discussed a point while the rest of the class remained without a clue as to what they were talking about.

Van Meir graduated summa cum laude from Mount Olive in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

Van Meir then went to ECU to further his studies in Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

His master's degree required him to serve two one-year internships.

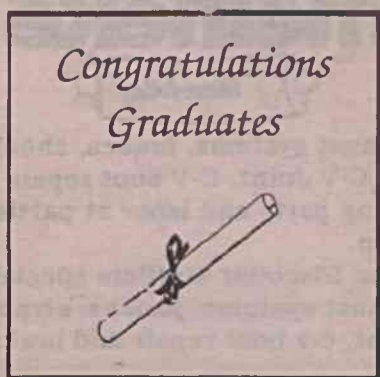
Van Meir served his first year at O'Berry Center where he dealt with mentally disabled clients.

He served his second year at the Wayne County Mental Health Center.

Van Meir finished his second internship on April 24, and he will be hired as a primary therapist.

Van Meir plans to get his Ph.D. and later hopes to teach psychology part time.

Van Meir spoke with enthusiasm about his academic experience at WCC: "If you do well at Wayne Community, you will have no problem with any school you go to."



Robert Van Meir poses outside buildings being renovated on the South Campus where he will eventually have an office. PHOTO: Todd Howe