



Senior Art Major, Jennie Mayo, decides the layout of her work in Vardell-(Photo by Rooney Coffman).

## Mayo's Senior Art Show On Exhibit In Vardell

BY TAMMY JACKSON

Since November 29 the Vardell Art Gallery has had a one person show. The art exhibit was entitled *Metamorphosis* and featured the work of senior art major, Jennie Mayo. The show will run until December 15.

It is unusual for a senior to have an exhibit by themselves. Normally, students do not have enough of their own work to have a show such as this. When I asked Jennie how she managed to pull off such a terrific accomplishment, she said that she had to work diligently in order to do so.

Jennie has always been interested in art, ever since she was a child. Although she started college later in life, in comparison to most college students, she worked hard and never gave up.

While at the exhibit I noted that most of her paintings were of natural settings, such as flowers and trees. I questioned Jennie about her subject choice and she told me that she had always loved

nature. While her husband was studying to be a forester, she would pay attention to his work. Consequently, Jennie learned a lot about such things which helped her to understand and appreciate nature even more.

Her sculptures, however, are much more abstract. She thinks that in sculpting you are able to be more expressive and free with the things you do. You are able to create a three dimensional object instead of just a beautiful creation that is flat.

Jennie came to St. Andrews after she and her husband had moved to Laurinburg a few years ago. Her endeavors to continue her education led her to S.A.

Upon graduation she hopes to go into free-lance work where, hopefully, she will get the credit she deserves.

The exhibit lasts until December 15, so if you can, go across the lake to the art gallery and see this wonderful one-person show. You'll be happy that you did.

It has recently been questioned why I am focusing an environmental column on the foods humans eat when I could be doing more "important" things like telling people to turn off the water as they lather up in the shower. Well, what could possibly be more important than the foods, we as humans consume? Or, to paraphrase my science book: agriculture is the single most environmentally destructive activity done by humans. Thus, discussing the meat industry (which includes 70% of all grain and vegetable production in the U.S. as reported by the USDA) is probably one of the most important issues an environmental column can discuss.

In the U.S. becoming a vegetarian has more of a positive impact on the environment than any other single or combined act a human can commit. Thus, for an environmentalist to be consistent with doing as much as feasible for the positive welfare of the planet the environmentalist cannot eat red meat.

In the 1970's Rachel Carson opened the nation's eyes to the horrific results of pesticide use, such as DDT, in her widely acclaimed book "Silent Spring." But such environmentally damaging pesticides such as DDT, Agent Orange and heptachlor have been banned by the government, right? Well, no. DDT is one of the only pesticides actually banned for use in the U.S., but U.S. companies still produce and sell DDT to other countries to use on their animal feed crops. The extensive use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War is still having a negative effect on the environment; this effect is perpetuated by America's continuing use of Agent Orange's main ingredient, 2, 4, 5-T which contains dioxin.

Dioxin has been called by Dr. Diane Courtney, head of the Toxic Effects Branch of the EPA's National Environmental Research Center "...by far the most toxic chemical known to mankind (sic)."

## The Willow Tree

By Ruth Cook

However, Dow Chemical Company (which profits from production of 2, 4, 5-T) claims that the chemical is "about as toxic as aspirin." In 1974, the EPA tried to have the government ban the pesticide heptachlor, but the Velsicol Chemical Corporation, major producer of heptachlor, spent millions in legal maneuvers to fight a possible ban. As a result heptachlor is still used on corn for animal feed.

An environmentalist should be appalled by the continued use of such environmentally destructive chemicals. As such chemicals are widely employed and accepted for the production of animal feed and consequently, the production of food animals, the person who chooses to consume meat actively supports the continued use of such chemicals.

On this point alone, the environmentalist must boycott the meat industry and thus meat products.

But this point does not stand alone; in the next article, I will describe another point on which the environmentalist must boycott the meat industry; the issue of energy inefficiency.

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