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Fans of pink pyramid defend its existence *Structure evolves from symbol to gathering spot*

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Like the pyramids of ancient Egypt, the pink plywood pyramid standing in front of Binford hall has deep connections to the community that constructed it. It has united Binford residents behind a common cause: the pyramid's preservation.

In the April 12 Senate meeting, Binford residents shattered normal attendance with over 100 participants. They were there to support the pyramid.

"Basically, me and a bunch of students constructed a large pink pyramid, and now it is to be taken down by the school," said first-year Evan Faulkner-Hayes in the Community Senate meeting.

"It was built for a few reasons," said Becky Pittman, a first-year Environmental

Studies major. "We wanted to do something for 'Spring into Guilford' week that involved community, diversity and gay pride."

The pyramid has since become a gathering place for Binford residents, providing an icon that students have embraced as their own. "What it symbolizes now is much more important than what it meant when it was built," Pittman said.

The pyramid has united Binford residents behind a common cause of preserving what they see as a positive catalyst for community building.

Hayes and others are pushing for the pyramid's acceptance as a permanent addition to the campus.

Despite the pyramid's

"This pyramid was originally built in the spirit of classic college rebellion" said Senate Treasurer-elect Chris

Lampkin. "The students did not go through the proper channels required by the school for additions to the campus."

"The pyramid has pulled Binford together, and away from the stoop," Faulkner-Hayes said. "You used to not be able to walk in the front door because so many people were on the stoop, but now they hang out by the pyramid."

Several acts of vandalism have pushed the pyramid's connection to the gay commu-

nity into the forefront of discussions about the pyramid. One act in particular, which took place on the national Day of Silence, has been subjected to significant speculation on the possibility of it being an anti-gay hate crime.

Pittman, who has been very involved in all things pertaining to the pyramid, says that the acts of vandalism were not hate crimes. "The first one, on the Day of Silence, wasn't a hate crime," Pittman said. "The person who did it came forward and felt really bad about the symbolism."

The administration has responded to the pyramid situation by pursuing judicial charges against those students responsible for the acts of vandalism. They have also offered Binford residents an option: to



The creators of the pyramid plan to repair it soon.

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Fires endanger Meadows

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Acts of arson across campus have been causing headaches for Public Safety and Campus

Life, especially after three recent fires caused extensive damage to the Meadows.

"Since March 1, 2006, there were a total of 13 arsons on campus- three in the Meadows

and 10 unauthorized burnings throughout campus," said Keifer Bradshaw, Security Coordinator.

The arson, which is now the subject of a Public Safety investigation, had the potential to be disastrous and could have left a great deal of Guilford's woods in ruins.

"We suspect that the fires (in the Meadows) were caused by firecrackers," said Aaron Fetrow, Dean for Campus Life. "Fireworks are illegal on campus for this very reason. We certainly don't want to torch the Meadows."

Fetrow added that Greensboro has been in the midst of a drought, so students

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"The annual awards banquet is a time to recognize academic excellence and achievement by our students," said Aaron Fetrow, Dean for Campus Life. "It is also a time for the community to gather and recognize alumni and staff who have made outstanding contributions to the college."

Spring blossoms, warm air and merit characterized the ambiance experienced at Guilford's annual awards convocation. Students, faculty and staff gathered on the lawn in front of Founders hall to commemorate those who flourish among prudent academic rigor and curriculum.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award headlined the ceremony, given to a student and community member for distinguished service. Senior Hatice Dogan, who has served three years as a project coordinator with Greensboro's Urban Ministry and African Services Coalition, was the student recipient of this renowned award.

"Hatice is an amazing student leader and role model," said Desiree Wilkinson, Volunteer Training Coordinator "She has led her sites with grace, integrity and great vision, and has taken on some great challenges."

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Fires in the Meadows have resulted in burnt plant life.

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