

## Community protests phallogentric interpretation of new sculpture

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Affectionately nicknamed the "phallus palace," the new stickwork sculpture on the quad has garnered attention for its distinctive shape.

"It's really cool," said one student, observing the sculpture. "But it's hard to deny that it looks like a bunch of dicks sprouting out of the ground."

The sentiment appears to be widely shared. Students from Community Aids Awareness Project have seized the opportunity to install giant condoms on the sculpture, as a way of raising awareness about safe sex practices.

Others, however, are protesting the phallogentric interpretation of the sculpture.

"It really bothers me that we always assume something looks like a penis just because it's long and pointy," said junior Hannah Snow, who is heading up a protest of the sculpture's new nickname. "I think this interpretation is a manifestation of our androcentric society and has nothing to do with the sculpture itself. It's immature and sexist to assume that it (the sculpture) looks like a bunch of dicks."

Sophomore Mandy Croft agrees. She pointed out that there was a much more feminine way to view the sculpture.

"The curving shapes at the top actually look like breasts if you think about it, and the openings are like the mysterious, dark entry into the vagina," said Croft. "When I walk inside, I feel like I'm being enclosed by a giant stickwork womb."

While students may never agree about how to interpret the massive sculpture, the rancor of the debate is thankfully softened by the general agreement that the sculpture has provided an excellent new location to smoke a joint.

## LUCAS

### Civil War ghost opens up about challenges, rewards of afterlife

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Before serving his country, Lucas owned a large plantation. Despite living a comfortable life, he was taken by the idea of going to war.

"I got bored," said Lucas. "Being on a battlefield in the crisp air, now that's thrilling. Also, women can't resist a man in uniform ... I mean, that wasn't my main motivation, but it was a perk."

However, his dream came to a crashing halt as a "fresh fish." Lucas was shot in the thigh, and then again in the arm. Lucas was taken to a nearby war hospital, which Dana Auditorium is built over.

"I was knocked into a cocked hat," Lucas said. "I'd been wounded before. Got shot in the arm last time, but it went straight through and I

didn't have to worry about anything. This time, I had to muster up some grit. Thinking about how a few good war wounds would add to my image helped."

Unfortunately for Lucas, these wounds gave him a fatal infection. Looking back, he doesn't regret it though.

"It was time for a change," said Lucas. "I was tired of all the guts, blood, and dirt of battle. I have to admit that I never

considered becoming a 'mischievous ghost.' It didn't seem like a viable career option; but now I'm glad that's where my so-called 'life' ended up."

Lucas wandered about the war hospital in his new-found ghostly body.

"It was new and exciting," said Lucas. "I could walk through walls and disappear and then reappear on a whim."

But the excitement wore off. Out of boredom, Lucas starting playing tricks on the nurses. Lucas is infamous for turning on and off lights in Dana, as well as locking and unlocking doors.

"Becoming a ghost really allowed me to get in touch with my inner-child," said Lucas. "I was mischievous as a young boy, and leaving my corporeal body behind has really allowed me to accept my true calling as a

prankster."

Lucas has since been wandering around Dana Auditorium.

"It never gets old," Lucas said as he got up and floated towards the door. "I don't plan to change careers anytime soon. There's too much good I can do for the Guilford community."

With those final words, Lucas turned off the lights and disappeared.

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**Lucas, Dana Auditorium ghost**

### Speaker inspires students to embrace procrastination

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On March 21, Robert Doze came to Guilford to conduct workshops about the joys of being idle. Student Recovery, a new club on campus, recruited him to give pointers about how students can relax in the midst of their exhausting schedules.

The event, titled "Envisioning Freedom through Laziness," was sponsored as part of an ongoing effort by Student Recovery to get students in touch with their core value of procrastination.

"This is a very important event for this community," said Student Recovery President Zen Smith. "Stress is a deadly killer and we've been working hard to raise awareness about its insidious effects. It also ties into Student Recovery's theme for this year, 'Idleness and Beyond.'"

The event took place in Dana Auditorium. Doze set the tone for the evening when he walked onto the stage wearing a blue onesie.

"It's the perfect outfit for doing nothing!" said Doze. "I'm here tonight to talk about how those pesky aspirations of yours are bringing you down and getting in the way of your free time."

The event focused on utilizing laziness to access the joys of life, as opposed to living a stressful life that is scheduled down to the last minute, according to Doze.

The workshop ranged over many topics. Highlights included specific tips for maximizing free time through procrastination techniques.

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"We aren't born lazy," said Doze. "It takes dedication to become a master. For example, during my undergraduate career, I chose to do a presentation on procrastination. When it was time for me to present, I walked into that class empty-handed, and told the class: 'My project was on procrastination. Unfortunately, I forgot about it until last night.'"

"Well, folks, I received an A on that project. If I had spent 3 weeks on that project, I probably would have gotten a B-. In this culture, we're taught that laziness is evil, but sometimes trying to do things the way society expects us to causes more stress than the thing itself. It's not the paper that's stressing you out, it's the due date."

The evening turned out to be an amazing success, stimulating conversation and inspiring action on an issue that affects all students.

"I have a lot to think about," said sophomore Taylor Jordan. "I always try to do my papers way in advance, but it's time for a change. Instead of doing my work as soon as possible, I'm going to spend that time looking at kittens on YouTube."

The evening came to a close with the students meditating on what truly makes them happy, from getting a solid 10 hours every night to watching baby animals on YouTube.

"They say that the early bird catches the worm," were Doze's closing words. "To that I say, is a worm really worth the effort?"