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Sebastian "saFARI" Alexis, a student at UNCG, demonstrates "breaking," a form of dance associated with hip-hop. Alexis and his sister, Chelli Broussard, hosted the hip-hop discussion Feb. 10 in Boren Lounge.

## Hip-Hop Summit bridges cultural boundaries

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Gathered around the "Godfather of hip-hop," students undulated to the unique sounds of DJ Kool Herc's beats. Suddenly, five breakers split through the swaying crowd, each taking turns displaying their moves. The crowd circled around them, cheering the b-boys and b-girl on with steady, rhythmic claps—opening Winston-Salem State University's second annual "Hip-Hop is Reality" summit.

On Feb. 10, in celebration of Black History Month, at Guilford's first brown bag series discussion, Interim Africana Community Coordinator Jada Drew introduced

Salem State's Campus Life Marketing and Promotional Director Chelii Broussard to the intimate group.

During the informal discussion, in addition to sharing her experiences with hip-hop, as well as a breaking demonstration, Broussard also discussed the Feb. 13 "Hip-Hop is Reality" summit. The summit was developed by Broussard to inform the community on political issues facing hip-hop music and culture, as well as to redirect negative views and stereotypes associated with hip-hop.

Broussard opened the discussion detailing the origins of her love affair with the genre of music.

"Growing up in Seattle, Wash., I started out listening to rock music. Bon Jovi, Def

Leppard, Led Zeppelin," said Broussard. "I don't remember anything about hip-hop until I came to North Carolina and first heard (the Doug E. Fresh song) 'La Di Da Di'."

She reminisced about the first hip-hop dance she learned, which she was apparently terrible at, the first song with a message that really moved her, and her first hip-hop gig working at Greensboro's 102 Jams radio station.

Along with her love for the music, Broussard expressed her disappointment with the direction in which hip-hop is going. According to Broussard, radio stations perpetuate the negative perceptions of hip-hop by

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## Quakers lay waste to rival UNCG, remain undefeated

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## Senate budget problems affect Bonner trip to Puerto Rico

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Amidst a laundry list of Community Senate proposals with high price tags, the request for \$2,927 to fund the Bonner Scholar's senior service trip to Puerto Rico failed to go through after six blocks and nine stand-asides at the Feb. 11 meeting.

The opening statements from the Senate executives about the current budget status set the precedent for concern for those attending the meeting. According to Senate Treasurer Will Vormelker, if Senate passed

every proposal on the list, then Senate would have only \$8,000 left for the rest of the semester.

During an hour of intense deliberation, students raised several concerns about the Bonner trip to the senior proposal presenters, Saron Smith-Hardin, and Osama Sabbah.

"I don't see a direct benefit to the community to send nine seniors abroad who will graduate in May," said Tory Mallett, the academic affairs chair for Senate, in a later interview. She mentioned that her reason for blocking the proposal was that Senate

should not fund a service trip far away when many people could be helped locally for less money.

However, in the Senate discussion, Smith-Hardin reminded students that the Bonners commit a tremendous amount of hours to the local Greensboro community.

According to James Shields, the director of community learning, each Bonner student does a minimum of 280 hours of service each academic year, though many average 300-320 hours of service: approximately

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## Staff Appreciation celebrates unity

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Students and staff members loaded plates high with macaroni and cheese, falafel and cookies and gathered around confetti-sprinkled tables at the Staff Appreciation Potluck in Boren Lounge on Feb. 11.

Staff from Housekeeping, Dining, Landscape & Grounds and other departments as well as students from all corners of the community attended the potluck. Guilford employs 273 full-and part-time non-faculty staff in 48 departments. The event is designed as a way for students to meet, talk to and show their appreciation to the staff who were able to come.

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Senior Molly Finch brings food to the Staff Appreciation Potluck in Boren lounge on Feb. 11.