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## Greensboro community discusses controversial immigration law

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On April 9, about 40 people from around the Greensboro community met at The HIVE, a collectively run not-for-profit community space in the Glenwood neighborhood, to discuss Guilford County's impending implementation of section 287 (g) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act.

While Dwinther Abreu translated in English, Rafael Torres spoke in Spanish about his experience with local law enforcement. As he was driving on Guilford College road, an officer from the Guilford County sheriff's department stopped his car. Sitting in the passenger's seat, his wife was asked for her identification.

"Racial profiling is happening here even without 287 (g)," said Joe Frierson, Beloved Community Center staff coordinator for the Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project. "If it's implemented, the difference will be that officer can take you to jail and run your name and determine immediately if you're legal. Then, if you're one of our friends without your cards then you could be detained until as long as it takes for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to come and get you."

"By that time, you'd probably lose your job, your car, and communication with your family," said Yamile Walker.

According to the Government Office of Accountability's (GOA) January 2009 report, this legislation

"authorizes the federal government to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to train officers to assist in identifying those individuals who are in the country illegally." Such an agreement is referred to as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

On March 30, the Greensboro News and Record reported on a public forum at the International Christian Church.

"My officers will only be checking on the status of anyone who has already been arrested for a crime," said Guilford County Sheriff B.J. Barnes to over 200 people in attendance. "If one of my officers sees you (in public), they are not going to come up to you

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## Amy Goodman speaks on media, everyday heroism

Story by Kylie Gilliams

"DEMOCRACY IS A MESSY THING AND IT'S OUR JOB TO CAPTURE IT ALL,"

said Amy Goodman at her lecture in the Community Center on April 8. Despite the event's starting almost an hour late, people packed the room.

As the main host of the alternative news program Democracy Now!, which WQFS broadcasts, Goodman spoke on current events, activism, the media and everyday people who become heroes. She began by talking about Barack Obama's election.

"November fourth was a historical moment," said Goodman. "The world heaved a sigh on that day. It was not just a national election—it was a global phenomenon. He's the first African-American president of the United States in a country that has a legacy of slavery."

From there, Goodman delved back through history, tracing her way from the current White House to another house with a tarnished legacy: Mount Misery, the home of the slaveholder who beat and tortured Frederick Douglass.

"From Mount Misery to Mount Hope," said Goodman

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## Faculty salaries behind SLRP goals

2008-9 SALARIES RANK NEAR THE BOTTOM OF GUILFORD'S PEER AND ASPIRANT INSTITUTIONS

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Echoing the Strategic Long-Range Plan (SLRP) progress report last May, President Kent Chabotar and Vice President of Finance and Administration Jerry Boothby believe it is "highly unlikely" that Guilford will reach the SLRP goal to raise average faculty salaries for all ranks to \$63,700 by the fall semester of

2010. According to Boothby and Chabotar, Guilford may have to forgo faculty and staff raises for two consecutive years, 2009 and 2010.

Approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2004, the SLRP planned to raise faculty salaries by the fall of 2010 to the 50th percentile of baccalaureate colleges as reported each spring by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). Reaching the 50th percentile would place Guilford faculty salaries near the middle in relation to all other American baccalaureate colleges.

As the SLRP's largest financial goal, faculty salaries were planned to increase cumulatively by \$6 million between 2005 and 2010.

"The slowdown in progress toward our pay targets was largely a revenue shortfall when we reduced our enrollment goal for 2010 from 3,300 to 2,800. We also had an enrollment shortfall in summer 2008 and fall 2008," Boothby said. "Since enrollment increases in SLRP were the largest source of revenue for the raises to faculty and staff pay, there was much discussion about the negative effect on reaching the 50th percentile when we cut the enrollment targets from 3300 to 2800. The cut was approved by SLRP, the faculty, and the Board of Trustees."

Academe, the bimonthly bulletin of the AAUP, reported this week

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## Friends Center Series revisits the life of Mary Hobbs

By Mary Bubar  
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The words and life of Mary Mendenhall Hobbs were celebrated in the second session of the Friends Center Series.

Married to Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, the first president of the college from 1888 to 1915, she had no official position at Guilford. A reading of her private letters offered a glimpse into the personal life of this woman whose public life involved leadership roles in woman's suffrage, temperance, and pacifism.

On April 7, Assistant Director of Friends Center Deborah Shaw and Friends Historical Collection Librarian Gwen Erickson, presented "Up Close and Personal: The Intimate Side of Mary Mendenhall Hobbs' Leadership" in Boren Lounge.

"Let Mary Hobbs speak to us tonight through her letters to her daughter Gertrude and friend, Rachel Farlow," said Shaw, who continued by reading the encouraging and wisdom-filled letters Hobbs wrote to her 14-year-old daughter at Westtown boarding school in Pennsylvania.

"A woman this day and age is in poor plight without an education," said Hobbs in response to her homesick daughter. "It is important for girls to get a good education and know the world before they get married."

Hobbs' letters reveal how she personally valued education, not only for her own daughter, but also for other women at Guilford.

She helped raise \$10,000 to start the Girls Aid Committee at Guilford. This group built several cottages that housed girls that may

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Peggy Baxter (right) sits with Jewell Farlow as they reminisce about their years at Guilford. The Mary Hobbs Reunion took place April 17 through 19, providing a weekend of joyous reconnection for alumnae.