

GOODMAN

Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman visits Guilford

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as she told the story of how she traveled to Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, N.Y., where Douglass and his close friend Susan B. Anthony are buried.

"How interesting that these activists saw the media as a means to freedom," said Goodman as she described how both Douglass and Anthony used the media to advocate for the abolitionist and women's rights movements.

"In my view the media is a huge kitchen table we all sit around and discuss the issues of the day ... and anything less than that is a disservice to a democratic society."

Goodman showed how Douglass and Anthony's tradition of civil rights advocacy continues today with the gay rights movement and the recent victories for gay marriage in Iowa and Vermont.

In an impromptu move, Goodman pulled out her cell phone and called her brother David, who was present in the Vermont legislature when it voted to overrule Governor Jim Douglas' veto.

He described how some of the most moving testimonies during the hearings leading up to the vote came from the children of gay and lesbian parents, particularly 12-year-old Evann Orleck-Jetter.

"I think it just cut through so much of the rhetoric," said Goodman. "There's tremendous power when young people speak and I think she really demonstrated that."

Oreck-Jetter, a teenager who stood up in defense of an issue



Amy Goodman of *Democracy Now!* speaks to an audience of students, faculty, staff, and Greensboro residents in the community center on April 8.

important to her, embodied the theme of the everyday hero, a thread woven through Goodman's speech and her most recent book, "Standing up to the Madness: Ordinary Heroes in Extraordinary Times."

Goodman finished by relating two personal stories from her work as a journalist. While covering the 2008 Republican National Convention, she and two others from *Democracy Now!* were violently arrested at a protest. Goodman was charged with interfering with a peace officer.

"If only a peace officer was there!" said Goodman.

Her second story also involved

a violent confrontation with police. In 1991, Goodman and journalist Allan Nairn were in East Timor covering the independence movement. While attending the funeral of a young man shot in a Catholic church by the Indonesian military, they witnessed Indonesian soldiers open fire on the procession.

The soldiers then turned on Goodman and Nairn, beating them badly but sparing their lives.

"We knew we had to make it clear who we were because the Indonesian military had committed many mass murders before but never in front of Western journalists," said Goodman. "We

believe that because we were from the same country their weapons were from, they would have had to pay a price for killing us that they never had to pay for killing the Timorese."

Goodman and Nairn narrowly escaped back to the United States, where they brought word of the massacre to the world, marking the beginning of the largely student-led movement to end the U.S.'s military aid to Indonesia.

Goodman's talk resonated with many students.

"WQFS is such a big part of our community and the greater Greensboro community," said sophomore Jordan Auleb. "It's

good to have someone who is encouraging the use of the media by normal citizens, reclaiming it from corporations' control and using that as a means of protest and to inform ourselves and inform others."

Others were motivated by the stories of everyday heroism.

"She makes me want to do something," said sophomore Scottie Mitchell. "Especially when she was talking about her new book, she was talking about everyday people that did these really awesome things and it reminded me that you don't have to be really famous or important to make a big difference."

Jerry Boothby retires after over 30 years in administrative work

By Sam Jenkins
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Jerry Boothby, vice president of finance and administration and employee of Guilford since 2003, will retire on June 30, at which point he will become a part-time employee of the school, working as a financial consultant.

"Jerry brought light and clarity to our financial situation during his time as vice president," said President Kent Chabotar. "He's a people person who likes to explain numbers in lay terms to be clear."

Guilford is the second institution where Chabotar and Boothby have both held jobs.

"One of the reasons I came to Guilford was that I liked the position," said Boothby. "But also the president (Chabotar) and I worked together at Bowdoin."

Boothby has spent much of his career working in higher education administration.

"I've been doing this type of work for 30 years," he said.

At the start of his career with the

University System of New Hampshire from 1971-87, Boothby served as associate director of the physical plant for the UNH campus for nine years, finance and budget officer for one year, and system budget manager/officer for six years.

"Originally when I started at New Hampshire I worked with facilities," he

working at Bowdoin in September 1991. Boothby remained on staff until 2002, and then briefly worked Elizabeth College in Pennsylvania for the 2002-03 academic year before heading to Guilford in 2003.

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said. "So I still sort of have a bias towards that here at Guilford."

Boothby then worked at Cornell University in New York until 1991 as manager of the Budget Management Office until '89 and assistant director of financial systems development for the last two years.

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not just the students, but the faculty, campus, and even the Greensboro area."

Boothby has shown that his belief in the effectiveness of Quaker principles at Guilford, as well as the larger community.

"I'm a trustee for the New Garden Friends School," said Boothby. "I'm not a Quaker, and not a parent of a student, but I really

believe in the importance of education, and how it is applied through Quaker principles."

Many of his co-workers will miss him when he steps down this summer.

"He's one of the best people I've ever worked for," said Assistant to the Vice President Kim Grandstaff. "I hate to see him go."

To fill his current position, Guilford has begun looking at hiring options.

"We are conducting a national search for a replacement," said Chabotar. "We have had 65 applications, including sitting CFO's (Chief Financial Officers) from other universities."

According to Grandstaff, who will be on the search committee, they will review applicants based on their work histories and aptitudes in addition to their ability to match Boothby's empathetic and patient nature.

"I don't know what to expect," said Grandstaff. "For me, since I'm a direct report, the personality factor is there as well. It's going to be different without him."