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Students highlight Syria war with book

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Nicole Fisk’s service-learning English 102 class started as an analysis of one of the most popular book series of recent years, “The Hunger Games,” paired with a project on veteran homelessness. It has since evolved into a meaningful service project about the Syrian refugee crisis.

The class produced its own children's picture book, “I Had a Home in Syria,” and is selling it online to raise money and awareness for the Syrian civil war and refugee crisis. The proceeds from the book and a class GoFundMe campaign will go toward the tuition of a displaced Syrian student studying at USC.

Fisk, who serves as associate director of First Year Experience, came across the story of the graduate student when she previously planned service project for her class. “We didn’t start the semester with this particular service project in mind. This is the first time it’s been an English class that is a designated service-learning section,” Fisk said.

“Her passion and dedication to Syria has gone to the students in our class. We got to know her, and I think we’re all more about the crisis changed his opinions on refugees,” student Zach Spickler, a student in the class, said.

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Shandon properties rezoned for commercial use

Two parcels of land on Devine Street were rezoned for commercial use by the city’s planning commission, The State reports. Local businessman Jimmy Williams had asked that the two properties and a third on Maple Street be rezoned, but the commission only approved the Devine Street parcels. Two of the pieces of land are currently parking lots, and Williams’ company hopes to build retail and office space on them. Members of neighborhood civic organizations expressed dislike for parts of the plan, citing concerns over the Maple Street project.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Aiken police deny illegal cavity search

The Aiken Police Department says the cavity search for which they are being sued never happened, The State reports. The department released a statement Tuesday saying the October 2014 incident was a legal traffic stop and did not include a cavity search in broad daylight as described in the lawsuit. The statement also denied that officers touched any “private body parts” of the plaintiffs and said a comment attributed to one of the officers was actually said by someone in the vehicle. The lawsuit was brought by two individuals in September and claims the two plaintiffs were subjected to an illegal cavity search on the side of the road when pulled over for a paper tag.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

School bus accident injures students, driver

Five students and a driver were hospitalized after an accident involving a school bus in Richland County on Tuesday morning, WIS reports. Lexington-Richland District 5 said the injuries sustained by the five students are not considered life-threatening. The condition of the driver of the other car has not been released. The accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m. on Dreher Shoals Road at Village Lane. The bus was carrying 24 students from Irmo High School to the Center for Advanced Technical Studies.

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Project Condom to promote sexual health and awareness

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Project Condom, a “fashion-meets-education show” created to foster open communication and awareness about healthy sex, is expanding into a full event this year with the theme “Netflix. Chat Before You Chill.” Carolina Productions is partnering with Campus Wellness to host the ninth annual event.

“I know we’re technically adults,” said Scott McFall, special events coordinator of Carolina Productions, “but there’s still plenty of misconceptions floating around college campuses about sex and relationships.”

By opening up the dialogue, the organizers of Project Condom hope to clear the air of a lot of false theories and assumptions. A panel of “experts” will answer questions about sex and relationships at the event.

“Becoming informed about condoms and other topics surrounding love, sex, and relationships sets the stage for one to have positive, pleasurable experiences,” Quinyana Brown, third-year social work and public health masters student, and Starr Wharton, associate director of Campus Wellness, wrote in a joint email. “Communication is key in any relationship.”

Originally set out to be just a fashion show, Project Condom has expanded to include many different events to promote awareness surrounding love, sex, and health.

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Podcasts for ‘Serial’ obsessed

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Podcasts are one of the easiest ways to get content you love almost everywhere you go. They are great for working out, doing long distances or just trying to unwind after a long day. Subjects can range from sports to sexual health to one of my favorites: true crime. With the rise in popularity of the documentary “Making A Murderer” and the podcast “Serial,” pilots and shows that revolve around murders and court cases are as plentiful as they are intriguing. Here are three podcasts to get you through your post-Serial withdrawal.

“Sword & Scale”

“Sword & Scale” tells new and old gut-wrenching stories of murders, kidnappings, heists and gangsters. The narrator interviews people involved in the cases, sometimes family members or lawyers. “Sword & Scale” offers a more objective approach; the narrator invites listeners to attach their own emotions to the cases. This podcast focuses on the theme that the real monsters in these cases tell all and exist around all of us. If you love hearing stories told in an honest yet emotionally charged way, this podcast is for you.

“Generation Why”

“Generation Why” by “Sword & Scale” tells the story of many of the United States’ most popular crimes. Episodes revolve around well-known cases such as JonBenet Ramsey and BTK, as well as some older and lesser-known crimes. While the intriguing plot lines and mysterious characters can be enough to hold anyone’s attention, the podcast’s differentiating factor is how the interference of the two hosts’ personal speculations surrounds the crimes. “Generation Why” usually doesn’t include interviews with experts or people close to the crime, pushing the podcast away from fact and into fiction. If you love to try to solve cases or hear opinion-based narratives, “Generation Why” is a good place to start.

“Criminal”

“Criminal” is a mix of both of the above podcasts. It is not as specialized as the two — “Criminal” covers a wide variety of crime stories. The episodes range from stories about mistreatment in the justice system for a shady hike. Those who are really dedicated should try the Palmetto Trail, which runs all the way through the state. All these trails offer amazing views, and some have picnic shelters, shelters and campstoves to rest for a lunch break or camp overnight.

Running or walking

A 1-mile run might seem daunting, but don’t be afraid to walk and enjoy the flowers in bloom. Spring is the perfect time to sign up for a 5K because most are held in the morning, so the weather is usually sunny and warm by the time the race begins. Some races coming up in Columbia include the Reedy River 5K, Palmetto Half Marathon and 5K on April 9 and the River Run on April 16.

Biking

Whether mountain biking rugged trails or cruising along a paved path, South Carolina has many scenic spots for a bike ride. Some of the best paved trails are at Saluda Shoals Park and the Swamp Rabbit Trail, which runs through downtown Greenville and along the Reedy River. The Forks Area Trail System in Edgefield near Reedy River State Park in Cleveland, South Carolina, is closer to Columbia, and Huger State Forest in Irmo is perfect for outdoor activity to challenge yourself by staying active in the outdoors.

By staying active in the outdoors.

Seepodcastpages

Staying Active: Outdoor Edition

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Kayaking

Whether floating down the river or challenging yourself to paddle up rapids, kayaking is a great outdoor activity to try in South Carolina. There are many places in the state to kayak, some of the best being the Saluda, Congaree and Broad rivers and Lake Murray. Places like Saluda Shoals Park in Irmo even offer kayaks for rent, a popular option for an afternoon activity for two — “Criminal” covers a wide variety of crime stories. The episodes range from stories about mistreatment in the justice system.
awareness and break down the awkward barriers surrounding condoms and open conversations about sex.

This year, the student fashion show featuring clothing made from condoms will be accompanied by a prize drawing, a reception with free food and a “sexperts” panel, according to McFall, a second-year anthropology student.

“My hope is that this season will maximize on the success of past season in reaching students, faculty, and staff but also expand, reaching students that are not already actively involved in matters related to sexual health,” Brown and Wharton wrote.

Project Condom is free with a CarolinaCard and will be held in the Russell House Ballroom on Thursday at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

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hackers, theft and, of course, murder. “Criminal” includes interviews with people close to the case and their stories rely heavily on fact. If you enjoy learning about criminal activity in general, this podcast is definitely worth a listen.

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Freedom of religion diluted to ‘freedom of worship’

Andy Wilson

Griffin Hobson’s article in the March 26 paper is a potent example of the recent_backlash in American culture of freedom of religion being reduced to freedom of worship. In his caricaturing diatribe on conservative Christians, who he suggests are whiny bullies, he appears to be proclaiming their complaining as oppression by pointing out statistics that remind us how conservative Christians still are: “Almost Christian America is indivisible.”

The government would be justified in temporarily suspending the right to preach according to its belief in the tenets of a particular religion. That is, freedom not just to worship, but to live your own religious lifestyle.

This trend has been the case in the specious of President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the current and likely future leaders of our nation, who have replaced the “freedom of religion” promised by the Constitution with a dilution of “freedom of worship.”

Suggesting that the president’s strong declaration in 2009 that “freedom in America is indivisible” from the freedom to practice one’s religion “fails the test with the term with ‘freedom of worship’ in unburdening religious speech and trying to force religious organizations like the Sisters of the Poor to provide the same coverage and drugs like Plan B against their will.”

Though Clinton was the first to use the word religious freedom in 1993 with broad bipartisan support, with her impregnable sense of reading her constituency, she has changed her tune. She has echoed Obama’s “freedom of worship” tactic but has also taken the implications of said statement even further. Last year on the topic of women’s health—a clear example of her use to include terminations, and “morning after pills” religious groups protest the object to providing some health plans — she said: “Rights have to be validated, not just on paper. Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will. And deep-seated cultural beliefs and structural inertia have to be changed.”

Then she redubbed plans as if in establishing a hierarchy of rights in which that of women’s right to reproductive services. She is attempting to entrench a new, religiously sanctioned system for feminizing politics.

While we think of the civil rights explicitly granted as by the First Amendment to the Constitution as being inalienable, there are in fact extreme cases in which such a guarantee is overruled. The late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes has been famously quoted as saying: “The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic.”

The government and private businesses and organizations has been Christian, that is a reminder that the Constitution is a disturbing. And it is a reminder that despite the continued presence of Christians in the places of governance of our society, Christians and members of other religious groups are being forced to conform to practices and provide services that are against their most cherished beliefs.

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Praise the minimum wage

Ross Abbott

Adam and Steve have known each other for a long time. They come together, shared foods and have established a bond. After many months, this bond culminates in their relationship takes on a new dynamic. No one has been happier in fact, but they are better off because of what they have together. This is not just about love, but there are other dynamics involved.

Of course, I’m talking aboutAdam who job as a manger at Steve’s construction and owning business. It’s not that politicians like Bernie Sanders want to make a crime if Steve is Adam less than $15 per hour.

If I decide to sell my old Pokemon cards on Craigslist, a government agency that because with a fine or jail time if it point is not too low. This is really difficult. The government agency is made to work and pay a lower cost than others are. It has me on their mind. Maybe I’ve already tried selling my Pokemon cards on Craigslist, but not any question. If they are still not interested, I may earn enough cash and want to move them quickly. Whatever my reason, we have to respect the law if the government of the court to set minimum wage in their Pokemon cards or other things we want to sell. Why are many people willing to accept such a restriction when they try to sell their time and effort?

The late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes has been famously quoted as saying: “The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic.”

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The South Carolina baseball team shook off a rough week with a strong performance against Coastal Carolina, who is ranked 16th in the nation in RPI.

Gamecocks back on track

After dropping three of their past four games, South Carolina rebounded against a strong Coastal Carolina team with a 4-2 win at Founders Park. With the win over Coastal Carolina, ranked No. 16 in RPI, the Gamecocks improve to 25-5 on the season.

Junior Taylor Widener opened the season as a member of the weekend rotation, but was bumped by freshman Adam Hill into a midweek role. After some struggles, he appeared out of the pen last week against College of Charleston. The right-hander got the opportunity to start against a very good offensive team in Coastal Carolina and responded with his best outing of the season. Widener worked five-plus innings and allowed only two hits and one walk. He allowed two runs, only one of which was earned. Widener was able to pound the zone with all of his pitches and also used the sink on his fastball to generate a high rate of groundballs.

The Gamecocks gave Widener early run support with a two-run first inning that included an RBI-double from left fielder Dom Thompson-Williams. After a hot start, South Carolina cooled off at the plate in the middle innings. However, shortstop Marcus Mooney’s aggressive base running allowed him to score on a wild pitch in the seventh inning to put the Gamecocks up 4-2.

After missing the beginning of the season rehabbing a foot injury, infielder Dom Thompson-Williams. After a hot start, South Carolina responded with his best outing of the season. Widener worked five-plus innings and allowed only two hits and one walk.

Reagan came in to record a six-out save. Even more impressive is the fact that Reagan made the appearance between passing kidney stones. The junior southpaw has now allowed just one run in 26 innings this season. A one run in 26 innings this season.

The Gamecocks will return to action on Friday to kick off a weekend series with Tennessee.

**Column**

Jenkins caps unpredictable college basketball season

Abe Danaher

In 10 years, you will be asked where you were the night of April 4. You will be asked if you saw Marcus Paige’s double-clutch miracle of a shot with five seconds left, a shot that would have gone down in history. Would you have thought back to that night of April 4 and made the connection of the two events?

Every objects are moments – moments that define it. Moments that are shown, talked about and cherished, for years to come. College basketball has its fair share of greatness, from Michael Jordan’s baseline winner in ’82, to Christian Laettner’s catch and shoot in ’92, to Mario Chalmers’ most recent dagger of a shot in ’08. And now it has one more.

In a season that was as unpredictable as any in recent memory, this tournament, even before the dramatic finish late Monday night, seemed like a fitting end. Heavily-favored Kansas was neutralized in the Elite Eight by a starless, faceless Villanova team. Wooden Award finalist Denzel Valentine and his mighty Michigan State team was conquered by the even more starless, faceless, Villanova team. Wooden Award finalist Denzel Valentine and his mighty Michigan State team was conquered by the even more starless, faceless, Villanova team.

In the end, the Villanova Wildcats were crowned the champions of the college basketball world. On a night of greatness, concluding a season of chaos, this team of no-names was somehow able to end on top, in the process delivering a game that will stay embedded in the minds of all who watched and a shot that will be forever remembered in college basketball folklore for generations to come.