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According to Italy, What Was a Woman’s Role During WWI?

GENICE SIMPSON

On Friday, Nov. 10 at noon in the Oggechee Theatre, Professor Belzer will be giving a lecture about Women in World War I in Italy to students and faculty. Belzer mentioned that facts established by different authors, but she also included some of her own opinions concerning this discussion.

A passage entitled Women’s Mobilization for War (Italy) written by Stefania Bartolini on the International Encyclopedia site, informed that on May 29, 1915, the Prime Minister, Antonio Salandra, along with the Italian Government, called on its citizens for help. Assistance was needed for the care of wounded soldiers and for the families of soldiers. Bartolini says that women’s groups answered this call, but on a voluntary basis only.

Professor Allison Belzer informed us that during World War I in Italy, women began taking on jobs because their husbands were away at war. This was out of the norm for Italians because women had more of a subordinate role and did not work. According to Belzer’s lecture, she stated, “women working gave the older generation, especially men and anxiety.”

Belzer mentioned that some Italian women took on jobs making clothes and nursing during World War I. The women had to wear uniforms that were very similar to a Nuns attire. Women who worked for the military would work on Hospital Trips or in Field Hospitals. To become a nurse, women had to take a total of 33 classes for their training. Women were responsible for paying their own way through Nursing school; however, if they get a job as a Nurse, they were not paid. There were other jobs as well that did not pay them during this time. Professor Belzer commented on where she believes the role of women in Italy originated during this time.

“I believe it was from Catholic Tradition. It was believed that women were men’s helpers. They don’t have a strong voice. Women were very powerful in their homes.”

There were women who opposed the war, supported it, and some who were neutral in their stance concerning the war; but, regardless of their stance, they assisted or volunteered during the war. Professors Belzer and Strozier will be discussing the involvement of these women’s groups. Some women groups helped those who needed jobs, homes, and were in trouble. Suffragists believed that if women received the right to vote in political elections, this would actually bring about equality for women, or full citizenship.

Professor Jack Simmons gave insight on where he believes these roles came from. “I believe it is because of their nation status. Italy had not long become an independent country, and it’s similar to a small community. The women are not going to have big social movements, because they don’t have those type of conversations. Italy, however, some government, but practices much more old fashioned 1890’s belief.”

Suffragists in Italy were successful in their endeavors to gain women the right to vote in national elections in 1946. In 1985, Italy joined the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. This lecture was one of many in the 2017-2018 Robert E. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series. For more information and upcoming events, please visit Armstrong State University’s Faculty-Staff Faculty-lecture series.

President Dr. Clif Smart announced that a new faculty position will be created on campus called assistant provost for Diversity and Inclusion. The position will be twofold. The first is an assistant provost for diversity and the second is an assistant provost for inclusion. The person who will fill this position will work closely with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Student Government Association. The new assistant provost position is expected to begin in the fall of 2018.

It’s the Season for Giving

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CHARITY WILLIAMS
WEB EDITOR

In tune with the holiday spirit, the Student Government Association (SGA) will be collecting donations of unwrapped, new toys. If you are still rebuilding from its devastating effects, donating a toy or two could be a big help to families who are still rebuilding this season.

If you aren’t sure whether you want to participate in this year’s campaign, remember that the importance of what you can accomplish by donating toys to kids.

"This is a way as a campus to give back to the community to give kids a good Christmas," says Woods.

"Kids love having toys. Holidays are a special time and any toy would be appreciated. It is an opportunity we can be the one to fulfill the wish of a child," says Woods.

"I hope that you will consider participating in this year’s campaign. The importance of what you can accomplish by donating toys to kids is something we should all consider," says Woods.

This donation is for Toys for Tots. Savannah, "says Camacaro. "We have several drop points here on campus that are still rebuilding from its devastating effects, and with intramural and club sports, one can truly give something back to the community."
ISO offers a “Taste of the World”

LILA MILLER
A&E EDITOR

International Education Week kicked off Monday Nov. 13, with “Taste of the World” culinary event held by the International Student Organization (ISO). ISO’s event featured various foods from different countries and gave Armstrong students the opportunity to “taste the world.” The event was held from 12:30-2PM at the Residential Plaza.

The food tasting stations were grouped by ‘continent’ under tents in the Residential Plaza. There were tents set up that featured foods from the Americas, Europe and Asia. Austria served wiener schnitzel, a savory meat pastry, Germany served maultaschen which is a type of meat-filled dumpling. Korea served bulgogi (pork) and rice, as well as sweet stick treats called Pocky from South Korea. The area of Vietnam also served fried rice, in a dish called Com chien.

Students manning the Nigeria table served Jollof rice and were meant to serve fried plantains, but the plantains had not ripened in time. Students hosting the event in general enjoyed the turn out, though the event timing could have been better tailored around classes. “I was sad that when the big campus rush after classes came, [because] we weren’t fully prepared but it surpassed my expectations, a lot more people came than I thought [would.]” remarked Bre Walker, a junior studying Rehabilitation Science.

Countries also displayed decorations, pamphlets and more than one type of cuisine. The Egyptian table served a sweet and sticky pastry called Basbousa. Kenya and India both served chicken biryani which was like a spicy curvy dish. The Bahamas’ table had a vegetarian coconut curry atop a head of jasmine rice. “I went vegetarian and had to learn how to make dishes without meat in them which isn’t a typical Bahamian thing. Even when I called my mom she was like “Sam, are you sure you don’t want to make it with chicken?” explained Samantha Farrington, a freshman majoring in theatre.

Students from Jamaica cooked curry, rice and peas and beef or veggie patties. They also served an appetizer of an English bun (more like a slice of bread) and cheese as part of a meal for their traditional Easter holiday. International students from the Czech Republic served camping goulash soup, a pork soup steeped in a mild red broth, as well as a sweet cake called Bábovka.

“It was hard to find the ingredients here [in America], it’s the easiest cake to make in Czech Republic. The flour [in America] is different [than in the Czech Republic], baking powder is different. We [the Czech people] have three different types of flours but here they are different, but it was similar enough. The traditional cake itself is taller, but I found a mold at T.J. Maxx and I never expected to find it there,” explained Klára Dudová, an international student and is only at Armstrong for Fall 2017. At her home university she is studying for her masters in economics.

Overall, ISO’s kick-off event for International Education week was largely a success. The event was the beginning of the entire week of celebrating International Education. Various events including a fashion show, raffle, movie screenings and guest speakers were held throughout the week to encourage students to get involved and meet people from all over the globe. For more information regarding ISO, contact Sara Noble in the International Education office in Gamble Hall.


Weekly Playlist: Close to the End

Scan the QR code to listen now!
“Enduring” Your Family Over Thanksgiving Break

ETHAN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

As many of you already know, Thanksgiving break is next week! For many of you I assume you will mainly be happy that you don’t have classes; but Thanksgiving is all about eating and hanging out with your family, right? Many of us do have those select few family members that we aren’t too fond of, so here’s how to not let them ruin your Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a cheery and fun time, so try to be upbeat with your family and have fun. Being upbeat around your family usually creates a friendly atmosphere, and having a family with a friendly atmosphere creates many bonding moments that you can talk about in future Thanksgivings and other holidays. Memories are always made around the holiday season, and creating those memories with your family will always stick with you, so sometimes you have to make up with the family you’re not too fond of to create memories for everyone.

During Thanksgiving, we all deal with family members of various ages. We have our little cousins and our grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Knowing who you are talking to is obviously important, so talk about topics that your family members like. Your little cousin and your grandparents will have different interests, so make their interests your interests. Conversation at a Thanksgiving dinner table is a must, so find good conversation starters for everyone. Avoid political conversation at all costs. Lately, political conversation hasn’t allowed for happiness within the conversation because of conflicting views, so try to avoid “controversial” topics.

Black Friday is basically a part of Thanksgiving tradition in the 21st century. Shopping with your family can be super fun! Finding sales together with your family and then waiting in a long line can create tension because some people may have that family member that gets impatient, and no one likes a complainer. Black Friday shopping is a great way to get started on holiday shopping for your family as well, so get your family some stuff early and get it out of the way. Being with your family can cause many different emotions. Enduring your family also isn’t a bad thing. It might sound like a bad thing, but sometimes you have to be nicer than usual around certain family to create that fun and warm atmosphere for the holiday break. So endure your family while you have them, make memories while you can, and enjoy your Thanksgiving break.

It doesn’t matter what it is. Definitely not cranberry out of a can. I just need enough food to fill the void inside of me.

Lila Miller
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Cranberry sauce and noodles.

Ethan Smith
Advertising Manager

Anything that I can pour gravy on, I’m not too picky.

Isabelle Kovacs
News Editor

I like fried turkey with gravy.

Staton Dopson
Copy Editor

A Small Collection of Still Life Photography

Photos shot in the Fine Arts Building’s drawing room
Photos by: Mitchell McDuffie

Events, November 16-20

16
Art912 Artist Talk with Lisa D. Watson
Jepson Center, Telfair Museums
6-8PM

17
Winterfest Invitational Honor Band Festival - Opening Concert
Fine Arts Hall
6-7PM

18
Georgia Southern vs. South Alabama Football Game
GSU
12:15-7:15PM

19
Melanie Bowden Simon - Fall Lecture Series
Flannery O’Connor Childhood Home
4-5PM

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Thanksgiving Break Begins

Sometimes friends can mean just as much as family.
sperts with your friends, so get out there! Be active, and have fun while doing it with your fellow Pirates!