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**ISIS-controlled territory:**

The Islamic State released a video Tuesday showing the execution of the American journalist, Steven Sotloff, according to The Wall Street Journal. He is the second American journalist in as many weeks to be executed in such a fashion, the other being James Foley. Like Foley, Sotloff was executed by a masked man with a British accent. The executioner claimed the killing was a reprisal for America's continued airstrikes against IS. The attack has been condemned by everyone from the Iraqi foreign minister Hoshiyar Zebari to British Prime Minister David Cameron according to Reuters.

**Louisiana, USA:**

Halliburton agreed to pay out a billion dollars in a settlement over their role in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, according to Al-Jazeera. Halliburton was responsible for some of the cement work for the oil rig. A former Halliburton manager already pled guilty last year to destroying evidence concerning the company's work on the rig. Since the oil spill four and a half years ago, BP, the company in charge of the rig, has paid \$28 billion in damages.

**Wales, UK:**

NATO leaders are debating creating a 4,000-troop rapid-response team to counter Russia's military influence in Eastern Europe, according to The New York Times. The force is a response in part to accusations that Russian troops are aiding Ukrainian separatists in the southern part of the country. Recently, Russian President Vladimir Putin also called for talks with the Ukrainian government on "statehood for south-east Ukraine" according to the BBC, although a spokesman later clarified that Putin did not mean the creation of a separate country.

**Islamabad, Pakistan:**

Protestors demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif clashed with police last weekend. Three people were killed. The protestors, led by former cricket star Imran Khan and cleric Tahir ul-Qadri have been camping in the city center since mid-August according to Reuters. Monday, a group of protestors stormed the news station PTV and shut it down for 45 minutes. Despite this, Sharif shows no sign of stepping down. "Chances of the PM resigning? Zero." Defense Minister Khawaja Asif told Reuters in an interview Monday.



## Student ventures abroad, teaches English in Tanzania

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While many students at Guilford College this summer were enjoying the sun outside or working summer jobs, one student was participating in something rather special. Junior Fiona Lloyd-Muller spent a significant portion of her time over summer vacation abroad in Zanzibar, Tanzania teaching English at a local school.

She traveled through the America's Unofficial Ambassador program. "The program is a citizen initiative that encourages Americans to volunteer in Muslim communities abroad, to participate in meaningful service with schools and human development non-governmental organizations (and) to dispel the image of Muslims as the Other," according to program director Stefan Cornibert.

Although Lloyd-Muller had some teaching experience before, including tutoring at an East African community center in high school, this was her first time taking on the challenging role of a teacher for a whole class.

"I learned how to teach and handle a classroom filled with students ranging from 11 to 16-year-olds, and (I learned) a lot about their culture," she said.

Despite the potential challenges of dealing with such a wide range of students in the classroom, Lloyd-Muller emphasized, "Before I left I got slightly nervous, however there was more of a sense of excitement. When I did arrive I was pleasantly surprised with how welcoming the people were and throughout my time there I was happy to see a different, more positive side of Africa rather than what we see portrayed in the media."

Her days would start early — usually around 6 a.m. — after

which she would walk to school.

"The school was built in a hotel and we would gather outside for morning announcements from the principle," said Lloyd Muller. "This could last for up to 30 minutes after which the actual school-day would start."

Lloyd-Muller got involved with the AUA while in the Principled Problem Solving program here at Guilford, where she was introduced to Cornibert. She encourages others to participate in similar programs, but also offers a caveat.

"I think many volunteer efforts that teach English abroad have a history of not really trying to make much of a positive difference and may even have a negative effect, although this is unintentional, in their student's lives beyond the classroom," said Lloyd-Muller. "I would encourage those who do participate in service trips to remember that this effort is not for them, but rather for those we wish to help."

Would she still recommend the experience to others interested in volunteer work, though?

"Yes, even though we all say it is hard to find time in our schedule, we can always make time," said Lloyd-Muller. "Go during summer if your schedule is usually filled. It will change you."

Cornibert made a point of saying that those at the AUA are proud of Lloyd-Muller service work, and are hoping to work more closely with Guilford in the future.

Max Carter, Friends Center director and adjunct professor of religious studies, also provided alternatives for services with a closer connection to Guilford College.

"There is the Bonner Center for Community Service and Learning," said Carter. "Additionally, there



Fiona Lloyd-Muller '16 (top left) poses with five of the students she taught this summer while in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

is the annual trip to Palestine and Israel organized by the Friends Center. During fall, winter, and spring breaks students and others in the community do a week-long service trip with N.C. Friends Disaster Service, building homes. There is also 'No More Deaths,' who are working on an organic farm (and) there is the option of volunteering at Woodbrooke, a Quaker retreat center in England."

For more information on the America's Unofficial Ambassador program, visit their website at:

[www.unofficialambassadors.com](http://www.unofficialambassadors.com)

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