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“The data is clear. Daily PE is not only going to promote longevity of life and quality of life, but why kids are in school to begin with — to learn.”

— HEALTH SCIENCES PROFESSOR JULIAN REED,

IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS* ARTICLE ON RESEARCH THAT LINKS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITH IMPROVED BRAIN FUNCTION.

“[Tim Scott] can say all the things Jim DeMint says, which when Jim says it can sound sometimes to the outside world as pretty harsh. Tim says exactly the same things as Jim does, but he talks about his upbringing and the mentor who taught him the principles of making it in the world. He’s really credible as a conservative who has a heart for disadvantaged people.”

— BRENT NELSEN, POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR,

IN A *POLITICO* STORY AFTER SCOTT WAS APPOINTED TO SUCCEED DeMINT AS THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

“We can no longer escape the indictment that we are, at least in part, a violent people, or that to be an American now means being as addicted to spectacles of destruction as we are to trans fats or smart phones. Nor can we deny that the language we use to describe the acts (‘unimaginable,’ ‘horrific,’ ‘incomprehensible,’ ‘heinous’) or the persons responsible (‘demonic,’ ‘diabolical,’ ‘sick,’ ‘demented,’ ‘disturbed’) has with overuse gradually lost its power to move or teach us, or to illuminate for us the path ahead . . . we may well have become numb to that which is slowly destroying us, anesthetized against the enduring pain and outrage that can lead to sustained change and improvement.”

— COMMUNICATION STUDIES PROFESSOR

SEAN O’ROURKE, IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS* OP-ED AFTER THE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS IN NEWTOWN, CONN.



COURTESY MINNESOTA VIKINGS

“To be voted to the Pro Bowl by your peers, the coaches and the fans, that is something that is always in the back of your mind as a player, but to have it come true means so much. . . . When you have a back like Adrian Peterson, running the ball is going to be your [team’s] identity. I’m just happy I’ve been able to contribute to the team this year and Adrian’s season.”

— JEROME FELTON ’07, FULLBACK FOR THE MINNESOTA VIKINGS, ON [WWW.VIKINGS.COM](http://WWW.VIKINGS.COM). FELTON, WHO DID NOT HAVE A RUSHING ATTEMPT DURING THE SEASON, MADE THE PRO BOWL FOR HIS BLOCKING PROWESS, WHICH HELPED PETERSON GAIN 2,097 YARDS.

“You are excluding a quarter of mankind when you say Islam is incompatible with democracy. It’s important to step back and give people the room to define for themselves what it means to be democratic and Muslim.”

— ABDULLAHI AHMED AN-NA’IM, PROFESSOR

OF LAW AT EMORY UNIVERSITY, SPEAKING IN FURMAN’S WORLD RELIGIONS SYMPOSIUM SERIES.

“We want poverty to no longer be an abstraction. We want students to learn and remember the stories of those in poverty.”

— SUSAN ZEIGER, DIRECTOR OF INTERNSHIPS,

ON A \$40,000 GRANT FROM THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION TO SUPPORT INTERNSHIPS FOR POVERTY STUDIES STUDENTS.

“Being accepted [in Europe] as a great artist, through reviews and opportunities . . . was the pinnacle. I’m just humbled by it . . . I always was thankful and grateful and knew that these were blessings.”

— SARAH REESE ’71, INTERNATIONAL OPERA PERFORMER

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— FRED MILLER, FURMAN’S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER,

AFTER AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SERIOUS DATA BREACH AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.