



POW's rescue brings joy

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Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

ELIZABETH, W. Va. — Jessica Lynch, 19, is a soldier. But her long-held dream is to teach. Just last month she wrote her kindergarten teacher and said: "One day I will be a teacher standing in your spot."

Lynch, rescued from her captors in Iraq in a dramatic mission, now will get that chance.

When the official call came Tuesday night that Pfc. Lynch had been saved, her mentor and former teacher raised her voice in praise and joy.

"She's gonna be a teacher, she's gonna be a teacher," Linda Davies cried.

Davies, like other friends and family members, had gathered at the Lynch house in nearby Palestine after learning of Lynch's rescue Tuesday.

Wednesday, Lynch was flown to Ramstein Air Base in Germany en route to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the largest military hospital outside the United States.

Wrapped in blue blankets, Lynch was carried off the plane on a stretcher. U.S. officials in Kuwait

said she is believed to have broken legs, a broken arm and at least one gunshot wound.

On March 23, Lynch and other members of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company were ambushed in the Iraqi desert. Five of the soldiers were taken prisoner, two were confirmed dead and eight, including Lynch, were listed as missing in action.

News that she was safe thrilled Wirt County, population 5,000. Signs of that were everywhere Wednesday.

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Bob Demay Akron Beacon Journal

Gregory Lynch Jr., brother of rescued POW Jessica Lynch, gets a hug from a well-wisher at the family home in Palestine, W. Va. on Wednesday.

The new terrorists?



Anti-war protesters, like these at last week's rally in Portland, may have to tread more carefully if Senate Bill 742 is approved. Ali Shaughnessy Emerald

Redefining terrorism

Senate Bill 742 in the state senate would enact new guidelines and strict punishments for acts of terrorism in Oregon

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City/State Politics Reporter

On March 24, more than 200 people gathered at the state Capitol in Salem to oppose legislation that would create a crime of terrorism in Oregon, punishable by a maximum of life imprisonment.

Of those 200, approximately 80 individuals signed up to testify against

Senate Bill 742 in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee. No one signed up to speak in favor of the bill, which was introduced by the Judiciary Chair, Sen. John Minnis, R-Fairview.

According to the bill, which was amended by Minnis after the Monday testimony, any person who "knowingly plans, participates in or carries out any violent act that the person knows, or reasonably should know, could result in the death or serious injury of a person and is intended by at least one participant to disrupt or destroy" assembly, commerce,

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Passion for sports inspired student

Former University student Mary Schieffer passed away in March after battling ovarian cancer

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Family/Health/Education Reporter

Mary Schieffer had been described by her friends as a strong and passionate person, not only as a talented athlete, but also as an individual. Schieffer, a former student at the University, died March 17 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was 20.

"She was very strong-willed and opinionated," said Sharon Schieffer, her mother. "She was the kind of person people looked to for inspiration and support."

Doctors diagnosed Schieffer with ovarian cancer when she was only 17 years old in December 2000. After surgical removal of the tumor, she continued school and graduated from Springfield High School in 2000, and enrolled in the University fall term of that year.

One of Schieffer's closest friends was Amber Clasen-Copely, a fellow student she met in a FIG freshman year.

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Candidates stress rules, representation for Seat 6

Two candidates define goals for the finance senator position, which also involves a role on the EMU board

ASUO elections

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Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

Two students are running for ASUO Student Senate Seat 6, a finance senator position that includes roles on the senate and the EMU board. The board, which is responsible for allocating funds for programs and services in the EMU building, must approve all building renovations, space reassignment or changes in EMU program budgets.

The Emerald asked each candidate four

general questions and also asked two specific questions about student government: What is the yearly deadline for the senate to establish budgeting benchmarks (answer: Nov. 30), and what is the most important part of Senate Rules Section 5, which lists senators' duties?

James George, a junior business administration major, is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and the InterFraternity Council. He said his decision to stay for a fifth year will give him the opportunity to take his finance experience to another level, which is his key reason for running for Senate Seat 6. George did not know the deadline for budgeting benchmarks and was unfamiliar with Senate Rules Section 5 and

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Four candidates vie for EMU Student Senate seat

The candidate that wins Student Senate Seat 4 will be partly responsible for allocating funds from the multimillion dollar EMU budget

ASUO elections

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Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

The EMU is considered by many people to be the hub of student activities and dining on campus, and students invest more than \$3 million annually in student incidental fees in the building and its services. University students will elect one of four candidates to represent their interests in this multimillion dol-

lar investment on the EMU Board of Directors as a part of the responsibilities for ASUO Student Senate Seat 4.

The Emerald asked each candidate general questions and two questions specific to senate rules: How many senators' votes are needed to submit articles of impeachment against the ASUO President, and what is the most important part of Senate Rules Section 5, which lists senators' duties?

Guru Simrat K. Khalsa is a 22-year-old freshman and spent the last several years

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