

## Study Abroad

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study experience. The factors that usually affect where a student studies are finances, major (academic credit), location and the time that a particular program is offered, Weber said.

Study abroad gives students a chance to enhance their personal being and to find out more about the United States from an outsider's perspective, Schutt said.

"Until we are exposed to different lifestyles, we are very tempted to think that our way of doing things is the only way or the right way," Phillips said. "It was amazing how different life is in Europe."

Casey McDonald, a junior journalism major, said she has always wanted to study abroad her whole life and was going to apply for the fall, but changed her mind because of the current war in Iraq.

"One day I'll go, but I'm going to wait until things settle down," she said.

Sarah Szuminski, a junior journalism major, is currently studying in Italy. Her program is located in a small community outside of Florence, and she said she has never felt unsafe since she has been there.

"Taking precautions is a good idea and something that I practice," she said. "But I have not limited myself in anything that I had planned on doing or seeing as a result of the constant political unrest that is going on."

Anti-Americanism is not the only threat students may face when they study overseas.

Students who are part of the Internship and Living Abroad Program in the Jordan Institute for

International Awareness, were scheduled to travel to Singapore in May for six weeks. However, due to the recent outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, the trip was postponed.

"We are really just worried about the health of our students," said Diego Garcia, director of the program.

Garcia said the group will leave, at the earliest, July 1 and return Aug. 14.

"I'm not saying a month will make a difference, but Singapore will be the first to tackle the problem because of their health care programs and they have been the most progressive," he said.

Garcia said that travelers should check the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for information about the disease and travel warnings.

Students in the program say they are not worried about their safety in Singapore.

"Asians value respect and America and treat everyone with respect," said Marge Cussen, a senior marketing major.

Garcia said Singapore's police apparatus made the country safer than some places in America.

"They are a strong ally and have very, very strong security mechanisms," he said. "I think there is more of a problem in New York or San Francisco."

Students currently abroad are advised by the study abroad office to not advertise that they are from the United States, to stay away from places that have an overt connection to the United States, such as McDonald's restaurants and to avoid protests and metropolitan areas. They are also asked to always carry emergency contact information.

Students can also check travel warnings at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

## Baghdad

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initial reluctance to assist forces fighting Saddam's regime.

Troops worked to win the trust of Iraqis, keeping in mind that many still recall promises of liberation in the 1991 Gulf War only to find Saddam's forces returned unhindered when coalition forces withdrew.

Lights went on for the first time in weeks in the port city of

Umm Qasr, firmly under British control. Some British forces in southern Iraq were wearing berets in public, shedding their more warlike helmets in areas deemed safe.

Lynch, a supply clerk, was reported missing March 23 along with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss, Texas, after an ambush near Nasiriyah.

Separately, the Navy said two

pilots were rescued, both in good condition, after their F-14 Tomcat crashed in southern Iraq. The plane was on a combat mission, but the crash was not believed due to hostile fire.

The American and British bombing was constant — large explosions reverberated around Baghdad — punctuated by a series of small ground engagements an a sweeping arc to the south of the capital.

country have taken other steps.

At the airport in San Jose, Calif., an American Airlines flight from Tokyo was held on the tarmac after the captain reported five people on board appeared to have SARS-like symptoms. The disease causes a fever, sometimes with chills, headache and body aches, and can lead to a cough and shortness of breath.

A man sitting near three of the passengers said they showed no signs of illness.

"It's an overreaction of some sort," said Bob Beom of Grants Pass, Ore.

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SARS patients.

They also say the SARS germ, not yet firmly identified, appears to spread mostly from droplets spewed out through coughing or sneezing. But it's possible it might also spread more broadly by airborne transmission, or by lurking on surfaces like doorknobs that other people later touch, the experts said.

Short of quarantine, authorities around the

Sherri McFee said as fire and police sirens blared in the background.

"Everybody was really worried ... but we all remained hopeful and knew she would be home," McFee said.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks at Central Command headquarters in Qatar announced that a U.S.

POW had been rescued but refused to provide any further details.

In a brief statement, Brooks said: "Coalition forces have conducted a successful rescue mission of a U.S. Army prisoner of war held captive in Iraq. The soldier has been returned to a coalition-controlled area."

## Lynch

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the United States.

The rescued soldier's hometown erupted in celebration at the news.

"They said it was going to be the biggest party this road had ever seen," Lynch's cousin

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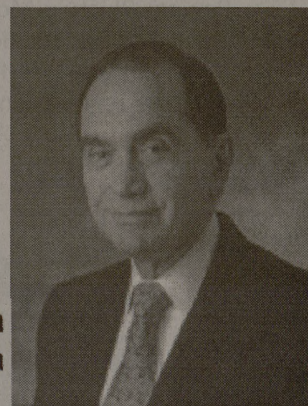


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