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So he introduced HB1307 to stop censorship of high school and college publications.

Many felt the bill had a good chance of passage; it was supported by many Democrats and by Washington's Republican attorney general, Rob McKenna.

But last week it looked like the bill was dead, stopped by a vote in the Senate Judiciary committee.

Last-minute negotiations removed the high school portion of the bill, and it squeaked by. We'll see if the college-only guarantee of rights is passed. But this year, at least, it appears high school journalists in Washington will have to write only flattering comments about their school administrators.

Medical miracle worker: It's spring break at Portlander Stephanie Van Dyke's medical school in New York. No, she did not fly home to Portland for some R&R. She flew, with skilled volunteers, to the medical clinic built in Uganda last year by Stephanie, her parents Jeff and Heidi Van Dyke, Ugandan villagers and many volunteers, some from Portland.

Three days ago, patients were treated for the first time in the humble building they erected.

The clinic was built in part with money donated by readers of this column, who liked what they read about Stephanie's dream of building a clinic in a village that has had no other medical care.

She hopes to train nurses, so the clinic can provide services even when it's not staffed by her fellow medical students and professors.

Stephanie's dad wrote Tuesday: "They saw more than 100 patients on their first day of business Monday, and there were more than 60 waiting prior to opening of the second day, early this morning, when Steph called. Mostly malaria cases, as expected."

If you'd like to donate to the cause, or volunteer for a future trip, go to www.engeye.com.

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