Black Swan is an interesting, yet compelling story with an even crazier ending. This film stars Natalie Portman (Star Wars) who plays Nina and Mila Kunis (That 70’s Show) who plays Lily in a dramatic thriller with many twists and turns around every corner. The story takes place at a ballet performance theater in New York City, and focuses much of its attention on being the coveted Swan Queen in a production of “Swan Lake”. Both Lily and Nina want the main role of the Black Swan, therefore there is much competition among all of the ballerinas in the play.
It is ultimately up to the viewer to decipher what is real and what is fantasy from the beginning of the film through the end. The movie also focuses a majority of the attention on Nina’s mother, Erica, who pushes Nina every second to make her the best ballerina possible. Erica ultimately pushes Nina to her breaking point who then runs out on her mother. “I thought it was one of the best movies out to date. If this movie doesn’t earn an Oscar than I will go crazy,” says Jessika Fairchild, junior.

The climax of the film occurs after Nina has won the role of the Swan Queen. She begins to crack under the immense pressure put on her by director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel), Paranoia and suspense play a huge role in the film as Nina slowly drifts away from the gentle White Swan to become the dangerous Black Swan. “I was shocked, I was appalled, throughout the movie I was flabbergasted at each scene” says Sean Moscynski, a senior.

“The characters are constantly moving from one place to another, although I really enjoyed it” says Mohamed Abdalla, senior. Overall the movie is very hard to follow because each scene goes by quickly and abruptly. I believe it had an original plot and the acting was amazing. “Black Swan” is very fast paced and is a little difficult to follow, but is truly a masterpiece. I think anyone who enjoys an interesting film with spectacular acting should run to the theaters and see this movie.

KNIGHTS AIM FOR A SLAM DUNK

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A Quick Look at Where Our Fighting Knights Stand Going into Playoffs

By JOEYARGENZIANO

Staff Writer
Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams at Lynn have fought hard during the first half of the season as there will be more challenges for the remainder of the season to make a run for the playoffs.

As of February 9, the men’s team is 5-16 (3-8 in conference). The team is starting to come together as newcomers have made an influential difference.

Josh Garcia (12.7 points, 3 assists), Cameron McCallum (11.4 points, 9 rebounds), Jimmy Gaskins (11.3 points, 6.1 rebounds) and Terrell Williams (9.1 points, 5 rebounds) are having an amazing first season as Fighting Knights. Senior Chris Hall is leading the team with 13.7 points and Boston native Jovan Robinson (9.2 points) has displayed great defense.

It has been a tough season so far due to injuries. Terrell Williams, Michel Vidal, Craig Brown, Bo Juric, Rodney Kennedy and Colin Gates (red-shirted) have all missed several games. “They could definitely use some improving,” said super fan Rasha Travis, freshman.

Josh and Jimmy are doing some big things and Terrell is coming back strong after his injury. “I’m still rooting for them because there is still chance they can make it to the tournament.” Senior forward Terrell Williams adds, “We have to have good practices to have good games. I feel we are finally connecting and will go strong for the rest of the season and the playoffs.”

The women’s team record is 10-11 (4-7 conference, 8-4 home games).

Senior Chelsea Patterson is leading the team in points (16) and assists (3). Quanisha Dixon has showed fans that she is an all-around player. This senior is averaging 9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists per game.
The most improved player is Marquis Lee (12 points, 6 rebounds). In fact, Lee has almost doubled her scoring average from last season.

The team hopes to repeat as Sunshine State Conference Champions. “Adversity builds teamwork and teamwork builds champions,” said Amand Schultz, sophomore forward.

**PROTESTS IN CAIRO AFFECT LYNN**

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*How Egypt’s Successful Fight to Remove President Mubarak Hits Home*

By: SAMANTHA WOHLMUTH

Staff Writer

Protesters in Cairo sent their message to the world. Photo/ Google Images.

On Tuesday Jan. 25, the streets of Cairo erupted with the shouts and footsteps of discontent citizens as thousands gathered to protest against government lead, Hosni Mubarak.

Following suit to Tunisia’s recent successful uprising, what is now known as Egypt’s “The Day of Rage,” is was desperate attempt to remove Mubarak and his government from power.

As an Egyptian citizen currently studying International Relations Gamila Elmaadawy, junior, kept a close eye on the situation in her home country.

“I’m from Cairo,” said Elmaadawy. “Most of my family is from Cairo, but they’re spread out more on the northern [parts] of Egypt.”
Tension grew in Egypt over the corrupt government, skyrocketing unemployment and poverty. Word of rebellion had been whispered through the streets for several years. However, Twitter and Facebook were being used to communicate such thoughts.

Directly prior to the revolt, organizers used these tools to coordinate the details right down to the time and place.

“Egypt had some unrest. There was a vague rumor [that on the] 25th people would protest. We just thought it was a rumor; we didn’t think it’d be this huge,” said Elmaadawy. “That day, people just started pouring out onto the streets. We were like ‘whoa, they’re serious about this.”

On Thursday January 27, the Egyptian government blocked the use of Internet and phone access to hinder communication by protest leaders. For a 14 days Egypt went “silent,” as very few messages could be relayed in or out of the country.

“That day, all my friends and all my family just disappeared off the Internet,” said Elmaadawy. “I started calling [everyone] I knew on their mobiles. Some people I could reach. My sister I could reach for some reason because she lives far [out of] Cairo in kind of a deserted neighborhood. Her phone worked and she basically told me everything.”

Over the past week, Elmaadawy has posted several images on Facebook in support for the protests back home.

“I would be a bit of a traitor feel like a traitor I think if I didn’t [support the uprising],” responded Elmaadawy when asked about the pictures. “This is something that every Egyptian has been waiting for, for so long. It’s a struggle to live in Egypt, especially if you’re Egyptian, of course. Prices [of goods] were going crazy. You couldn’t survive on those prices. If I was there right now, I’d be on the streets.”

Mohamed El Baradei, former leader of the International Atomic Energy Agency, has recently returned to Egypt to help lead in the protests and is being considered a possible replacement for Mubarak.

When asked if she fears that a worse leader would take Mubarak’s place, Elmaadawy responded confidently, “The people protesting are just average people who aren’t radicals, not like Al Qaeda supporters. There’s no reason that a radical group or person would take power.”

A group of individuals gathered in Boca Raton on Thursday February 3 to protest in support of the revolution. Many were seen from the street waving Egyptian flags and holding signs saying, “Mubarak or Egypt?”

Although many supported the cause, some openly stated on Facebook that the individuals “need to relax.” Some felt the uprising was a plot by the Muslim Brotherhood in Cairo to spark senseless violence and that by supporting it in America the individuals were being “disrespectful.”
“My sister-in-law was involved with organizing it. Just like Egyptians here or just like me, like I said before, these are regular people that went out on the streets and said ‘this is our right. It’s our right to [speak] against the government,’” stated Elmaadawy. “It’s not [Muslim Brotherhood’s] revolution, it’s the people’s. There are no reasons for all these [statements].”

On the morning of February 11, Mubarak resigned from his position as Egypt’s president. Vice President Omar Suleimam acquired control of the now rejoicing country, as Mubarak flees Cairo for Sharm el-Sheikh— an Egyptian city on the Red Sea. All over the country, crowds gathered to celebrate the success of the revolution that has freed their country of its oppressive leadership.

When approached about Mubarak’s resignation, Elmaadawy lit up. With a jovial smile she responded, “Things change so quickly.”

QEP HAS BEGUN HERE AT LYNN

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As Spring Semester Starts, Lynn Prepares to Roll Out “The Citizenship Project”

By JENNIFER RODRIGUES

Editor-in-Chief

Lynn will soon be seeking reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and one question will be on everyone’s mind: What is Lynn’s QEP?

QEP stands for Quality Enhancement Plan and is a requirement for accreditation. It is a plan that enhances the university community through something new. “It’s something that connects students, faculty and staff while enhancing the community,” explains Anna Krift, co-chair of QEP at Lynn.
What exactly is Lynn’s QEP? Lynn’s plan to meet this vital requirement is called The Citizenship Project. The plan will go into effect for all first year students in January 2012.

In relation to Level 100 Self and Society courses, professors are being encouraged to create J-terms specifically for first-year students to impact the idea of civic engagement. There will be about 20 courses to help fulfill this requirement, all of which will be centered on one of three areas of civic engagement: urban politics, poverty and the environment as well as sustainability.

“Students will take this course through their J-term on campus, but experience an off-campus service project,” explains Krift. The first is working with Gumbo Limbo Nature Center through beach and mangrove clean-ups. The second is with Habitat for Humanity to address issues of poverty and community development. The final project will work with Palm Beach County Sheriff’s department to address community and urban politics.

All current students should make sure to at least be aware of what QEP is and what Lynn’s specific plan is because members of the accreditation board will be on campus in April to ask students questions about the new program. To help students stay informed, a large PR campaign has begun.

Visit www.lynn.edu/QEP to learn more.

STUDENT TRAPPED IN EGYPT’S CRISIS

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Harrison Baker Tells His Experience in Egypt This Past Month

By PATRICIA LAMMLE

Editor-in-Chief
Harrison Baker, senior in Public Relations and Advertising, went on a trip this past January that would change his life forever. Eager to work, Baker decided to go to Egypt during January Term to participate in an internship at a shipping company in the city of Alexandria.

He and his friend Mohamed Abdalla went to Egypt for two weeks and stayed with Abdalla’s family. Abdalla, senior and native of the country, was Baker’s guide throughout the trip.

During their time in Egypt, Baker and Abdalla visited the famous pyramids, Alexandria’s lighthouse and last but not least, Cairo. During their visit to the capital, they witnessed a once in a lifetime experience.

Originally from Charleston, S.C., Baker had no idea of what he would was about to get himself into. On Feb. 1, Baker and Abdalla visited the city of Cairo with expectations of enjoying a day walking throughout the city and enjoying the beauty of the Natural Museum of Cairo. What the two Lynn students were unaware of was that Feb. 1 marked the first day of the demonstrations to oust President Mubarak.

When both students got out of the museum, which is located at the plaza where the demonstration took place, there were more than 3 million people in the square. “It was exciting, yet fearful and interesting at the same time,” said Baker.

Although the riots had just started when Baker and Abdalla got trapped in it, the degree of violence was already high.

“There were a few times when I felt my life was threatened,” said Baker.

Streets became the scenario of numerous acts of violence, endless violations of human rights and an overall example of how desperate the Egyptian people were. After a 30 year regime of the Mubarak family, the country was ready to take them down and start over as a democratic country.
Baker and Abdalla were part of one of the most significant movements in the history of Egypt. This experience certainly changed Baker as he not only got to participate in one of the largest and longest demonstrations in history, but he also saw a glimpse of the idiosyncrasy of the Egyptian people.

He described them as people with, “high generosity, very helpful and very open.” He said this surprised him. “I was expecting something else completely.” He also mentioned he would definitely go back to Egypt in a heartbeat. “I still think it’s a safe country,” he said.

Baker returned to the United States the day after the demonstrations had begun.

FINDING HIS VOICE

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“The King’s Speech” Tells a Story of Triumph

By: CLAY WEINGARTNER

Staff Writer

“King’s Speech” is a winner. Stock Photo.

The King’s Speech is about two brothers whose dad was the king but passed away and then succeeded to his brother.
The Duke felt that his other brother was meant to be on the throne and not himself. Due to the Duke’s speech impairment, it made it very difficult for him to speak, especially when he was in front of large crowds.

This movie is very interesting in a public speaking sense and also very touching because of the fact that the Duke is taking on the role of his father and tries his best to carry on his father’s reputation of being a good king.

Although it is very interesting, the movie does move along somewhat slow. The acting in The King’s Speech is very good and also the scoring of the movie as well. This movie shows the viewer how difficult it is to speak with a speech impairment and the anxiety of thousands of people listening. This movie also gives the viewer insight on what a person in such high authority has to go through, as well as the troubles that come with it.

**Talk About It**
BIANCA BARIOLI: A TRIPLE THREAT

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Student Makes a Difference with First Dance Knight Event

By JOEY ARGENZIANO

Staff Writer

Glamour shot of Barioli. Staff Photo/LU Photo.

Bianca Barioli, sophomore, is a drama student who has made a difference on this campus in performing arts.

Barioli, 19, from Parkland, Fla. is one of ten siblings in her family. She is very friendly with a bubbly, outgoing personality.
Aside from dancing, singing and acting, another one of her favorite activities is playing piano. Barioli recently hosted Lynn’s first Dance Knight, which was a great success. This is an exclusive interview with Barioli on the dance event and her life in Performing Arts:

iPulse: You act, dance and sing. What do you like the most?

Barioli: It’s a three-way tie; I love them all. Each of the three feed off each other. I specialize in dancing because I have done that the longest. In fact, I have been dancing since I could walk.

iPulse: What is your favorite genre of dance and why?

Barioli: My favorite is Latin ballroom. I love the music, rhythm and energy.

iPulse: How important is it to be multi-talented and go far in the performing arts industry?

Barioli: Being diverse definitely plays a factor, so you’ll want to bring everything you’ve got to the table, but always remember there are opportunities to grow and learn in each aspect.

iPulse: What do you want to do after college?

Barioli: My big obnoxious dream is to work on Broadway. If that doesn’t happen, I would love to work at Disney. It would be cool to be a character or be a dancer in parades, shows and events. If a career in performing arts doesn’t workout, I would like to study medicine, specializing in Pediatrics at UM’s medical school.

iPulse: How did Lynn’s First Dance Knight come about?

Barioli: I am part of the “Knight-Light Series” created by Adam and Carrie Simpson. In the “Knight-Light Series,” students create, direct and perform original works to showcase their talents. I’ve always wanted to do a dance show, especially here. When the new Performing Arts Center opened up, I felt it was perfect timing because now we have a new space to play in. I had been talking with fellow dancers Alex and Andrew Meyers for a while about putting together a dance show; everyone we asked about it wanted to participate in one as well. So I asked the president of the drama program, Sophia Barrett, if I could do this and she was ecstatic about the idea.

iPulse: What did the event consist of?

Barioli: There were nine different genres of dance that students both on and off campus choreographed and performed. We had everything from Bollywood and jazz to contemporary and breaking. The whole show was put together in a week, which I thought was amazing considering how fast we put it together and how wonderful each performance was.

iPulse: How was the show as well as the turnout?
Barioli: I was so pleased with the turnout. We were sold out ten minutes before the show and then had to add two more rows, so it was a great feeling. I was very proud and honored to have worked with such a talented and creative group. It was a lot of fun to create and organize the event.

iPulse: Why was this event important to be part of?

Barioli: It gave dancers the opportunity to showcase their talent. Each person worked really hard and you could definitely see all the effort put forth in the performances.

iPulse: Is there going to be another Lynn Dance Knight?

Barioli: Yes, we are going to have it on April 20. It is going to be a must-see; I am excited that we are going to use the Perper Stage in The Wold Performing Arts Center, which is much bigger. We are going to have many more dancers, both on and off campus participating in this event, as well as different clubs and organizations, including OLAS and ZBT. We encourage anyone and everyone to come and sign up. The more people who get involved, the better the show.

If students would like to be part of this show, please send an email to Barioli at bbarioli@email.lynn.edu and include “Dance Knight” in the subject. Students can also sign the sign-up sheet on the third floor of the library in room 304 (Professor Adam and Carrie Simpson’s office).

**IRISHMAN DAY-IN AND DAY-OUT**

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*SAS Member Morgan O’Sullivan Helps Students Find Their Pot O’ Gold*

By MATTHEW FISCHER

Staff Writer
One man waits all year for St. Patrick’s Day to roll around and that man is Lynn University’s resident Irishman, Morgan O’ Sullivan.

The rest of the year he helps students earn financial aid and pay their bills.

Morgan is married with a young daughter and is a large fan of Star Wars. He always tries to bring a little bit of Ireland with him to Student Administrative Services with numerous decorations. Morgan offered to spend a few minutes with iPulse to answer some questions:

iPulse: How long have you been at Lynn?

O’Sullivan: I’ve been at Lynn since 1999.

i: Do you enjoy SAS?

O: Yes, because I get to help students on a daily basis, I get a chance to discover new ways of customer service and I get to work with good people.

i: You recently had a daughter. How old is she and how happy were you on the day she was born?

O: She is fifteen months old and it was one of the greatest days of my wife’s and my life.

i: If you had one person to live with on an island that was totally stocked with food for the rest of your life, who would that be and why?

O: My wife, because I love her very much.

i: Let’s play free word association for a second:

i: Pizza

O: Dominoes
BAD HABITS BEGIN IN COLLEGE

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Faced with Freedom Students Develop New Habits, Some Good and Some Bad

By RACHEL LEVENSON

Copy Editor

Zachary Dick, senior shows procrastination at its finest. Photo/R. Levenson.
Many students develop bad habits when adjusting to college life. For most students, college is the start of independence when they no longer have to ask parents for permission.

Newfound freedom is gratifying, but it is important not to take advantage. Because parents are not around to serve as an alarm clock, say when to do homework, enforce keeping personal space clean or nag about the importance of eating properly, students must take the initiative to step up to the plate.

In college, even more so if one does not live with a roommate, one has the luxury to live how they want. They can eat junk food all day, stay up all night and keep their room as messy as they please. These personal liberties can form into lifelong lifestyle habits if not careful.

As young adults, many are more inclined to have fun rather than take things seriously, which is why procrastination is one of the things that become an issue for students as far as bad habits are concerned.

Zach Dick, senior, said sleep is an issue for him. “I definitely have trouble with sleep management,” said Dick. “I go to bed too late and sometimes end up oversleeping.”

Sleep is an issue for many college students, and although young adults are able to function off little or no sleep, it is important for students to be well rested in order to be productive and get their priorities done in an efficient, organized fashion.

“If I don’t get a good eight hours of sleep, I can’t function the next day,” said Carolyne Nissani, sophomore.

WELCOME TO THE NEAR FUTURE

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Google Executives Begin to Create the First Promoted Self-Driving Car

By DAVID SLOAN

Staff Writer
Google executives test self-driving car.

The future is here and it is presented by Google. Recently the search engine has announced that they are in the process of developing a self driving vehicle.

During October, Google had been publicly displaying their most recent investment in California by driving a fleet of self driving cars around the San Francisco Bay Area and have logged in over 140,000 miles without touching a wheel. Towns and local police were informed about their presence. Even though they consider this an early experimental stage, many critics believe the development of the technology is very impressive.

“I like the idea. I would buy it,” said Brett Wilson, freshman. “If I had one I would be able to get work done at the same time.”

According to PC Magazine, DARPA, an agency within the United States Defense Department, which has sponsored self, navigating competitions in the past, is using those technical teams to help push along the autonomous cars. Chris Urmson, who won the self navigating competition in 2007, Mike Montemerlo, who was the software lead for the Stanford team in 2005 and Anthony Levandowski, who created the first self driving motorcycle, have all been hired by Google to help evolve their new technology.

Google believes that the new cars are not just a nostalgic tool that is geared toward technology gurus, but will help with road safety.

The World Health Organization has stated that there are about 1.2 million fatal auto-related accidents, but with the advancement of self-navigating vehicles, the hope is that it will cut that number in half. Still, people are starting to wonder if it is really safe for someone not to navigate their own car and depend on robotic technology.

Google has made it clear that they would not develop a self-navigating car without the ability to have a driver take over.

“Personally, I like driving my car,” said Mike Paliotta, senior. “But I like how this can help with car safety.”
Right now Google has not made it clear of what the true purpose of creating a self-driving car is, but with its possible availability on the U.S. market, there is no telling how this will change society.
Lynn Students Become Model Citizens During this Year’s Spring Break

By DESTINY GOLDEN

Staff Writer

Students spend time together for spring break and dedicate their time to volunteering. Staff Photos/ D. Golden.

Students at Lynn will spend spring break giving back to the New Orleans community.

Typically, students spend their spring break lazing by the beach by day and clubbing at night, but Lynn students are anything but typical.

In conjunction with the United Way, eight students will experience an alternative spring break and assist in building homes in New Orleans.

“I want students to truly understand what it means to be active citizens,” said Annie Weaver with the Office of Student Life.
In addition to building, students will spend time working at the Louisiana Children’s Museum and construct literacy kits for children in Palm Beach County.

Because the trip falls during Mardi Gras, students will also have the opportunity to attend the parade.

“This is going to be a lot of fun,” said Weaver. “We’re going to be doing something bigger than ourselves and we’re going to learn a little something along the way.”

Alternative spring breaks are becoming more popular among students. “When you hear spring break, you think of parties, drinking and general ‘craziness,’ said Weaver. “The point of an alternative spring break is to buck the system.”

Students will depart early March 6 and return March 12 for five days of service.

The Alternative Spring Break is sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

**2011 SPRING BREAK HOT SPOTS**

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*Students Have Several Choices for Relaxing Destinations for Spring Break*

By DESTINY GOLDEN

Staff Writer

Spending spring break at the beach. Photo/ D. Golden.
Whether looking to relax or party, students have an array of options when choosing their spring break destinations.

“It’s hard deciding where to go and it usually takes awhile for my friends and I to decide on one particular place,” said Nicole Thaw, junior.

Spring break is the perfect time for students to relax and let go of the pressures of school. “Semesters are really tough,” said Neski Petit, senior. “And a break in the middle of it is a good idea.”

Here are the top five 2011 spring break destinations that offer just that:

Las Vegas – This west coast hotspot is the perfect destination for students who enjoy a good party. This lucky location will be hosting MTV’s 2011 Spring Break March 6 to March 10. Check out their Web site for exciting deals.

New Orleans – The “Crescent City” is back. World famous Mardis Gras will be held just in time for spring break. The big day is March 8. This is one festivity many will not want to miss.

Panama City – This coastal city is anything but quiet. Self-proclaimed as the spring break capital of the world, it does have very pristine beaches.

South Padre Island, Texas – This southern beach party is for those who are ready to soak up the sun. This is a destination where one does not want to leave behind their sun screen.

Miami – For those who want quiet, relaxing days and steamy nights, this is the destination. With beautiful beaches, numerous art galleries and the hottest night clubs, Miami has plenty to offer. This ideal location is only 45 minutes from Lynn.

Students can search the Web for inexpensive deals to any of these destinations.

**CARNIVAL OF FUN AND SAFETY**

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*Lynn’s Counseling Center Celebrates Safety for Spring Break*

By DESTINY GOLDEN

Staff Writer
Students, faculty and staff get in on the fun of last year’s Safe Spring Break Carnival in the Perper Plaza. LU Photos.

The Counseling Center will be sending a safe spring break message to students with a festive event today on campus. There will be several interactive events that students and faculty can participate in. A DUI simulator that imitates a drunk driver will be on hand as well as goggles that students can wear to illustrate the perception of an individual under the influence.

Gail DeCina with the Counseling Center said, “By wearing the goggles or trying out the simulator I hope students won’t drink or drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs.”

Alcohol and drugs have dangerous effects, especially during spring break.

WESH, a local Orlando station, reported that Daytona had a rash of rapes during last year’s spring break.

“Students should be careful,” said DeCina. “Don’t leave your drink unattended because someone could slip you the date rape drug.”

Also, stay with friends and never travel alone. Besides not drinking and driving, do not get into a car with someone who is driving intoxicated.

If you or anyone you know has a traumatic experience during spring break the Counseling Center will be open with someone on call 24 hours a day.

If you are away from the area, the Counseling Center has a referral program. Simply call the Counseling Center at (561) 237-7468 and they will put you in contact with individuals who can help you nationwide.

The Safe Spring Break Carnival will be held outside of Christine’s from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served at the event.
THE HISTORY OF SPRING BREAK

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A Look at how this Annual College Vacation Tradition Came to Life

By DESTINY GOLDEN

Staff Writer

Senior Maria Agudelo spends her Spring Break in a beautiful tropical location, like many other students will. Photo/ M. Agudelo.

Although spring break offers Lynn students time away from their studies, many do not know how it commenced.

For many students, all they know about spring break is that they get a week off from school to soak up the sun or go to the beach.

“We really need that time off to connect with other students,” said Neskati Petit, senior.

It all started in the spring of 1936 when the coach of Colgate University’s swim team brought his athletes to Ft. Lauderdale to train.

Because the training went well, the coach brought the team down again the following year, and thus a tradition began.

Soon there after, other colleges caught on and began bringing their swimmers down to train during spring.
By the late 1950s and early 1960s, word had spread that Ft. Lauderdale was the place to be for spring break. With estimates of 13,000 to 20,000 students packing the beach at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida established itself as the spring break capital of the world.

Ft. Lauderdale was so popular that it was the inspiration and location for the 1960 hit movie, “Where the Boys Are.”

However, all good things come to an end. The constant partying, alcohol and drugs did not sit well with all the members of the community.

By the late 1980s, residents of the city were fed up. Officials began the strict enforcement of city, county and state laws. This began the migration of spring breakers to Daytona Beach and a new era of spring break was born.

“I always wondered how Daytona got so popular,” said Askin Illait, sophomore.

By the 1990s, spring break in Daytona Beach was a phenomenon. With hundreds of thousands of students partaking in this annual event, other cities began to cash in on this gold mine of tourist dollars.

Places such as Panama City, South Padre Island, Texas and Cancun, Mexico, began to sell themselves as premier spring break destinations.

Spring break became so popular that MTV began broadcasting shows from some of these locations.

While most today still spend their spring break going to exotic destinations to party with fellow college students, some students choose to spend their break doing community related projects.

This decade there has been a rise in students opting for an alternative spring break.

“Alternative spring breaks make you feel good about yourself,” said Randi Gardner, junior.

Alternative spring breaks give students the opportunity to volunteer and give back to communities.

Throughout its history, the options for spring break may have changed but the concept itself is still the same to offer students a temporary break from life.
LYNN WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER KYLE CONRAD

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By JOEY ARGENZIANO

Staff Writer

Kyle Conrad was the definition of a true friend. Conrad was special because he touched many during his little time on this Earth. He made a positive difference in the world and will never be forgotten. Conrad had many friends that cared and loved him. The iPulse sat down with a few of them to remember this Fighting Knight.

Brittany Gross, Senior / Softball player:

“The first day I met Kyle in preschool we became the best of friends and pretty much inseparable throughout our lives. He was just that person you could go to for anything: for a laugh, to talk to, cry with, play jokes on or just even to see that perfect beautiful smile he had. Growing up everyone knew Kyle Conrad. He was the person who everyone wanted to be or even just to have in their lives. We had this special type of bond that came through in our personalities and our love for sports. Over Kyle’s life he has been that star on the field that has won over 50 awards and voted homecoming king, and, not to mention, Best All Around while tallying up state titles: these accomplishments, honors, and accolades certainly reflect the life Kyle lived, but they do not come close to describing the person he was. I’ll never forget all the great times we have all shared with him. I now know that every memory we all shared with Kyle really was a blessing. I think of it as a privilege to have known the legendary Kyle Conrad.”

Jordan Angel, Graduate Student / Softball player:

“Kyle Conrad, there are very few in this world that will ever compare to the person that he was. Not only was he amazing on the soccer field, but he was an amazing person off the field. He
befriended me in 2008, my first year at Lynn. [He was] always crossing campus with a smile on his face and a quick hello to follow. That fall, I didn’t go home for Thanksgiving and ended up in Jensen Beach where Kyle grew up. It is one of the memories I will take with me along with the many others we made. That same year, they were the SSC champions, and he won Most Improved Player for the soccer team. He was a worker and worked hard at what he did, leading him to be only the fourth soccer player in Lynn history to score 100 points. One of my friends Rachel Larkins used this quote on Facebook shortly after we all heard the news and I think this sums up Kyle and all who knew him, ‘I think about how much I miss him, and start to feel sorry for myself…..but then I think about all the people who never got the chance to meet him, and I start to feel sorry for them.’”

Mark Bracey, Freshman:

“Kyle impacted a lot of people’s lives. He was loyal and loved by many students here at Lynn. People should honor Kyle by continuing his legacy of being a good person; however, he will never be replaced.”

Robbie Hannon, Sophomore / Soccer Player:

“As a prospective student-athlete deciding where I wanted to go for college, Kyle Conrad was the first name that I associated the Lynn soccer program with. His accolades alone ensured that he shone amongst his fellow teammates and the fact that Lynn had attracted such a high quality athlete was a decisive factor toward my decision to come here.”

Katrina Lavadan, Senior / Softball Player:

“Kyle was one of those people that you knew from the start would have an everlasting impact on your life. He was always so positive, full of energy and just seemed to let things roll off him. He always had this tremendous outlook on life. That’s one of the things, along with the memories, that I will take away from him. I look back on my memories with him and I just can’t help but smile. Kyle was truly a one-of-a-kind guy, and I feel so blessed to have been his friend. He will always remain one of the best guys I have ever met, and I will miss his smile for the rest of my life. However, I know he’s with the angels shining the brightest of them all. Watch over us Kyle – I love you!”

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KYLE CONRAD

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By JOEY ARGENZIANO
Sherman and Mary Ann Conrad brought Kyle Conrad into the world on March 28, 1989. Their son loved sports at a young age and eventually decided to major in Sports Management at Lynn. Conrad also played soccer at Lynn, after playing a lustrous career at Jensen Beach High School.

Conrad played for the Falcons throughout his high school career and won the FHSAA State Title in 2006. He scored 50 goals and 14 assist in his senior year, tallying up 143 goals and 43 assists in his high school career. The honor roll student also participated in cross-country and track and field.

Conrad would come off the bench 16 out of 18 games during his freshman year at Lynn. He would score 4 goals and make 4 assists. Conrad improved the next season starting 13 out of 20 games marking 27 points. In his junior season, Conrad would start every game except for one and earn 14 goals and 7 assists. Conrad had an amazing final season this past fall. As a senior he would start every game, scoring 11 goals, and making 4 assists. Conrad was always consistent as he compiled 100 points in his Fighting Knight career.

Conrad won many accolades for soccer. He was a two-time Daktronics All-American, two-time ESPN Academic All-American, three-time ESPN First Team Academic All District, two-time All-SSC Selection and a three-time All-South Region Selection.

On December 11, 2010, Conrad and his friend and roommate, Joe Cundall were walking on a railroad bridge in Broward Country. While they were trying to take a shortcut, the bridge started to go up. As Conrad fell, he hit his head before falling into the water. Cundall also sustained injuries from a fall. They were found less than an hour later and were rushed to the hospital. After being on life support for awhile, Conrad’s amazing life ended.

Conrad was on this Earth for 21 years. Even though his life was short, he made the best out of it. He was also the definition of a true Fighting Knight. He would always give it his all on and off the field.

In his memory, there was the creation of the Kyle Conrad Artificial Reef. A tugboat dedicated to Conrad sank to the bottom of the ocean off of the inlet of St. Lucie and will one day form a reef in memory of Conrad. Also, MCAC started a fund. On their Facebook page, the information states “donations to the MCAC Kyle Conrad Memorial Reef Fund can be dropped off at any TD bank from Maine to South Florida.” The fund is a 501-c3 non-profit organization giving donors a tax deductible contribution credit. To make the Kyle Conrad Reef a reality, visit http://www.facebook.com/erica.zara#!/pages/MCAC-Kyle-Conrad-Memorial-Reef-Fund/174649905889125?v=info).

Overall, Lynn will never be the same without Conrad, but he will live on forever on campus and in our hearts.

**TRIBUTE TO KYLE CONRAD**
By JOEY ARGENZIANO

Staff Writer

It is an honor and privilege to make a tribute for my good friend Kyle. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

I transferred to Lynn in January 2010 and I had known Kyle for almost a year. I met him and his family on Valentine’s Day. We were both at a restaurant sitting a few tables across from each other. I recognized him, so I went up to him and his family and introduced myself. Ever since, we were close friends.

I started writing for the iPulse last semester. I knew Kyle was close to scoring 100 career points for the Fighting Knights soccer team, so I had an idea to interview him. I remember the game when Kyle scored 7 points (including a hat trick) that brought him to 99 points. The end of the season was coming near, but Kyle finally scored his 100th point during an away game. I was happy for him and excited to get the chance to interview him.

The interview lasted almost two hours. We had a lot of fun talking about many different topics. Kyle was a humble person; he did not talk a lot of his achievements and talked more about the team as a whole. I remember later that night when I was writing the article, I sent him a text. The message said, “I just want to say thank you for the interview. I have become more of a fan of you playing soccer, but most importantly as a person. I appreciate our friendship a lot.” Kyle replied back thanking me, telling me he cares about me as a friend and he was appreciative for the article. He also told me that was the best interview he ever did. One of the happiest moments I had last semester was when I got to present the “Kicking It with Kyle” article to him. He smiled often, but he had the biggest smile I had ever seen when I gave the newspaper to him.

Kyle was a very smart kid. He even proofread the first draft of my article and helped me make the necessary changes that I needed to make. I had a feeling that he after he would graduate, he would be successful in anything he would want to do. He had a lot of desire and passion, but also worked hard at everything. I even felt that he could have made it playing for a pro soccer team. He was an amazing athlete, but also a wonderful person.

The best part about Kyle was that he was a good person. In fact, I hope I have a son like Kyle one day. He was a real genuine guy, who knew right from wrong and always acted responsible. A true friend to all, he made a difference in many people’s lives. I considered him a role model to many of those who knew him; he had a great reputation both at Lynn and his community at home in Jensen Beach. He was one of the happiest kids I knew and he enjoyed life to the fullest.
Kyle and I would always talk about sports, especially soccer. We also talked a lot about our families, different cultures, world history, swimming and fishing. He was also a fan of my notorious Facebook videos. We would always joke about them and he always loved the shout-outs that I would make for him and our mutual friends. The last time I saw him was a few days before he passed. I was done eating and about to leave the cafeteria. I saw him sitting with some of his teammates so I walked up to say hi to all of them. I patted Kyle on the back and told him that I would see him later. Unfortunately, there was no later.

I remember the day that he past away; it was on a Saturday. I woke up and checked my school e-mail. I saw the e-mail about the incident and I started to tear up for a few seconds, but it did not hit me at that time. I went to Lynn’s basketball game. During the game, I looked at my phone and saw Kyle’s name. I thought to myself that that he was never going to answer – and that was when it hit me that I lost a close friend; I broke down. In fact, everyone was having a hard time, but we are all there together picking each other up. I felt being there with our friends helped us gain strength during a time of weakness. I want everyone to know that us Fighting Knights are strong!

A week later, I went home for the holiday vacation. Usually the first thing I do after returning home from a semester is hug my bed. Instead, I asked my mom to bring me my article of Kyle that I sent her a few weeks earlier. When I saw the paper, I lost it. On Christmas Eve, we went to church and lit a candle for Kyle, Joe Cundall, and their families.

My mother (Grace Argenziano) stated, “I never met Kyle, but Joey talked about him. Also, after having read Joey’s article on Kyle in the iPulse, I was impressed with this young man’s accomplishments as a soccer player and a student. However, what impressed me the most was his connection to his family. He understood the importance of family and that their guidance and support helped him to be the athlete and student he was. He made a difference in Joey’s life as my son misses him; he cared so much for Kyle. Joey worked very hard putting this tribute together because he wanted to do something special to honor his late friend. Along with Kyle’s impressive awards, his family’s ritual of a picture taken after each home game with family, friends and teammates will provide lasting remembrances of times of joy, celebration and pride of their son’s experience at Lynn University. His spirit will live on in the hearts of many at Lynn University.”

Today is a tough day for all of us because it is Kyle’s memorial. Kyle was a very special person and I feel we will all reunite with him in heaven one day. However, he will always be with us in spirit and in our hearts. Kyle would want us to continue his life the right way by scoring goals on and off the field. We must celebrate his life and let Kyle’s legacy live on. Personally, I was lucky to be close with Kyle and will I never forget him.
REMEMBERING: KICKING IT WITH KYLE

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Senior Kyle Conrad Scores 100 Points in Lynn Soccer Career

By JOEY ARGENZIANO

Staff Writer

Kyle Conrad, senior, scored his 100th point in his Lynn soccer career at the end of this past season. Only four students at Lynn have accomplished this feat; the last time was 15 years ago. In his second to last game, Conrad made an assist versus Nova to tally up his points to the century mark.

Conrad celebrates after scoring his 100th point as a Fighting Knight. Photo/ JC Ridley.

Conrad has everything going for him. The Florida native is graduating this May with a Sports Management degree. Conrad is a humble, determined, intelligent young man who works hard on
and off the field. In fact, he is the only Lynn student in the history of the school to be honored three times by making the First Team Academic All-District Team, including this season.

Conrad has been playing soccer since age three. His dad taught him to play creating a special bond as Conrad lists his dad as his role model. Both of his parents attended all his games. “My family is very supportive,” said Conrad. “They come to most of my games, home and away. It’s been amazing to see them cheer for me all the years that I have played. It gives me an extra boost when I see them on the sidelines as I feel comfortable playing because I know that they are watching me. Our family actually has a ritual, “after every home game. I would take pictures with my family, friends and teammates. Now I’m graduating, it’s sad that I won’t have any more pictures to put on my dorm room wall.”

Conrad cannot believe that his career is over; he felt it was like the blink of an eye, but he has no regrets of his experience. He is very appreciative and thankful to his teammates, coaches, friends, fans, professors and staff members. Conrad has a lot of pride to be a Fighting Knight and is proud to represent himself along with the university. “It was amazing to carry on a winning tradition for this school. I am lucky to have had four amazing years here. One thing that I never expected coming to Lynn my freshman year was to learn and have a passion for international cultures.” Conrad continues, “many of my current and old teammates are from all over the world as I have gained a lot of international knowledge through experiences with these amazing people. I got a full tour of England when I visited a few of them. Also, I feel the diversity helps our team as the soccer program does a great job recruiting out of the country. I feel American style of soccer is athletic while other countries’ style is more technique. Here we combine both of these aspects, which makes our team better.”

This season was rough for the Fighting Knights, but Conrad was one of the leaders on the team and is very proud of his teammates, especially the younger players who had to step up this year. “I credit all of my teammates as they have played a major part giving me the ball to score and scoring the assists.” Conrad continues, “I don’t even think my goals were amazing and spectacular. Most of my goals were taps in and headers as I stay inside the box. In fact, my teammates make it look pretty.”

Conrad knew he had the possibility of getting 100 career points at the beginning of the season, but cared more about winning as a team. With five games left, Conrad had 92 points. The next game versus Palm Beach Atlantic, Conrad recorded his second career hat trick along with an assist to tally 99 points. Three games later, Conrad made school history. “Joe Cundall sent the ball deep inside the box, I headed back to the middle to Scott McCubbin, who shot it in the lower-left of the goal and scored. At the time we were losing so there was no celebration. We just wanted to get back into the game. You take your 100th point anyway that it comes.” Conrad continues, “It’s an amazing honor. I never expected myself to get 100 points, especially coming off the bench my freshman year, but that was my favorite assist that I ever recorded. However, it was not my favorite point. The one I will remember the most is my goal against our rival against Tampa in the conference tournament title. It was a very important game and I was happy that I contributed to that victory.”
Conrad finished with 39 goals and 22 assists – exactly 100 points as he is now part of Lynn’s athletic record books. Also in his career, Conrad won two regular conference championships and one conference title. During his sophomore year, the Fighting Knights were nationally ranked number one for most of the season. Conrad sums up his Lynn career as life changing and he is sad that his journey is coming to an end; however, he is also excited for the future. Next year, he hopes to have a shot at the pros. No matter what happens, Conrad will be a winner on and off the field.