LYNN'S HONORARY STUDENTS
Lynn Students Honored for Academic Excellence at Convocation

By ANNE MARIE VAN CASTEREN
Managing Editor

Tonight, Lynn students will be receiving honorary awards for academic excellence in the classroom at the Honors Convocation held in the Wold Performing Arts Center.

With this ceremony being held in the Wold for the first time, these bright individuals will commence a tradition that will continue throughout Lynn history.

Students will be recognized in three main categories according to their current GPA and overall academic excellence in past semesters. The honors designations are as follows:

President’s Honor Society, which represents students that have earned Dean’s List honors for six consecutive semesters (five for Lynn 3.0 students) and whose career grade point average is at least 3.75.

Honor Society, which recognizes students who earn Dean’s List honors for four consecutive semesters (three for Lynn 3.0 students) and whose career grade point average is at least 3.5.

Dean’s List is offered to eligible students that have attempted and completed a minimum of 12 credits in the semester with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The eligible student must have no grades below C.

“I believe it’s a great chance for the top echelon of academic students to be recognized,” said Jacob Carr, junior. “It’s always lovely to have a sense of achievement as it motivates the top students to continue and gives those an incen-

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Many students receiving honors are grateful that their hard work and dedication to their academic studies have finally paid off.

"It is such an honor that the university acknowledges those who work hard to achieve a high GPA," said Edward Obssuth, senior.

With this being the first year that the honors convocation is taking place in the Wold, students are hopeful in starting a Lynn tradition.

"I think it is an amazing opportunity," said Nikki Haben, junior. "It's a chance to celebrate the achievements of those who have worked hard and who have obtained academic excellence. I think it is a start of a wonderful university tradition."

President Ross will also be speaking at this even-
THE UKRAINIAN BOY WONDER
Freshman Ivan Zhykhariev Takes on the Next Chapter of his Life

By LIGA STRAUTNIECE
Staff Writer

Ivan Zhykhariev, freshman, has quite the story to share. He was born in Ukraine, the largest country in Europe.

Zhykhariev encourages Lynn students to visit Ukraine and take advantage of all the things that it has to offer.

"Ukraine is a beautiful country with very friendly people," said Zhykhariev.

When he was young, Zhykhariev moved back and forth from Ukraine to England every six months. He was schooled in Newcastle, as well as Ukraine. His extraordinary intelligence was noticed by teachers which allowed him to skip two grades and graduate high school at the age of 15. Zhykhariev continued his studies at Kharkiv University of Economics in Ukraine. Four years later he graduated with a bachelor's degree in management and administration.

Aside from studying at a university, Zhykhariev also began working various jobs. He worked as a translator and soccer commentator in the Europe league, Champions league and Ukrainian premier soccer league. Despite all these accomplishments, Zhykhariev decided he wanted even more.

Zhykhariev also worked as an English teacher for small children and a tutor for adults. In addition, he coached a soccer team but above all he favored helping kids in orphanages.

Since the early years of his life, Zhykhariev has had a passion for soccer.

"I love everything about soccer. Whether it is playing, teaching or announcing soccer, it will always be a big part of my life," said Zhykhariev.

Zhykhariev was enjoying his life but he felt that he needed a change which brought him to Lynn to study communication.

Zhykhariev misses Ukraine, but feels like Lynn is becoming his second home. His love and passion for soccer commentary has not been left unnoticed here.

You may have saw him commenting both men's and women's soccer on webcast during their home games.

Above: Ivan Zhykhariev doing what he loves the most. Stock Photos.
iPULSE BRINGS THE BEAT BACK TO BOCA
This Semester the Editors Finish Strong Before They Graduate

The start of this academic year is bittersweet for the iPulse staff. Most of the editorial staff will be graduating in May, but the new members on staff have effectively begun to fill in their shoes.

Despite the changes happening in the staff, this year will be a thrilling one for iPulse. We are in the process of developing a mobile app with hopes to better serve our readers. The implementation of the app will also allow us to easily incorporate the broadcast component of the newspaper. Thus providing our readers a convenient way to reach our multimedia publication.

We will continue to disseminate the daily news through print, on the Web, via social networking as well as with the introduction of “Auras.” Aurasma is a free app that “uses advanced image and pattern recognition to blend the real-world with rich interactive content such as videos and animations called ‘Auras.’” Readers will have the opportunity to view our “Auras” every week and see iPulse come to life with this interactive platform.

Although there are many modifications occurring throughout this coming semester, the one thing that will remain constant is our loyalty to the readers. Our team will strive to inform the community by reporting with accuracy and mindfulness. With both feet moving forward, iPulse will rapidly enhance in all aspects and we look forward to serving the campus with the latest and most accurate news.

How to use Aurasma:

- Download Aurasma to your device.
- Search for iPulse
- Click the “Follow” button.
- Scan our mass head and discover our Auras.
### MEET THE EDITORIAL STAFF

#### Editor-in-Chief - Aura Cruz

Aura Cruz is a senior and multimedia journalism major with a minor in public relations. This is her seventh semester on the iPulse staff and she is thrilled to work as Editor-in-Chief.

Cruz is a part of the Honors Colloquium and holds the position of Community Advisor for Housing and Residence life. In 2012 she was named second best multimedia journalist by the Southeast Journalism Conference.

Her interests revolve around the performing arts and singing for the past ten years.

Cruz has a passion for journalism, she believes it is captivating and also very important for society. She uses it as a mechanism to express her opinions.

Cruz loves studying at Lynn because of its diverse student population and because it is full of culture and opportunity. Lynn also makes her feel closer to her homeland of Colombia.

#### Editor-in-Chief - Meaghan Boutwell

Meaghan Boutwell is a senior from St. Augustine majoring in multimedia journalism with a minor in international relations.

Boutwell has always had an interest in writing; after being editor for her high school newspaper, The Falcon Flyer, she decided to pursue journalism as a career.

Aside from being involved in iPulse, Boutwell also works in the Office of Admission as a student ambassador, is a Student Storyteller for marketing, is an intern with Gulfstream Media Group in Ft. Lauderdale and is a Resident Assistant.

Boutwell is always reading and watching the news to expand her knowledge of foreign and domestic issues; she hopes to one day become a foreign correspondent or reporter covering political and international issues.

#### Managing Editor - Anne Marie Van Casteren

Anne Marie Van Casteren is a senior majoring in multimedia journalism as well as minoring in public relations. She takes great pride in her academics and campus involvement.

Van Casteren is a Community Advisor and serves as a representative on the Vice President of Student Life Advisory Committee. Last year she received the Snyder Scholarship award given to a senior who exudes leadership as well as community engagement throughout campus. Van Casteren has high aspirations to attend law school in hopes of working in the public relations industry. Van Casteren is looking forward to continue working on the iPulse as a Managing Editor.

#### Managing Editor - Liz Raffa

Liz Raffa is a senior from Colorado majoring in multimedia journalism and minoring in media and politics.

She enjoys playing for the Lynn volleyball team and has been active in the Lynn community through being a Resident Assistant in the Lynn Residence Center, on several leadership positions around campus and the Lynn 3.0 program.

This is her second year working with iPulse and she hopes to someday continue her journalism career by working in development communication and international publications.

Raffa credits her family of six for her twisted sense of humor and her best friend is her dog, Hallie.

#### Assistant Editor - Victoria De La Cruz

Victoria de la Cruz is a junior majoring in advertising and public relations with a minor in multimedia journalism. De La Cruz is currently on the Dean’s List and has been for three consecutive years. De La Cruz is very ambitious, energetic and enjoys the outdoors. In the past, she has covered the fitness and health beat for iPulse.

While she is not studying or in class, she enjoys exercising and going out to eat.

De la Cruz, who considers herself a traveler of the world, as she just returned from a semester abroad in Italy where she fulfilled her goal of learning Italian.

In the near future, De la Cruz dreams of becoming the Editor-in-Chief of a fashion magazine.
Assistant Editor - Kevin Studer

Kevin Studer is a junior studying in the 3.0 program. Studer is majoring in multimedia journalism with a minor in public relations.

When not doing school work, Studer is the Co-Chair of the Student Activities Board and a Resident Assistant in DeHorne.

Recently, Studer received an internship as Director of Public Relations with Millennium Campus Network, who will be holding their conference at Lynn in October.

Originally from Twinsburg, Ohio, Studer has lived in Boca for almost nine years now. His family has been very involved with Lynn as his sister graduated last year and his mom works for the school. Last year, Studer was awarded the Knight Award for Most Outstanding New Student of the Year.

MEET THE CREATIVE TEAM

Advertising Manager- Anthony Vassilaros

Anthony Vassilaros-Boyer is a senior studying advertising and public relations.

In high school, Vassilaros played golf and trained at IMG Academies.

Vassilaros comes from a third generation family of Greek-American immigrants and takes pride in his families coffee factory in Flushing, N.Y. called Vallilaros Coffee.

His most recent achievement is making the 2013 Fall Semester Dean's List.

With his degree from Lynn, Vassilaros plans on plunging head first into the world of advertising, aspiring to one day become an account executive.

He considers his other half to be his dog that he rescued from a local shelter.

Copy Editor - Alexis Brown

Alexis Brown is a freshman from Jacksonville majoring in multimedia journalism.

Her father works for the military and she is particularly close with her younger sister. Since she has been at Lynn, Brown misses her local community the most but has still succeeded in making her own way in Boca. Her hobbies include running, baking, traveling and discovering new movies. She also prides herself on being family oriented.

After college, Brown plans on moving to New York City to follow her dreams of being a magazine editor. She hopes to someday work for Teen Vogue magazine and publish her own book in the teen fiction genre.

Copy Editor - GraceAnne Trumpfeller

GraceAnne Trumpfeller is a freshman majoring in multimedia journalism.

An avid singer, Trumpfeller has performed in countless choirs and was part of NYSSMA Gold winning Brooklyn Technical High School Choir until June 2013. Her passion for the arts has led her to pursue a career in music journalism.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she believes the key to success is a little bit of sass.

She hopes to someday work for Rolling Stone magazine, ideally as a writer because of her passion for interviewing interesting people. Trumpfeller admires the magazines ability to maintain being an entertainment publication, while also being a blunt force in the modern media.

Photo Editor - Joshua White

Josh White is a senior. He is majoring in photography which he has a strong passion for. White is originally from New York but moved to Florida in 2000. He now enjoys being in Florida full-time and lives with his parents in Boca Raton.

When White is not busy taking pictures, he enjoys fishing, golfing and being outside.

White has a lot to offer Lynn and takes photos continuously everyday.

White aspires to be a forensic photographer in the future, after recieving his bachelors at Lynn.

He plans to pursue his masters degree in forensics and hopes to stay in Florida working for a photography firm that works with criminal justice.
Ranchea Ellis is a 22-year old Bahamian native who loves music, movies and dancing. She is currently a member of the Lynn Knightros dance team.

In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, trying new foods and making people happy.

A multimedia journalism major and business marketing minor, Ellis hopes to be the first to start a media house in the Bahamas.

She realized her love for the media world having had the opportunity to work a whole summer and holiday break as a junior reporter at a local news station in her hometown.

She aspires to get an internship at a large media company such as CNN or ABC networks. In the future, she would like to be an editor-in-chief at a local news station.

Morgan Goldstein is a junior studying sports management and multimedia journalism.

She is originally from Boston but moved to Florida in 2008 and has since enjoyed the warm weather and being close to Disney World.

On campus, Goldstein is a part of the 3.0 program, President’s Honors Society, a student worker at the library and a peer mentor. Last semester she interned at ESPN West Palm Beach and worked closely with the station’s teammates in the areas of radio and TV production, marketing and event management.

Goldstein enjoys reading, watching sports and the Vampire Diaries.

In the future, Goldstein hopes to someday host a football pre-game show and work in sports marketing for her career.
THE iPULSE STAFF WRITERS

Stephen Amaya

Stephen Amaya is a native from his hometown in Rockville, Md. He is currently a senior majoring in multimedia journalism and has a passion for writing lyrics and listening to The Saturdays.

He is the President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and also works for the Office of Admission. When he is not too busy with schoolwork and extracurricular activities, he enjoys spending time with his friends and his dog.

Daniela Ava

Daniela Ava is a junior studying multimedia journalism with a minor in fashion management. She is from Caracas, Venezuela, and moved to the U.S. two years ago when she first started at Lynn. Currently Ava is the treasurer for Best Buddies Organization and next semester she will become president. Her passion in life is to write and after graduating, she wants to do her masters in Italy.

Kenya Barrett

Kenya Barrett is a junior from Bayshore, N.Y. and is of Jamaican descent. In 2011, she graduated from Copiague High School and began her college career at Lynn.

Her hobbies include singing, writing and playing the piano. In her spare time she enjoys writing short stories and reading novels.

Barrett is currently in the 3.0 program and in the future, she plans to work for the New York Times.

Ryan Carmona

Ryan Carmona is a senior majoring in multimedia journalism. This will be his second year at Lynn and his second semester on iPulse.

Carmona is also part of the Fighting Knights baseball team. He is hoping to earn his degree with honors and continue his passion in journalism. In the future, Carmona hopes to be a sports writer for Yahoo sports.

Erik Costa

Erik Costa is a junior majoring in international business. Costa was born and raised in Boston.

He developed a passion at a young age to be successful in anything he does. Throughout high school, Costa was a three-sport varsity athlete as well as an excellent young entrepreneur. He started his first entertainment company at the age of 16 and continues to strive for excellence.

Dominic Dithurbide

Dominic Dithurbide was born and raised in Mexico City. Although he spent six years in Texas and two years in Sao Paulo, Brazil, he takes pride in knowing that everything he learned was in his home country.

His love of reading and writing is the reason why Dithurbide chose to study journalism at Lynn.

Aisling EcEntegart

Aisling McEntegart is a freshman from County Wicklow, Ireland. She is passionate about the performing arts and also enjoys reading and writing.

She is majoring in multimedia journalism and aspires to one day work as a journalist or writer in her home country. McEntegart is excited to be involved with the iPulse and looks forward to broadening her knowledge of journalism.

Kendra Fulmer

Kendra Erika Fulmer is a singer/songwriter, recording artist and sophomore communication major.

When not at Lynn, Fulmer spends her time in the recording studio and performing. Entertainment oriented, she is fascinated with all facets of the business.

This year, she released a new single “Dark Side.”

Jane Gold

Jane Gold is a sophomore majoring in multimedia journalism with a minor in PR and advertising.

Originally from New York City, Silver came to Lynn for their journalism program and the warm weather.

Gold hopes to one day write for a fashion magazine to cover fashion, beauty and health.

Ali Guerra

Ali Guerra is a senior from Peru whose passions are writing, photography and philanthropy.

She hopes to attain her degree in communication and a minor in English and become a worldwide known journalist for The New York Times or The Rolling Stone.

She takes pleasure in writing poetry in her spare time.
Veronica Haggar

Veronica Haggar is a sophomore majoring in journalism with a minor in advertising and public relations. She hopes to intern as a staff writer at a local magazine agency. Haggar aspires to move to California in the future and become a successful journalist.

She dreams of working as a broadcast reporter or for a magazine as an Editor-in-Chief.

Tiarsha Harrison

Tiarsha Harrison is a junior who has a love for journalism. Originally from the Bronx, Harrison moved to Boca at 12-years-old. Aside from journalism, Harrison also enjoys children and dancing. In her free time she enjoys volunteering.

Harrison is a very nice girl with a vivacious personality who plans on making all of her dreams come to life.

Jeremy Heitz

Jeremy Heitz is a sophomore studying graphic design, politics and communication. Hailing from Moscow, Heitz came to America at a young age.

Heitz has always enjoyed staying on top of current events, as well as improving his graphic arts skills and writing skills.

Heitz interned for an online publishing website called PolicyMic in 2010 where he found an interest in journalism.

Jerry Hoffman

Jerry Hoffman is a sophomore studying multimedia journalism. Originally from a town just outside Philadelphia, Hoffman grew a passion for writing and journalism throughout the four years he spent studying at Lansdale Catholic High School.

Aside from being a journalist, Hoffman is also the secretary of the Hall Council for E.M. Lynn Residence Center where he helps organize and schedule events around campus.

Habtamu Karg

Habtamu Karg is a senior studying multimedia journalism. Originally from Ethiopia, Karg moved to The United States at the age of three.

His passion and experience in international sports have driven him to become a sports journalist; ultimately wishing to work with is favorite soccer club FC Barcelona.

In his spare time, Karg enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and playing sports.

Adira Kessler

Adira Kessler is the new American poet of the 21st century. She began writing when she was about 13-years-old. She published her first book, “Observations,” in June of 2009, her senior year in high school.

In September 2011, Kessler published her second book, “Looking Creative Writing Abilities.” She hopes to bring inspiration, laughter, kindness and beauty to the world around her.

Mernan Khomeis

Mernan Khomeis is a junior studying multimedia design with a minor in general management. Originally from Saudi Arabia, she moved to the United States in order to pursue her bachelor degree.

She looks forward to the day of her graduation, in May 2015. One of Khomeis’ biggest goals in life, is to make her parents proud of who she is and who she will become.

Colin Lewis

Colin Lewis is a 24-year-old senior from Edgewater, New Jersey majoring in radio, internet and television media.

Lewis has a passion for film and plans to produce and write as a future career. In the past, he has secured internships at Sony Music, Lynn Marketing and The Learning Experience.

With a passion for writing and creativity he will look to immerse himself fully in his first journalistic experience with iPulse.

Emilia Lujan

Emilia Andrea Lujan is currently a junior studying to obtain her degree in advertising and public relations.

She was born in Caracas, Venezuela and moved to the U.S. when she was six years old.

Lujan speaks three languages and aspires to learn a fourth one. She has a passion for traveling and expanding her knowledge on culture and many other topics related to her interests.

Cody Luongo

Originally from Bridgewater, Conn., Cody Luongo a young man bent on reinventing college radio at Lynn University decides to take a stab at another form of communication by joining iPulse.

Luongo began his career in communication by becoming a radio/TV major. From there he immediately picked up broadcasting on the radio.
Kasey Mann is a senior majoring in advertising and public relations. She is never shy to speak her mind and loves to share her opinions through her writing.

Mann will continue writing her weekly column “That’s What She Said” for iPulse this semester.

Originally from Vermont, Mann hopes to find success in south Florida in the PR industry after graduation.

Dara Mohan is a junior studying multimedia journalism with a minor in psychology. Originally from Queens. Mohan currently works at the Boca Raton Town Center mall in Express.

Her passion is to become a nurse and create a business in the future, but her back up plan is to work in the media industry. Although she loves being at Lynn, she misses her family.

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Nikki Mora is a freshman studying advertising and public relations. She is originally from San Jose, Costa Rica, but recently moved to the United States to attend college.

Mora found her love for fashion at the age of 12 and has been designing and making clothes since then. She participated in four eco-friendly fashion shows and was named best designer three years in a row.

Clairissa Myatt is a junior studying journalism and sports management. Originally hailing from Ohio, Myatt moved to Naples in high school.

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Jillian Vazquez

Jillian Vazquez is currently a junior studying film.

By transferring to Lynn, not only has she changed her major, but she has also left home for the first time.

In her first year, she has completed her first opportunity as the Assistant Director for Christopher Durang’s play, “Baby with the Bathwater.” In January, Vazquez was able to direct an action scene under the guidance of Hollywood director, Isaac Florentine. This coming spring, she will be traveling to the American College of Dublin as a stage manager, for the performance of “Almost, Maine.”

Vazquez is looking forward to what she will accomplish in the approaching years preparing her to have a successful career working in the film industry.

Madeline Utke

Madeline Utke is a senior studying hospitality and management. After graduation Utke plans to continue her studies at FAU mastering in marketing.

After she finishes her education, Utke plans to be commissioned as an Officer in the United States Army and work in for a marketing company in sunny South Florida.

Above: The iPulse team attempting to take a silly picture during class. Contributing Photo/ A. Vermes.
SAY HELLO TO THE CHIEF
Lynn University Welcomes a new Campus Safety Director

By LIZ RAFFA
Managing Editor

Since last semester, students may have noticed a new face on campus sporting a blue and black uniform, moving into one of the refurbished offices previously part of the Knights Court. This new face is Larry Rickard, the most recent addition to Lynn Campus Safety.

Rickard previously retired from his position as chief and director of Marquette University’s Department of Public Safety. He has since been reapointed as Lynn’s Director of Campus Safety.

Before becoming part of Marquette safety, Rickard attended the West Point Preparatory Academy in New Jersey and later played football for UW-Whitewater. Afterwards, Rickard served in the U.S. Army for all of 22 years. Once he left the Army, Rickard was a prominent figure for 21 years in creating a safe environment for students at Marquette.

“During his tenure, Rickard led 80 professional and 100 student staff members who make up the department, which is staffed year-round, 24 hours a day,” wrote Matthew Kulling, writer for the Marquette Tribune. “He installed 600 cameras and 200 blue light phones for emergencies around campus and also professionalized the force through improved training and hiring practices.”

The new director comes from a long line of campus safety success, after receiving awards of service from Marquette, the FBI, Secret Service, Milwaukee Police Department and Homeland Security. In fact, Friday, Sept. 13 was officially declared Larry Rickard Day by the Mayor of Milwaukee. DPS Sergeant Jill Weisensel spoke highly of Rickard at his retirement ceremony.

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“Chief Rickard has proven that it is possible for an entire organization to put moral values into action,” said Weisensel. “Through his vision and mission, he led this department to becoming one of the best Jesuit public safety departments in the country. He instilled in his officers his ‘five imperatives’: quality customer service, visibility, teamwork, safety and security, and above all else, professionalism.”

Since his arrival, Rickard has felt welcomed on campus.

“I love the feel here; it’s such a friendly place,” said Rickard. “It’s a great, vibrant and exciting school to be at and I just love it.”

Nothing is more important to Rickard than student safety and he finds that being oriented around the students themselves is the best way to keep everyone safe.

“The students at Marquette are wonderful and the students at Lynn are wonderful,” said Rickard. “I’ve always been student-centered; it’s what drives me. It’s why I do what I do. Sometimes it’s about keeping them safe from themselves. I think [for] working together with students at Marquette and here, when I get their input it makes us a better department and a safer campus.”

Rickard encourages all students to approach him on ideas, talk to him about what could be better or even just stop by for a visit. His friendly personality and passion for students emanates from hearing him talk about what it means to care for the whole person and lovingly tell stories about his family.

Don’t forget to say “Happy Larry Rickard Day” in September, and always feel welcome to visit the new director in his office located above the Student Center.

Above: Rickard values student-oriented safety, taking students input on making campus safer. Staff Photos / J. White.
STUDENTS SUPPORT VENEZUELA
Lynn Students Have Been Showing Support for the Nation in Turmoil

By AURA CRUZ
Editor-in-Chief

Earlier this month, Venezuelan students began what is now an internationally recognized protest in opposition to the current government. Lynn students have passionately supported this cause through social media.

"Since I was young I was taught to fight for my dreams," said Michelle Muller, graduate student. "My dream is Venezuela, and although I am far away I will do as much as possible for my country. I pray to God for peace in Venezuela, and I am eternally grateful for my friends and family members who are there fighting."

Social and economic issues ignited the rebellion in hopes to overthrow government leaders such as the Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. Although the opposition leader, Leopoldo López, is currently jailed he asks for the protesters to stay strong. "I'm fine, I ask you not to give up, I won't," López wrote from a Caracas prison. "To the youth, to the protesters, I ask you to stay firm against violence, and to stay organized and disciplined. This is everyone's struggle."

This social movement has gained an abundance of popularity on social media. If interested in joining the movement, the most trending hashtags are: #sosVenezuela, #prayforVenezuela, #lasalida and #ElQueSeCansaPierde.

Above: Current and graduate students show their support for Venezuela through social media and at a recent protest that was held at the nearby Florida Atlantic University. LU Photos.
BOCA’S MUSIC
Music Venue Recognizes Local Artists

By ALI GUERRA
Staff Writer

Recently, Lake Worth’s Propaganda music venue had the most adrenaline-charged audience it has had in a long time when Maryland band, Twin Radio, performed there for the first time.

Propaganda, declared “Best Rock Club of 2009” by The New York Times, is one of South Florida’s best local band venues. Featuring live music on a nightly basis, the venue includes a bar and stage with an enormous sound system. This hot spot is a music lover’s dream.

Twin Radio, hailing from Frederick, MD., performed for the first time leaving the audience in a state of astonishment.

“It was a great way to end my Saturday night,” said Kevin Moore, senior. “After seeing some of the best local bands, the nightlife is still popping down here.”

After the show, students can relax at the back of the venue where there is a lounge and pool table. They can also revel in the lively social scene that downtown has to offer.

“It’s also a great way to get recognized,” said Moore. “If you’re in a band and you want people to know who you are, then this is the venue you should play at.”

Embracing genres from punk to reggae, there is always something for everybody. Smaller than most venues, the crowd is intimate and less wild.

In addition to live music, the venue hosts “open-mic night” where acoustic artists can showcase their talent.

“Maybe next time I’ll build up enough courage for karaoke,” said Moore.

Propaganda is located on 6 South J Street in downtown Lake Worth.

THAT’S WHAT SHE SAID
Learning to Laugh at Yourself

By KASEY MANN
Staff Writer

We have all embarrassed ourselves before but it is essential to know how to recover quickly and gracefully.

For the moment when that is not an option, all you really can do is laugh at yourself. You know that feeling when you trip over nothing but your own two feet and immediately look around to make sure nobody saw you? Someone always sees you. Laugh it off, smile and wave at them.

Ever have your card declined at a store with a line of people behind you? Happens to the best of us. And we all handle it the same exact way, “that’s impossible. Run it again.”

Walking out of the restroom with a piece of toilet paper attached to your shoe is always a fun one too. Although funny, to let someone roll with it (no pun intended), try to be a good citizen and spare him or her the embarrassment. However, nothing makes your cheeks turn red like the times when there is nobody to blame but yourself and your big, fat mouth.

I remember when the boy I was dating in high school brought me to his house for the first time to meet his parents. I tried to make myself comfortable by strolling through the living room checking out family photos on the wall. After “oohing” and “awing” I said “and who is this chunky fellow, your cousin?”

He said, “Me. That’s my senior picture.” After I finished chuckling I realized he was not kidding and had been slightly overweight the year that photo was taken. There really was no graceful way to recover from that.

Ultimately you need to be able to own your embarrassing moments. Everybody has them and everybody laughs at them. At least you will give somebody else a reason to smile.

Above: An embarrassing moment can happen anywhere. Stock Photo.

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The Miami Dolphins look to improve their roster by adding significant talent through the draft. After a disappointing finish this year, the Dolphins need to make crucial decisions on who they want to select in the upcoming NFL Draft. Their main focus should be the offensive line. Miami's offensive line was one of the worst in the league, constantly putting quarterback, Ryan Tannehill, under pressure.

As of recently, it has become clear that offensive linemen Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito will not return to the team. Martin and Incognito are part of an ongoing league investigation because of accusations that Incognito had been bullying Martin. This is yet another reason why the offensive line needs to be addressed this offseason.

Many mock drafts have the ‘Fins selecting an offensive tackle in the first round. New General Manager, Dennis Hickey, will be under the microscope with his first selection in his new position. Fans were relentless when criticizing former General Manager, Jeff Ireland, who made controversial decisions during his tenure with the Dolphins. It is expected that Hickey will face a similar reaction if he mishandles this draft.

Miami ended their season in a disappointing fashion by losing to the New York Jets. They controlled their own destiny to get into the playoffs but blew it in the final game of the season. After finishing with an 8-8 record and being on the verge of being a playoff team, Miami hopes they can strike gold with their draft picks and for them to be able to contribute significantly on the field and help this team push into the final playoff spot.

Dolphin fans are sure to be tuned in on May 8 hoping that their team makes a favorable pick.
How To

SIX STEPS TO NAIL AN INTERVIEW

College Students can Nail a Job Interview by Following six Simple Steps

By CLAIRISSA MYATT
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It is the second semester and that only means one thing: graduation is approaching for seniors. As stress builds, there is only one thing on everybody's mind: finding a job. Even for those not graduating, spring semester is a prime time to find summer internships and jobs to help build up that resume.

Well students, there is hope. Follow these six steps and a call back is almost guaranteed.

Step 1: The Wait
Waiting to be called into the interviewers office can be awkward. Where to put a coat, how to sit and even what to do with one's hands are all things to consider. It is the one time where every part feels uncomfortable.

Firstly, arrive 15 minutes early. Let the receptionist know so that they can inform the interviewer about arriving. Next, remove any coat, use the restroom or apply touch ups to one's makeup. Once all the pre-interview jitters are out, go back to one's seat and relax and be confident.

Tip: Do not be on a cell phone while waiting; it can look as though one is bored.

Step 2: Resume
Before a submission of one's resume is made to the company, have an academic advisor look over it. They love to help and will provide useful tips on how to improve it. Aside from that, always bring two freshly printed copies in a folder to the interview. Many employers like to make notes right on the resume, so always bring a spare and make sure it is kept neatly.

Step 3: Appearance
Everyone knows the old saying, "appearance is everything." While many people like to argue that it is one's personality that counts, when it comes to interviews, appearance really is everything. No one wants an employee with a stained t-shirt representing his or her company.

Of course it is acceptable to show off one's personal style, just make sure it is professional and not the main attraction. Now is not the time to be the center of attention. Hair is to be neat, nails neutral, tidy and clothing professional.

Step 4: Punctuality
Punctuality goes without saying. Being on time is crucial when it comes to interviews. It is important to show that one actually cares.

If by the odd and hopefully rare chance one is running late, make sure a message is sent to the company to inform them. Whether it is by call, text, email or carrier pigeon, make sure they know so they take one seriously.

Step 5: Be Knowledgeable
The Internet has become more advanced than ever. As a result, it is giving people less of an excuse to not know anything about the company they are applying for. The World Wide Web is a beautiful thing, so take advantage of it and do homework. Showing up with extensive knowledge about the company is sure to put a star next to one's name in that stack of resumes on their desk.

Step 6: People love people
Referring back to step 5, the Internet is a great tool, however at the end of the day, people love people. This means, forget how great one may be at interacting over social media and remember how to interact face to face. While having skills in social media are great assets today, at the end of the day one must be able to have a conversation with real words, not emojis.

Follow these steps and be sure to nail that interview.

Above: Recent Lynn graduates at job interviews. Stock Photos.
A NEW FACE ON THE LYNN CAMPUS
Take a Look at the Inside Life of a Brand new Lynn University Student

By ALEX BENEDICT
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This year, Lynn admitted its largest freshman class in the history of the school. Among that group, one international student, Anna Gatz, has decided to call Lynn her home.

Gatz was born and raised in Austria. Both of Gatz’s parents work in the state department for the United States government in Austria. Her mother is an Austrian native and her father is American.

“Having parents who worked in the state department is really cool because I got to travel a lot,” said Gatz. “It was really cool to learn all kinds of different languages and celebrate all of the various cultures which really helped me acclimate when I came to Lynn.”

Prior to coming to Lynn, Gatz studied at Landmark, a boarding school in Massachusetts for one year in order to acclimate herself to the United States.

“I wanted to come to Lynn because it was in a warm climate,” said Gatz. “I loved that the school was full of many various cultures and heritages which made it such an easy transition for me after only living in the United States for one year.”

Gatz also loves that Lynn is close to the beach, being nothing but a perfect fit for her. Her favorite activities on campus revolve around the Lynn basketball team.

“I really enjoy basketball. It’s so fast paced,” said Gatz. “I love rooting for the Knights every time they play at home.”

Gatz also enjoys horseback riding and working out rigorously at the gym. To fit with her extreme personality, Gatz also enjoys paintballing and snowboarding when she is back home in Austria.

“I love being here. I have really good friends that make it feel like home,” said Gatz. “I do miss being home sometimes and I miss my parents and of course I miss the snow!”

Above: Gatz is a new student, enjoying the perks of living on a Florida campus. Staff Photos/A. Benedict.
RESURGE OF THE LYNN RADIO
Which Student has the Talent to be the Next Big Radio Personality at Lynn?

By GRACE TRUMPFELLER
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What do Howard Stern, Wendy Williams and Ryan Seacrest all have in common? They all had their start in radio. Radio personalities use their airtime as channels for self-expression, to alert their peers of issues they view as relevant and to give their favorite songs some well-deserved airplay. Radio is a crucial part of media that can be used as a tool for information and entertainment.

The chance to become Lynn's next big radio personality is very much present. To anyone interested in taking a spin on the soundboard, the doors to the university's radio station are always open.

"We're like a family," said Robert Trainor, coordinator of Lynn's Knight Radio. "Myself or other DJ's are always willing to help out a first-timer, but the equipment is easy to learn."

It seems the sheer size of the soundboard could be enough to scare off a potential DJ, but rest assured that the equipment is not complicated. Trainor insists that no prior knowledge of radio is needed to start your own show.

"They make the station really accessible and easy to understand," said Hart Pisani, sophomore. "My first time around I didn't have many issues. It took a few shows to get into a groove and settle into the flow, get more organized and comfortable."

Pisani has two radio shows under his belt. The first, a solo talk show was his freshman year project and the second, a sports show called "Jock Rock Talk," he co-hosted with friend Lauren Kennedy last semester. Pisani and Kennedy used the airtime to discuss weekly goings of the NFL, politics and pop culture and delved into a variety of music. The plethora of topics covered on their show alludes to the fact that Lynn is very open when it comes to what is discussed on air.

"Obviously things like obscenities and vulgarity aren't permitted but otherwise you honestly have the freedom to say and talk about pretty much whatever you want," said Pisani, who describes himself as very opinionated. "That freedom was greatly appreciated."

Not only is radio an excellent channel for opinions and debates, but for those interested in media or journalism, radio is a goldmine of possibilities. Knight Radio is an excellent opportunity for students to get their feet wet in the airwaves, especially for those looking for radio-specific skills.

"I've had plenty of broadcasting and print work at Lynn for my major," said Kasey Mann, senior. "Radio was the only area I had not explored, so for my J-Term I secured an internship at a radio show at my hometown and ended up loving it. Since it was a short period of time it motivated me to explore radio here at Lynn."

Mann made her radio debut Friday, Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Though she had no prior radio experience, she described her first radio show as "a rush."

Is this "rush" sparking an interest? Getting involved with Knight Radio is as simple as walking into the radio station, located on the third floor of the library. Students can opt for a weekly show that runs for an hour or two, or ask a fellow student to sit in and listen to their show. No experience? No worries.

"Don't judge your ability by your first show," encourages Pisani. "Don't be afraid to say what you really feel because radio is a great outlet for ideas, opinions and creativity. Use it as a tool to get your voice heard. Just have fun."

Never be discouraged that the opportunity to dominate the airwaves has already passed by. iPulse encourages any student with an interest in radio to tune in 96.3 Knight Radio and hear what all the hype is about. What's missing? You. Howard Stern had his start at Boston College – maybe the next media mogul is hiding out at Lynn.

Above: Students at Lynn's radio studio. Staff Photos/ G. Trumpfeller.
**Weekly Review**

**LOCAL SPRING BREAK HOT SPOT**

Disney World Offers all the Perks of a Spring Vacation With Tons of Fun

By KEVIN STUDER
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For both children and adults, one of the most exciting vacation spots is Walt Disney World because it consistently provides fun for all.

"I love Disney World," said Jaime Johnson, senior. "You are never too old to have fun there."

In the past couple of years, Walt Disney World, or more specifically the Magic Kingdom, has undergone some major changes. A whole new section of Fantasyland has opened, including the attractions from Disney's popular films "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

The "Beauty and the Beast" section has three new features. Visitors can choose to dine in Gaston's Tavern or the Be Our Guest restaurant, centered in the Beast's Castle. Kids can also enjoy storytime at Enchanted Tales with Belle.

"I am very excited about the 'Beauty and the Beast' features," said Meghan Studer, graduate student. "It is my favorite movie, so it holds a very special place in my heart."

A meet-and-greet area called Ariel's Grotto and a new Under the Sea musical ride are featured in "The Little Mermaid" section. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" is also debuting a new roller coaster located in the Dwarf's mine. The roller coaster is hoping to attract teenagers and older.

With the recent success of the new film "Frozen," Epcot has also had an increase in popularity. In the Norway pavilion, people can meet both Princess Anna and Princess Elsa.

"Frozen" teaches girls that Disney can be happy, just family," said Zara Applestein, junior.

The hit single Let it Go, which is sung in the film by Tony Award Winner Idina Menzel, recently received platinum status on the charts. Menzel will perform the song on the Academy Awards on March 2. The film is also nominated for Best Animated Picture.

With everything new happening at Disney, now is the best time to book a trip to the theme park. There are new attractions to visit based off of classics and new hits. For families of all ages, Disney can be "the happiest place on earth."

Above: Disney's "Frozen" characters are the newest addition to the national attraction as well as older characters such as the Beast and Ariel. Stock Photos.

**GIVING BACK FOR SPRING BREAK**

Volunteering at Local Communities is a Lynn Tradition, Even During Break

By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
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This spring break, Lynn students are choosing to give back to the Florida community rather than go back home or travel to a tropical destination.

Seven students will join Becca Bender, coordinator of student involvement, from March 2 to March 7 at Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa as part of Lynn's annual alternative spring break. Their mission will be to provide service to the homeless population in Tampa while representing the Lynn community across the state.

"Metropolitan Ministries are homeless shelters. They do education classes for clients in terms of self sufficiency and there is also a day care and after school program," said Bender. "There is a food distribution warehouse and a clothing warehouse. This is where we will be volunteering."

Since 1972, different churches in downtown Tampa joined together to form Metropolitan Ministries. In their 32 years of operation, volunteers have worked to prepare more than 23 million hot meals and aided more than 500,000 families.

The students volunteering alongside Bender will continue the excellent service done at Metropolitan Ministries. The Tampa Bay area and Lynn students will benefit from this charitable trip.

"I am looking forward to seeing our students see the poverty in our state of Florida," said Bender. "I'm looking forward for them to get a look at a different population and hopefully make a difference in their lives."

Last year, students accompanied Thersea Osorio, director of student involvement, to work with the organization, Give Kids the World. In years prior, the alternative spring break trip featured volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and Hurricane Katrina aid.

In the future, Bender would like to add more options for service trips. Next year's alternative spring break is still being planned by Bender and she hopes that it will feature a local charity.
RECAPPING THE BEGINNING OF 2014
From J-Term Classes to Multicultural Day, the Start of the Year has Been Colorful

By LIZ RAFFA
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While the semester may just be beginning, it has been anything but dull. With the February weeks passing in the blink of an eye, Lynn has already celebrated Multicultural Day, January Term and students are now gearing up for Spring Break.

Above: Students travel to Aspen during Spring Break, participate in a J-Term beach cleanup and march in the Multicultural Day parade. LU Photos.
Entertainment

THE GRAPHIC NOVELS CLUB

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