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Above: Over the break, admission counselor Paul McPhee represented his Fighting Knights alongside his fiancé by completing their first ever marathon. LU Photos.
INTO THE RHYTHM

FRESH START FOR LYNN UNIVERSITY’S HEARTBEAT
Evolved Staff, Rich Stories Bring iPulse Into New Era Of Journalism

By SHAWN JOHNSON
Editor-In-Chief

Fall 2017 saw significant change and developments across the Lynn campus. With new faces arriving and absorbing various roles, the Fighting Knight community underwent a makeover in the span of only a few weeks. Outside of campus, numerous headlines kept students alike engaged with the key aspects of the ever-changing social and political spheres. Meanwhile, the school grounds saw unmatched events occur anywhere from the Wold Performing Arts Center to the Elmore Dining Commons.

Likewise, iPulse endured all of the changes and adjustments as new names took over several leadership positions. At the same time, a new group of staff writers joined the editors to bring relevant, timely information to the Lynn community. Most definitely, iPulse established a team prepared to overcome anything in its path towards maintaining its award-winning standard.

Putting Fall 2017 in the books, we welcome new faces to continue the legacy left from prior iPulse volumes. With the spring semester comes additional, creative minds to take over top-tier pieces each week. All while partnering with students from Digital Media Arts Center (DMAC), we look forward to introducing a fresh look in the coming months, focused on our goal to inspire, invigorate and energize the Lynn community.

As the educational experience changes, we see numerous upgrades across the campus. With the official DMAC integration taking place in the fall, more improvements are on the horizon. In fact, progress on the Christine E. Lynn University Center can be seen daily, while new programs are continuously being integrated to aid the learning process.

With increased distribution has come easier access to pieces, allowing the community to read from their iPad or simply grab the latest edition in the morning on their way to class. With that, social media has changed how iPulse is received across campus, something which will only spread due to our new social media manager.

While the editors and production staff may change from one semester to another, the unwavering, ethical approach to responsible journalism remains the same. With countless functions occurring throughout the coming semester, we look forward to partnering with the Lynn community to foster an environment of dialogue and discussion.

On behalf of the entire iPulse staff, we thank all Fighting Knights for your continued engagement with our publication through the years. As we continue our ongoing mission, we look forward to connecting via social media and our consistent publications with you all. In the spring semester, we invite you to grow with us as journalists and storytellers, fueling Lynn’s ever-growing, innovative vision for the future.
MEET THE

Shawn Johnson
Editor-In-Chief

Shawn Johnson, member of the 3.0 accelerated degree program, is a sophomore. Having grown up in Birmingham, Ala., Johnson established an unwavering love for college athletics in his youth. Wanting to connect his love for sports with his passion for writing, he has identified sports journalism as the ultimate goal of his academic endeavors at Lynn. As such, Johnson is a multimedia journalism major. Within his collegiate interests, he hopes to follow in the footsteps of former Fighting Knight and current ESPN reporter Lisa Kerney. Outside of iPulse, he was a contributing writer for the Palm Beach Post as well. In his second year, there is still much more in the tank for his career preparation at Lynn. All the while, he is immensely proud of the Alabama Crimson Tide for recently winning their 17th overall national championship. Thankful for the opportunities he has received thus far, Johnson is eager to grow alongside his peers in the College of Communication and Design.

Hadassa Delhomme
Editor-In-Chief

Hadassa Delhomme is a sophomore pursuing a degree in multimedia journalism. A Florida native, Delhomme originally found her love for writing while enrolled in a creative writing course in high school. Since then, Delhomme has pursued any opportunities that would help elevate her writing and leadership skills. In her short time here at Lynn, she has been fortunate to gain editorial experience through iPulse and also served as a contributing writer to the Palm Beach Post. Outside of school, she carries a passion for music, community service and political activism. She strives to be able to live in a world with no barriers and as ever-changing as the world of journalism. Without a doubt, Delhomme has grown in short order, due to the experiences she has received at Lynn. She looks forward to growing with her fellow Fighting Knights as she actively seeks her career goals.

Matt Mazzamaro
Managing Editor

Matt Mazzamaro is a senior multimedia journalism major in the 3.0 program. Due to his background, Mazzamaro is very passionate about sports, which he has been able to develop through practical experience at Lynn. For instance, he currently holds the titles of radio broadcaster and sideline reporter for Lynn’s athletic communications department. Mazzamaro’s on-camera charisma and love for both writing and sports is what drives and motivates him to keep working towards his goal of one day breaking into the world of professional sports broadcasting and journalism. With the countless opportunities he has received thus far, Mazzamaro is fully prepared to enter the world of communications come graduation in May. As he enters his final undergraduate semester, he looks forward to continuing the iPulse legacy of success.
Originally from Pembroke Pines, Fla., Victoria Alvarez graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's of arts in multimedia journalism in May 2017. Alvarez is now pursuing a master of science in communication and media practice at Lynn while serving as a graduate assistant for the College of Communication and Design.

After working at beIN Sports as a production assistant this past summer, Alvarez hopes to take what she has learned to continue her career in the journalism industry.

Christina Diabo graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in multimedia journalism from Lynn last May. Now as a graduate assistant in the College of Communication and Design, Diabo hopes to pursue a career involving her skills and talents in the broadcast journalism industry, hoping to report for the golf channel.

Also, a cum laude graduate of the 2017 class is Briana Randall, who is continuing her education with a master's in communication and media with a digital media specialization. Working as the administrative graduate assistant, Randall is the first to welcome students and visitors to the College of Communication and Design. Through her studies, she hopes to expand her skillsets as a correspondent and for future work in the television and media industry.
MEET THE

BRIAN MARTIN
Web Coordinator

Brian Martin is entering his final semester and intends to make the most out of it. As his time with iPulse is coming to an end, Martin looks back on his previous years and cherishes all the experiences he has had in such a short period of time. Having received numerous academic accolades and partaking in different internships, including one with the Miami Herald, Martin is only striving to learn even more and succeed following his graduation this May. After graduation, he plans to move to Los Angeles and work for a pop culture news organization like IGN. Being a nerd at heart, his passions include playing video games and reading comics.

Video Editors

JAKE SWARTZ

Jake Swartz is a senior in the 3.0 accelerated degree program studying film and television. Swartz aspires to become a cinematographer shooting independent movies. His other aspiration in life is to own a fluffy corgi named Calvin.

LENSA JEUDY

Originally from Delray, Lensa Jeudy is a senior seeking a degree in film and television. Since her youth, Jeudy has pursued any opportunity on the path to advancing in entertainment. As she enters her final year, she is excited to help create fresh content for iPulse.

MADISON TIMMONS

Madison Timmons, a Chicago native, is a member of the 3.0 accelerated degree program. While pursuing her degree in film and television, Timmons has been extensively involved in Greek life and works at the Lynn box office. Outside of school, her interests include traveling and photography.

NICOLE SCHRADER

Nicole Schrader is a Boca Raton resident, majoring in film and television and minoring in multimedia design. Schrader expresses her gifts in writing screenplays, editing, photography and graphic design. She looks forward to using all of her talent in the future in the film industry.
**CREATIVE STAFF**

**ALEXA FULLER**  
Social Media Manager

Alexa Fuller is a current senior in the 3.0 program. After graduation in May, she plans to pursue a career in the social media management industry. She looks forward to sharing iPulse with the public through her talent for social communication.

**DALEN PARKER**  
Graphic Support

Dalen Parker is a passionate photographer who is currently a sophomore in the 3.0 program. He can always be found carrying a camera, ready to create a thousand words in a single shot. Also, he is the communication coordinator for the National Broadcast Society.

**JAN ABAZA**  
Graphic Support

Originally from Wayne, N.J., Jan Abaza is currently a senior pursuing a degree in digital art and design. Abaza is a former professional tennis player, playing on tour between the ages of 14 and 20. She is now focused on a new career in digital design.

**PAUL RISTUCCIA**  
Graphic Support

Currently a junior, Paul Ristuccia is pursuing environmental studies and plans to focus on environmental engineering. Following graduation, he hopes to eventually resume pilot training to achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a certified pilot.

**JULIE WOLOSHIN**  
Advertising Manager

Julie Woloshin, a New Jersey native, is a rising junior. Woloshin is studying advertising and public relations in the College of Communication and Design and minoring in graphic design. After graduation next spring, Julie plans to return to Lynn to complete her master's degree to excel more in her field. Post-graduation, she hopes to one day work for the National Hockey League, making her debut as a campaign manager or social media manager. Woloshin looks forward to the opportunity to market iPulse to the local community in ways never before attempted, revolutionizing the publication’s impact in lives across Boca Raton.
MEET THE

DAVID CZARLINSKY
Copy Support

David Czarlinsky is in his second year in the 3.0 program, pursuing a degree in communication and emerging media. Originally from Charlotte, N.C., Czarlinsky has gotten very involved on campus, serving as a resident assistant and president of his fraternity.

DYLAN KLIM
Copy Support

Dylan Klim, a member of the 3.0 accelerated degree program, is a junior majoring in criminal justice. After growing up in Paterson, N.J., Dylan wants to combine his knowledge of the criminal justice field and passion for writing to better his craft.

KELLY MARMO
Copy Support

Kelly Marmo is a sophomore majoring in communications and design. Marmo has a love for journalism, advertising and public relations, which all led her to become a member of iPulse. Outside of iPulse, Marmo's interests include music, exercise and photography.

ADAM KETYER
University News

Adam Ketyer is a sophomore studying multimedia journalism. Ketyer is interested in the intersection of media and public safety, specifically how departments share crucial information with the public during emergencies. Adam hopes to apply his major to the fire service.

AMBER MARTIN
News

Originally from Cranston, R.I., Amber Martin is a junior majoring in multimedia journalism. Prior to attending Lynn, she studied for a year at New England College in Henniker, N.H. Martin found her passion for journalism during her first year of college as a criminal justice major.

AMONI SIPLIN
General Assignment

Amoni Siplin is currently a junior. Siplin enjoys personal fitness, fashion and traveling. As a multimedia journalism major, she hopes to one day realize her dreams by becoming a journalist. Siplin is excited to be part of the iPulse team yet again.
STAFF WRITERS

BEN HIRSCHMAN
Sports

Benjamin Hirschman is a senior majoring in multimedia journalism. Originally from Potomac, Md., Hirschman initially came to Lynn as a business major in 2014. Since switching majors, he has interned at Sports Immortals Museum and collegehoops.com.

CARLOS ROSARIO
Food & Dining

Carlos Rosario is a senior in the 3.0 accelerated degree program, majoring in communications and emerging media. Originally from Mexico, he was raised across South America. The different cultures he has experienced have reinforced his passion for communications.

CHARLOTTE HANSEN
Around Boca

Charlotte Hansen, a returning junior, is a multimedia journalism major with varied interests, including Star Wars, broadway music and playing the piano. She loves animals and enjoys spending time with Sophie and Belle, her two golden retrievers, when she is home.

CARLOTA GARCIA
University News

Carlota Garcia is a junior studying film and psychology. Originally from Spain, she finished her high school career in America. She is currently the co-president of the National Broadcast Society and the videographer of the Lynn club hockey team.

CHASE COHEN
Technology

Chase Cohen is a film and television major originally from Yardley, Pa. Cohen has previously interned at Panavision in New York City, worked as an editorial assistant on the film Brigsby Bear and most recently was a production assistant on New Zealand Family Feud while studying abroad.

CRISTINA GUTIERREZ
Photographer

Cristina Gutierrez, originally from Veracruz, Mex., is a junior majoring in digital art and design. She came to Lynn as a recruit for the golf team and eventually found her passion for digital art after her first year. Gutierrez enjoys creating artwork by using the area of photography as her main tool.
Daniela Papadakis is a senior with a multimedia journalism major and communications minor. Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Papadakis enjoys running, reading, going to the beach and spending quality time with her dog.

Daniela Stranske is a senior majoring in advertising and public relations from Caracas, Venezuela. Her experience as a professional equestrian athlete have pushed her to create blogs, advertisements and public relations pieces to share her passion.

Born and raised in Geneva, Switzerland, Florence Didisheim is a senior majoring in film and television. After she graduates this May, she would like to travel the world and pursue her passions for cinematography and surfing.

After being born in New York and raised in Istanbul, Jason Levi has always found traveling to be easy. Levi has been to over 40 countries across the globe and plans to continue his intercontinental journey after graduating in May.

Jayla Hall is in her first year of the 3.0 accelerated degree program, where she is majoring in multimedia journalism and minoring in public relations. After college, Hall plans to pursue a career in broadcasting, perhaps as a host for E! News.

Jaylen Snipes is a sophomore from Opelika, Ala. Currently majoring in multimedia journalism, Snipes is in the 3.0 degree program and a member of the women's basketball team. She hopes to play professional basketball overseas and anchor for a company like ESPN.
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| **JULIA GORDON**  
Book Reviews  
Julia Gordon is a digital art and design major from Columbus, Ohio. In addition to her communications pursuits, she also studies gemology through the Gemological Institute of America. Gordon loves reading and has a passion for photography. |
| **KAITLIN ARMSTRONG**  
News  
Kaitlin Armstrong is a senior studying communications and emerging media. Originally from Atlanta, Ga., she shadowed the Atlanta Falcons' community relations department in 2016. Armstrong hopes to use that experience to gain additional internships. |
| **LUCCA SALOMONE**  
Gaming  
Lucca Salomone is studying film and communication with a minor in design. Born in Brazil, he travels the world to gain inspiration for his work. After graduating, Salomone hopes to work in television or film production, specifically regarding animation. |
| **LUCIANO MERCENARI**  
Health & Fitness  
Luciano Mercenari is a senior majoring in advertising and public relations. Born in Mexico City, he moved to Miami when he was 10. Mercenari is a transfer from Jacksonville University, where he was on the rowing team that saw success through the conference finals. |
| **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
Entertainment  
Morgan Taylor is a junior majoring in film and television. Originally from Atlanta, Ga., she has been a part of multiple clubs on campus, including the game club, National Broadcasting Society and the Student Activities Board (SAB). |
| **NIA PERKOVICH**  
College Survival Tips  
Nia Perkovich, a Coral Springs native, is currently studying advertising and public relations. After graduation, Perkovich hopes to land a job at any well-known public relations firm to realize her life goals. |
MEET THE STAFF WRITERS

NIKKI COLONNA
Sports

Nikki Colonna is a senior student athlete from Miami, set to graduate with a bachelor's degree in multimedia journalism and a minor in psychology. Colonna plans to go into the world of journalism, using her writing skills to promote businesses through social media platforms.

PAIGE STEGEMAN
Technology

Paige Stegeman is a senior and is majoring in digital art and design. She has a passion for art and graphic design. Stegeman is currently interning at Prints by Latux, and her goal is to become an animator at Pixar animation studios.

YAREN AY
Flashback Films

Yaren Ay is a sophomore currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in film and television. Born in Morocco, she is of Turkish descent and has lived in both England and Austria. With her vast cultural background, Ay aspires to implement her philosophy and creativeness into films one day.

Above: Recently, the women's golf team garnered yet another top-10 finish, led by star athletes Jenny Ayala and Helen Kreuzer, at the World Golf Invitational in St. Augustine, Fla. LU Photos.
The Lynn Sports Network is looking for qualified camera operators to film live Fighting Knight broadcasts

Both student worker & work-study positions are available

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FROM CITIZENSHIP PROJECT TO FOUNDER'S DAY:
How Fellow Fighting Knights Have Gathered Together To
CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY LIFE AT ITS BEST ACROSS CAMPUS

Embrace And Celebrate Their Local Boca Raton Community
Kay Bartmann, junior, was part of the trio of Fighting Knights selected as Sunshine State Conference Players of the Week after strong performances against St. Thomas and Flagler.
LU Photos.

### ATHLETICS

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Vagina Monologues**
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- **From The Studio Of Roberta Rust**
  - 2/22 @ 7:30 p.m. | Wold Performing Arts Center
- **Philharmonia No. 5**
  - 2/24 @ 7:30 p.m. | Wold Performing Arts Center
- **Philharmonia No. 5**
  - 2/25 @ 4 p.m. | Wold Performing Arts Center
- **Dean's Showcase**
  - 3/1 @ 7:30 p.m. | AGCH

Last week's Celebration of Nations Week was a huge success in showcasing the diverse cultures across campus and promoting cultural awareness. LU Photos.
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Above: iPulse joins the Lynn community in mourning the loss of Meadow Pollack, an incoming student for the class of 2022. Stock Photos.
CAMPUS SAFETY

PROMOTING PREVENTION TO ALLEVIATE CAMPUS CRISES
Sound Procedures And Trainings In Place To Maintain Safe Environment

By VICTORIA ALVAREZ
Graduate Support

A lone gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County recently. The mass shooting caused the tragic death of 17 students and faculty members. In the wake of the event, the Lynn community shared its thoughts and condolences that go out to the victims, their family members, and all the students, teachers and staff.

As the country mourns and honors the victims, it is a time to think through the safety precautions and resources available to Lynn students and employees.

In the event of an emergency on campus, Lynn has protocols and procedures to alleviate risk and harm on campus.

"Lynn has sound safety procedures on campus," said Anthony Altieri, vice president of Student Affairs. "Safety is a community responsibility and we have professionals that are well-trained and prepared to deal with crisis situations within our community."

These well-trained individuals make up Lynn's Department of Campus Safety, an office comprised of 33 professionals who are dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe and secure environment for students, faculty and guests.

"We believe in hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst," said Larry Rickard, campus safety chief. "Campus Safety actively runs trainings every academic year to ensure that our entire campus community gives advance thought to how each of us should immediately respond if we ever have an "active shooter" on campus."

Campus Safety has prepared certain emergency systems, such as the Mass Notification System, to serve as alert alarm systems in the event of a campus crisis. In an urgent or dangerous situation, students, faculty, administrators and staff would hear the sound of an alarm on campus, along with further instructions and information.

The alert system includes an outdoor public address system, an indoor public notification system with flashing lights, and text, email and voicemail notifications. Students and employees can also opt their emergency contacts into Lynn's emergency notifications.

However, in an effort to ensure the entire Lynn community is prepared and informed for a possible crisis, there are also available active shooter trainings on campus. These trainings serve as information sessions so that a member of the Lynn community can know what to do in the unlikely event that an "active shooter" enters campus. Several departments at Lynn have taken part in the trainings, and such trainings have been offered to student residents that live on campus, but they are also provided by Campus Safety upon request for those who are interested.

"The basic principles of personal and community safety are always present. We have protocol and procedures in place but our ultimate goal is to be proactive in spreading awareness to mitigate the possibility of that ever happening," said Altieri.

With this ideology in mind, Campus Safety believes that prevention and education are vital to maintaining a safe community.

"Prevention is the best possible scenario, and vigilance in sharing potentially relevant information is the basis of prevention," said Rickard. "Faculty, staff, students, parents, counselors and Campus Safety are in the best position to identify and react to warning signs, such as violent messages in papers and student projects, social media, direct threats and even rumors like whether someone has a weapon on campus."

Members of the Lynn community are encouraged to submit an easy-to-use, online form if they ever feel troubled or uncertain about another person's mental health, emotional stability or even risky behavior. This form, the Concerned Person Report, is anonymous and can be submitted by anyone on campus.

"I know that staff, students and other members sometimes have these types of caring concerns but are unsure what or how to pass the issue on to the appropriate professionals," said Gary Martin, dean of students. "The CPR is the intake process we use at Lynn. For more information about Lynn's safety protocols and available programs, visit https://my.lynn.edu/ICS/LifeatLynn/Campus_Safety_and_Security.jnz.

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LOCAL RESPONSE TO STONEMAN DOUGLAS
Parkland School Community Gathers To Remember The Deceased

By SHAWN JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shared by the south Florida community in the days following the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school, secondary trauma is the emotional impact on outsiders during a time of suffering.

When the tragedy at the high school struck, much of the nation was unsure of where Parkland was located. Being one of the smallest yet safest cities in the state according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security, a school shooting at the Broward County institution seemed unfathomable. Without a doubt, the close-to-home nature of the attack truly registered with local Floridians.

At religious institutions throughout the area, individuals mourned, reminisced and sprung up rallying cries for unification. The people impacted by the shooting raised their voices amidst the swirling media storm, looking toward the future and reflecting on the lost individuals.

When Stoneman Douglas alumna and current Boca resident Megan Cordero saw the school grounds of her childhood headlining national news outlets, the secondary trauma shock disallowed any immediate emotion to enter her mind. Not only was the apparent crime scene just two streets from the home in which she grew up, but it also was a place of security and comfort in her teenage years.

"It is my hometown; it is sacred," said Cordero. "When I drove into Parkland a couple of days ago, I could just feel a change in the atmosphere. It is incredibly difficult to realize that the places I can so vividly recall at Stoneman Douglas were so quickly covered in bodies and blood."

Having built numerous relationships with the high school's staff, Cordero has seen just how challenging the situation has been for many of her former teachers and mentors. She shares the thoughts of so many others in expressing emotion while looking forward with as positive an outlook as possible. Ty Thompson, the principal of Stoneman Douglas, shared similar sentiments in a two-minute video posted on Saturday.

"We lost seventeen lives on Valentine's Day," said Thompson. "That is supposed to be the international day of love. We are going to take the love we lost and spread that over the next days, weeks, months and maybe even years. Our community is strong, our students are strong, [and] we will persevere."

All the while, Lynn's very own were struck by the fright and
ATTACK: THOSE WHO WERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED
And React Following Tragic Shooting At Hands Of Expelled Student

The carnage left by the tragedy, affecting how they view their formerly pure community. Rita Albert, director of the university health center, was one Fighting Knight closely impacted by the attack. With her three children and husband at the Parkland school, the news of Stoneman Douglas’ lives being taken shook her world.

"It was crazy and intense when the shooting occurred," said Albert. "One of my sons was in the room where the shooter came in. Carmen, [one of the deceased], died right next to him."

For Cordero, Albert, Thompson and so many others, the long-lasting effects of the shootings will be somewhat of a continuous obstacle. What comes in the following days and weeks will truly be indicative of the Parkland community’s strength.

"Any tragedy will bring us all together," said Albert. "The kids [of Stoneman Douglas] are amazing; we all feel that they will create the change the world is seeking."

Across south Florida, rallying moments have been the coping mechanism of choice for many, joining forces to make a difference.

“Our community is strong, our students are strong, [and] we will persevere”
-Ty Thompson, Stoneman Douglas high school principal

As much of the area continues to struggle with secondary trauma, the recovery process seems far from over.

Following this attack, many are left wondering what Florida schools will become in the future, toeing the line of safety and legality. Ultimately, Floridians alike are coming to terms with not knowing whether safe cities exist throughout the state anymore.
FIREARMS
THE WEAPON OF CHOICE THAT IS ATTACKING AMERICA
What The Continued Appearance Of AR-15s Means Locally

By DYLAN M. KLIM
Copy Support and Staff Writer

Whether it was at Sandy Hook, San Bernardino, Las Vegas, Sutherland Springs or the most recent incident in Parkland, five out of the six deadliest mass shootings of the past decade have involved the use of the AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. AR-15s are self-loading rifles that fire a single round each time the trigger is pulled and have become today's modern sporting firearm. By nature, an AR-15 is not an assault weapon, as these types of guns, like machine guns, are fully automatic.

"The AR-15 is such a great weapon," said Steven McGillicuddy, officer of the Miramar police department. "At the same time, what makes it so great is what makes it so bad, especially when it is in the wrong hands."

The National Rifle Association calls the AR-15 the most popular weapon in the U.S. today. Despite its popularity however, much of the American population questions why the AR-15 is continuously being used and why a 19-year-old, who has had a previous history of mental illness and had posted threatening statuses on social media, can obtain one?

Florida has a three-day waiting period to purchase a handgun, and individuals must be 21 years of age to begin the process. The process of buying a rifle is entirely different among states. Florida's process however, makes it significantly easier for people like Nikolas Cruz to purchase the weapon.

The process in which Floridians must undergo to purchase a gun is quite simple. In fact, anyone who lacks an officially recognized record can walk into a gun store, wait a few minutes to be cleared of a background check and walk out with one of the most powerful weapons available.

At gun shows, which are extremely common in the state of Florida, the purchase of an AR-15 or any other similar types of weapons do not require a background check. An individual only needs a gun license to make a purchase, commonly known as the "gun show loophole."

"A lot of people use the AR-15 and similar rifles in general because it doesn't require as much skill," said Officer McGillicuddy. "The AR-15 is extremely lightweight, easy to obtain and accurate. You can fire numerous rounds at a high rate."

Today, roughly five million people in the U.S. own AR-15s according to CNBC. As responsibility can vary in regards to the individual possessing the rifle, these semi-automatics have often fallen into the wrong hands. Due to this, police officers now carry the same type of weapon in the trunks of their cars to match the level of threat.

In the wake of the tragedy in Parkland, numerous citizens are wondering what can be done to put an end to these tragedies, pushing for stricter laws and regulations on gun purchasing. Officer McGillicuddy is one of many looking for adjustments to America's open gun laws.

In an effort to put an end to the circulation of these firearms, Ben Dickmann, husband of Lynn admission counselor Karen Fisher-Dickmann, turned over his upgraded version of the AR-15 to the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Like many, the Dickmann family is hoping to lead by example regarding this weapon.

"My husband thought something needed to be done since the Las Vegas shooting occurred," said Fisher-Dickmann. "With it being so close to home, Ben saw a need and has started a social media movement."

Above: Law enforcement was able to officially confirm that Nikolas Cruz purchased the AR-15 at a local tactical supply store in Coral Springs, a weapon that can be purchased for only a few hundred dollars. Staff Photos/D. Klim.
MODERN WARFARE: THE RISE OF AN ARMED GENERATION
How Mass Shootings Have Become A Desensitized U.S. Topic

By HADASSA DELHOMME
Editor-In-Chief

Two high school massacres, separated by nearly 19 years, held the same fate at the hand of troubled students given access to firearms after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas attack.

In 1999, two gunman overtook Columbine High School, killing 12 students and injuring more than 20 others. The event, synonymous with the initial start of an era of gun violence, has stood as one of the deadliest in American history. As gun violence has seen new heights since the Columbine attack, many have called for immediate legislation.

"There evidently is a need for more rules and regulations pertaining to being able to purchase a gun," said Sarah Galati, junior. "Around the country, many have given up their guns in protest of these mass shootings, and I believe we as a country should follow the same narrative."

Per a study conducted by The Washington Post earlier this year, more than 150,000 Americans have experienced a shooting on campus since the landmark event in 1999. After the tragedy in Parkland, another 3,000 survivors can be added to the growing list.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, a mass shooting is defined as any shooting that kills four or more people, excluding the gunman. By these standards, there have been 1,624 mass shootings in the past five years in the U.S. As indicated in many national outlets, no other developed nation approaches gun violence comparable to that of America.

"It starts with education; it is imperative for us to be more mindful of our surroundings and aware of possible dangers," said Romina Benzeray, senior. "It is easy to bicker about these situations rather than find a middle ground. We need to stop the arguments and begin focusing on mental health in America."

While school shootings have not generally been among the deadliest in American history, the situation at Stoneman Douglas is a prime example of the increasing gun violence rates. Throughout recent years, the number of lives taken via school attacks has only grown.

After the initial attack at Columbine, shootings in places of education have become somewhat regular occurrences. In 2007, Virginia Tech suffered an attack killing 32. Five years later, Sandy Hook Elementary School saw 20 students and six adults murdered before the gunman, Adam Lanza, took his own life.

19 years have passed since Columbine, and the nation continues its cycle of a never-ending argument rather than finding a compromise.
CAMPUS REACTION

18 TIMES TOO MANY IN FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 2018
Students Discuss Preventing School Shootings In The Future

By DAVID CZARLINSKY
Copy Support and Staff Writer

Following the Feb. 14 attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the most commonly searched figure was 18 according to Google, matching the number of gun-related incidents at schools in 2018 alone.

Many students, parents, families and friends took to social media the night of the tragedy to demand action. Many called out the National Rifle Association, local and federal governments, while some specifically targeted President Trump.

The idea of a school shooting haunts many who hope to see themselves in the education field in the future. Amalia Cardella, sophomore, is one of those individuals afraid of what lies ahead.

"As a student, no one should have to be afraid to go to school," said Cardella. "As a teacher, no one should be afraid to go to work, and education majors should not be afraid of their future careers."

There are many different thoughts on how to go about creating change, including proposals to ban AR-15 weaponry. Arguments range from taking guns away, arming teachers and/or limiting the types of guns that citizens can own. Regardless of the stance, the continuous nature of these attacks has marred the minds of many around campus.

"With the way society is going, looking at the desensitization of mass murders and the normalization of violence in the media, these crimes will only continue," said Maria Kahn, sophomore. "While the second amendment is important, a definitive effort needs to be implemented in order to make change."

Many politicians have strongly asserted that the change is up to the younger generation. Houston Congressman Al Green recently made the point that the youth fought for civil rights and created change back in the 1960s. Green is of a mindset similar to that of many students, that the generations growing up with phones and computers can shape the next few decades to come.

"Both the millennials and Generation Z must work together to make the change for us and the kids of the future," said Diego Ruiz, senior. "We must not only protest against our government, but take action by getting educated and helping make a difference in each other's lives by being nice to one another."

Cardella, the aspiring high school teacher, agrees changes must be made in the education field to respond to situations, like Parkland.

"Something needs to be done about gun control, but schools need more funding for mental health," said Cardella. "We need smaller student-teacher ratios so that we will be able to actually get to know students as individuals and spot some of the issues early."

18 incidents later, the country is left wondering what is next. If the thoughts of these Lynn students are any indication, change just might be on the horizon.

Above: Around the country, students continue to protest and urge lawmakers to introduce changes to gun regulations, including making a demonstration in front of the White House. Stock Photos.
LOCAL THOUGHTS
REACTIONS OF INCOMING AND CURRENT LYNN MEMBERS
How The Community Responded To The Parkland Shooting

By ALLI MANCINI
Assistant Editor

"I was in shock and my heart was breaking. I was looking at the television and was completely silent," said Caitlin Gormley, junior.

"So many people were calling and texting me, freaking out because of how close Lynn is. It is sickening," said Victor Danza, junior.

"It is just so sad, so heartbreaking that there were individuals as young as 14 that died in that fashion," said Calyssa Dion, junior.

"When I heard about the shooting, my heart dropped. We feel the heartache of Stoneman Douglas," said Claire McCabe, freshman.

"I was in so much shock that I could not come up with enough words to say. It was all so close to home," said Victoria DiSorbo, sophomore.

"I cannot imagine what it must feel like. As tragic as this is, their deaths cannot be in vain," said Yara Faquir, member of Lynn 2022 class.

"I keep thinking about the students and faculty during that time. I feel nothing but pain and sorrow for them," said Sarah Nichols, sophomore.

"Meadow, [the incoming Lynn student], will always have a place in my heart," said Meera Savani, member of Lynn 2022 class.

"A pit grew in my stomach. Parents sending their children to get an education should never be terrified," said Sydney Parks, junior.

"It is horrifying. Today, you never know what can happen, when it could happen or where; it is terrible," said Alex Gharabegian, sophomore.

"Unfortunately, this was entirely predictable. There is nothing but sorrow and heartbreak for the families," said Paul Gormley, professor.

"I was so confused. How could all of this be happening again?" said Jonathon Demoya, graduate student.
The Lynn Sports Network is looking for qualified camera operators to film live Fighting Knight broadcasts

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Feminist Friday
2/23 @ 3 p.m. | Library Event Room

Study Trivia
2/23 @ 8 p.m. | Old Lynn

SAB Tie Dye
2/26 @ 11 a.m. | Perper Lawn

What Is Your Social Identity?
2/26 @ 3 p.m. | Henke Wing

What To Know About Xanax
2/27 @ 1 p.m. | Henke Wing

We are all on duty.

Never again.

Next week, Lynn students will be selling wristbands to raise money for the victims of the Stoneman Douglas shooting and their families outside of the Elmore Dining Commons. LU Photo.
OLYMPIC CONTROVERSY RUSSIAN GLORY

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Above: Recently, former CNN White House correspondent Dan Lothian came to speak as part of the Dialogue Speaker Series, hosted in the Wold Performing Arts Center. LU Photos.
EXPERIENCING THE WORLD WITH PROFESSOR LUTTIO
How Lynn’s Resident Philosopher Has Altered Lynn’s International Outlook

By CHARLOTTE HANSEN
Staff Writer

Across campus, numerous professors have essentially become household names, and philosophy professor Mark Luttio is no exception.

Having taught at Lynn for almost 15 years, Luttio specializes in religion and philosophy, which he only strengthens with his involvement in the Landgren Chapel.

With his parents engaging in volunteerism abroad when he was younger, Luttio has used this as motivation in his own studies of philosophy. In an effort to aid the community, Luttio has continued to be an unofficial counselor to students looking for guidance.

"I was actually born and raised in Japan, as both of my parents were working over there at the time," said Luttio. "My first language was Japanese and I grew up thinking I was a Japanese."

To help reminisce and teach other students about his home country, Luttio brings a group of students with him to Japan each January. This experience gives students the chance to learn more about Japanese culture and its impact on the world.

Luttio has continually felt that the best way to experience Japanese culture and different cultures in general is to have a hands-on experience. Unfortunately, this year’s trip was cancelled due to financial reasons. Still, he hopes to continue this program in the future.

"I just think one of the best ways of getting an education is by travel," said Luttio. "You need the practical experience of actually living, breathing and experiencing it with all five senses."

Apart from trips to Japan, Luttio arranges events at the Snyder Sanctuary as well. Of the occasions he has overseen, the professor organized a candlelit prayer vigil for the Las Vegas victims last fall. Further, he also arranges classical music concerts for the Conservatory of Music students and faculty, including the upcoming April event "An Evening of Chamber Music and Poems."

Luttio recently took a sabbatical abroad to travel the world, perform research on religious tolerance and learn more about himself as well as the world.

When discussing his future plans, Luttio feels that his plans focus primarily on educating others on religious tolerance.

"I would like to keep doing research, but maybe I will not travel quite as much," said Luttio. "I will keep doing what is my passion, which is building bridges between cultures, not barriers."

Above: Sharing his love for Japan with his students, Luttio has helped numerous individuals experience other cultures through his January Term study abroad course. LU Photos.
SUSPENDED: HOW THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WORKED
Clean, Cleared Athletes Took PyeongChang By Storm To Show Pride

By KAITLIN ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Russia was missing from the Winter Olympics, preventing the world from seeing a Russian flag raised at any point for their ever-talented athletes.

When most people think of the Winter Olympics, they think of Russia, China, America and all of the other powerhouses. Russia was the overall medal winner in Sochi four years ago, but now the doping scandal has tainted that accomplishment, forcing viewers to question if that medal count is deserved.

Due to the ban placed on the Russian federation last December, all Russian athletes were forced to compete under the Olympic Athletes from Russia collective title, OAR for short. As a result, these athletes had to walk out under the Olympic flag and hear the Olympic anthem if they were to reach the podium.

All due to the state-sponsored doping allegations from the Sochi Games, these Russian athletes were unable to represent their country on the biggest stage of them all.

“I think that this punishment was a lesson to all other countries that mass doping will not be tolerated,” said Tara Lunsford, sophomore. “It will be interesting to see what they do about all the medals they won in Sochi.”

All clean athletes were allowed to compete for OAR, but athletes that were not found clean had to stay home for these Games. According to CBS, there were a number of Russian athletes who said prior to the Games that they would not compete unless they stood under the Russian flag. It seemed as if a majority of the athletes came around and chose not to pass up on the opportunity of a lifetime to compete in PyeongChang.

From curler Anastasia Bryzgalova to the entire men’s hockey team, the Russians had significant talent at the 2018 Winter Olympics. From the start, these carefully vetted athletes showed their prowess, garnering multiple medals in the first few days of competition.

“I feel like it was unfair to the countries that have not doped or been in scandals,” said Katie Tiell, senior. “The whole country should have been banned for these Olympics and should not have been allowed to compete at all,” said Tiell.

Like Tiell, many hope to see the system receive much needed changes.
in the coming years. For Canadian Olympic Committee President Tricia Smith, the process regarding Russia has highlighted the glaring problem areas for the International Olympic Committee.

"We are at a time where people want this thing fixed," Smith told The Canadian Press. "It is not where we want to be in sports, but we are catching people who are cheating now."

This ban did not stop fans from wearing Russian colors and waving the Russian flag to support their athletes. Without a doubt, the country showed extreme dedication to their athletes throughout this controversial process.

Now that the Olympics have come to an end, the Russians can only look forward, thankful for the opportunity to garner a few medals in South Korea while under an international ban.

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Above: In past years, the Russian Federation had become an essential powerhouse at both the Summer and Winter Olympics, winning 11 gold medals at the Sochi games in 2014. Stock Photos.
NATIONAL NEWS

PURSUING WELLNESS IN A TIME OF EXTREME NEED
Influenza Strains Testing Both Medical Professionals and Lynn Community

By DYLAN KLIM
Copy Support

In the first semester of 2018, students should realize the importance of getting their influenza vaccination, due to the influx of the cases with deadly effects.

The flu is a common viral infection that is spread very easily, but as the years turn, it has brought about increasing levels of concern. Usually, the flu can be nipped in the bud by a simple vaccine. If victims do have the illness, they can be treated with over-the-counter or prescribed anti-viral medicines.

"I am a strong advocate for the flu shot, and I feel everybody should be getting their immunizations," said Paul Gormley, professor. "The flu spreads so easily. When individuals join the military, they have to get hundreds of shots [to prevent further infection]."

Pressing the issue of vaccination even further, the latest strain of influenza in 2018 has become an epidemic. Across campus, many students and professors are experiencing first-hand symptoms of the flu. For many, the reasoning behind why the flu has caused so many issues this time around is rather befuddling.

Less than half of the American population chose against receiving their flu shot, allowing the infection to spread even more easily. The flu virus has been so widespread that there are at least 50 cases of it in every state.

Across the country, there are different strains of influenza circulate each year. This year, influenza A (H3N2) is ubiquitous, but a separate strain (H1N1) has made an impact in America's hospitals in the same way. Having so many different strains of the flu going around makes it harder for researchers to create a universal vaccination for all.

"The flu vaccine is only 10 percent effective this year," said Barbara Bach, university nurse. "The common thought is that if you protect the majority of people from getting sick, then the people that are not protected are by default safe because the virus is not circulating."

More than in most years, it is crucial for students to receive a flu shot, as thirty children in the United States have already died from the influenza virus this year alone. On top of the vaccine, Bach has some helpful tips to maintain wellness in this time of significant stress on America's immune systems.

"Stay hydrated, pursue good nutrition, rest significantly and use infection control practices if the flu comes out on top in the end," said Bach. "For those still unvaccinated, students can get a shot for free at the Health Center."

Individuals must realize how quickly the flu spreads. Especially on a small campus, students are vulnerable. Therefore, they should take it seriously and make it a necessity to get a flu shot. Not only can the flu shot prevent individuals from becoming sick, but it can also prevent any degree of circulation.

Above: With the harsh flu season hitting the nation, the Lynn Health Center is joining the south Florida community in an effort to halt the virus in its tracks. Stock Photos.
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TRACK @ UT Track Invitational 3/2 6 p.m.
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LACROSSE vs. Dominican (N.Y.) 2/28 7 p.m.
BASEBALL @ Rollins 3/2 6 p.m.
LACROSSE vs. Wingate 3/3 1 p.m.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Reduce The Risk: Alcohol & Other Drugs
2/28 @ 11 a.m. | Student Center Lobby

Trail Of Happiness
2/28 @ 7 p.m. | EML Lobby

Knight-A-Thon Poster Making
2/28 @ 7:30 p.m. | EML Lobby

Alcohol Awareness: Jeopardy
3/1 @ Noon | Student Center Lobby

Therapy Dog Thursdays
3/1 @ 3:30 p.m. | Trinity Hall

Knights Of The Roundtable Design Contest

Design a new Logo for Lynn's student government: K.O.R.

Guidelines:
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Themes: Confidence, Governance, and Teamwork

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