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Above: After Lynn volleyball began its season, ESPN West Palm invited head coach Adam Milewski to preview the team’s plans for growth on the court this year. LU Athletics.

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LYNN’S HEARTBEAT EMBRACES FRESH START

By SHAWN JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

Spring 2018 saw significant change and developments across Lynn’s campus. Between new faces arriving and old ones saying farewell, the community underwent a makeover in the span of just a few weeks. Beyond campus, countless major headlines kept young students alike engaged on what really mattered in the political and social spheres. Meanwhile, those on campus saw unmatched events occur everywhere from the Wold Performing Arts Center to the Elmore Dining Commons.

In the same way, iPulse reflected all of the changes and adjustments as new names took over multiple editorial positions. All the while, a new team of staff writers partnered with the editors to bring relevant, useful information to the Fighting Knight community. iPulse developed a team ready to tackle anything in their way of maintaining their award-winning standard.

Numerous headlines in the south Florida community occurred in the spring, many of which changed the way students conduct themselves on a daily basis. Particularly, the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school shook Lynn, other surrounding areas and the nation to its core. Still, this event forced the campus at-large to bond together, forging on to brighter days.

At the same time, multiple momentous occasions took place across Lynn to highlight the abilities of the best and brightest. In fact, the Celebration of the Arts event took over campus, showcasing a multitude of individuals’ music and theater talents. The entire Lynn family gathered to make Celebration of the Arts a success, including President Kevin Ross.

Putting Spring 2018 in the books, we welcome an experienced team of editors to continue the legacy left from prior iPulse teams. With the fall semester comes incoming freshmen as well, yielding fresh, creative minds to write, edit and produce top-tier pieces weekly. Through the new chapter, the team seeks to inspire, invigorate and energize the Lynn community in a fashion never before seen.

iPulse is partnering with the newly integrated Digital Media Arts Center to unveil a fresh layout and a comic strip opportunity for the publication in the coming weeks.

With increased distribution comes simpler access to articles, allowing the community to read from their laptop or simply grab the newest 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 with the help of our new social media manager, Katherine Whalley.

While the editors and production staff may change from one semester to another, the unwavering, ethical approach to responsible journalism remains the same. With numerous events occurring throughout the fall semester, we look forward to partnering with the Lynn community to foster an environment of dialogue on relevant topics.

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 on our ongoing mission, we look forward to connecting via social media and our consistent publications with everyone. In the coming semester, grow with iPulse’s journalists and storytellers by reading this publication, fueling Lynn’s innovative vision for the future.

Above: The team of new staff writers stands ready to take on the academic year. Staff Photo/S. Johnson.
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#First40, Adulting 101
9/24 @ 11 a.m. | Perper Plaza

Flag Football
9/24 @ 7 p.m. | Perper Intramural Field

Real Talk
9/25 @ Noon | Library Cube

Belief Bazaar
9/26 @ 11:30 a.m. | Perper Plaza

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Vega Coffee continues to grow in popularity across campus, with demand increasing more than 100 percent in recent months. Photo/E. McWilliam-Lopez.

Lynn’s secret society, the Order of the Grail Knights, left messages around campus for families to enjoy on Welcome Weekend. LU Photo.
MAKING AN IMPACT:

FAITH THOMAS AND XIARA DEL VALLE
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University Welcomes Largest Class Since 2005

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Above: This summer, the third floor of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library transformed into the College of Communication and Design. @LU Photo.
This year, Lynn welcomed 1,143 new students making this the largest number of students accepted since the year 2005. With more than 9,000 applications submitted, this also marked the highest numbers of applicants in the university’s history.

“The incoming freshman class brings the universities enrollment to over 3,000 students,” said Gareth Fowles, vice president for enrollment management. “91% of students that came in this year indicated that Lynn was their first or second choice for their education.”

Lynn also welcomed 363 graduate students along with 48 online students pursuing an undergraduate degree resulting in yet another record-breaking year for enrollment. Although the university is growing Lynn wants to stay true to the promise of a small university feel.

“We are very pleased with how much the university has grown, but we do not plan to continue to expand after this year so our students can still learn in small classrooms and have better relationships and connections with their professors,” said Fowles.

Regarding, the financial aspect, Lynn’s Student Financial Office has had to prepare more than ever for this large incoming class.

“Student Financial Services had been planning since February for the influx of new students this fall. The collaborative efforts between admission, resident life, and our office was tremendous and as a team we made it possible,” said Evelyn Nelson, Executive Director of Student Financial Services.

With the university attracting students worldwide, this gives all of them the opportunity to expand on their learning.

“I believe that students want to become apart of Lynn because the stellar facility that we offer. We provide students with real world experience, as well as being able to let our students to graduate with the experience and talent to become successful in the future,” she said.

The 2018-19 academic year is already off to a productive start, yet the students will not be the only new additions to campus. This fall Lynn began a curriculum in five new majors and continues to prepare for the opening of the Christine E. Lynn University Center in Spring 2019. This year is sure to be a memorable start for the future of the university.
Recently, Lynn students Xiara Del Valle and Faith Thomas were given the opportunity to complete a summer apprenticeship in partnership with the Social Impact Lab and the Ambassador Corps program in Kayonza, Rwanda.

While in Rwanda the students worked alongside the Urugo Women’s Opportunity Center. A center built and operated by women, for women. Urugo provides a safe environment for women to find, learn and harness their skills as well as building on new ones, leading them to create and operate businesses that aid their local communities.

“Our job was always changing, which was something I really enjoyed,” said Del Valle. “We created business and marketing plans, brochures, networking opportunities, website modifications, photographs, videos and the list could really go on. Wherever they needed gaps to be filled, we were there ready to jump in.”

The Ambassador Corps program is designed to provide students with a chance to work alongside a social enterprise or impact investment firm worldwide. Rwanda, Macedonia and select U.S. locations were among the most popular programs.

The summer apprenticeship is a select program open to a handful of students so when Del Valle and Thomas got word of their acceptance they were excited to not only embark on a new journey but to make a difference in a place they soon would learn would make a larger impact on themselves.

“I was able to learn, grow and improve upon a lot of things while being here all while enjoying a new culture, which is something I’ll forever be grateful for,” said Thomas.

Despite having a demanding work schedule, these students were still able to explore and take in the beauty of their surroundings. In their last few days in Rwanda they had the opportunity to visit a school in which they could interact with students and staff.

Throughout their time with the children of Rwanda, Thomas and Del Valle knew they wanted to do...
everything they could to create a better environment in these countries and the lives of these children.

“I learned that language is so much more than words. Communication is more than what you say. I have seen what the difference in finances can do, if put in the right hands of those who should have it, versus those who believe they have the right to claim it,” said Del Valle.

Although Del Valle and Thomas are still working towards a plan of action for how they will help, they plan to do everything possible to continue their mission of creating a social impact by carrying a passion to give back to Rwanda, a place they now call home.
By the age of nine, Victor Batista was already a global citizen. Having lived in Portugal, Brazil and Chile, he has had the opportunity to call numerous places home, but fate would ultimately lead him to Lynn, his second home.

In 2014, Batista made the decision to leave Brazil to set his sight on Boca Raton and Lynn University. “My university in Brazil was on strike and I was looking for a new opportunity outside of the world I knew,” said Batista. “I remembered Lynn reps visiting my high school, so I took a tour and was really impressed with what I saw here.”

Batista cites the beautiful campus and individual attention he received from admissions as some of the reasons for his transfer. His parents, Altimir and Marcia, wanted to stay close to their son, the youngest of four children, and followed him to Florida.

Batista’s time in the United States has boosted his love for photography and travel, he has traveled throughout the United States to places including Chicago, Brooklyn and Vail. Seeing different parts of the country has opened his eyes to all the beauty the United States has to offer.

“I’ve lived in a variety of places, but none as culturally diverse. Everywhere you go you see people who have come here and contributed to the whole melting pot idea,” he said. “There’s endless possibilities here just a drive or short flight away. Whatever it is, there’s something here that fits your life and what you want to do with it.”

Wanting to experience everything, Batista has been an active member of the Lynn community. During his undergraduate years he was treasurer and vice president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, an iPulse staff writer, communications intern and a graduate assistant in the Center for Learning Abroad office. Going to class and working alongside Lynn’s international community has also broken down barriers Batista did not know he had.

“I had never known anyone Jewish or Muslim before I came to Lynn,” said Batista. “Meeting these people squashed all the preconceptions and stereotypes. I love the diversity Lynn has.”

With an MBA in marketing, a lengthy resume and strong support system of family, friends and colleagues, Batista looks to the future. His dream is to practice law as part of an international business firm and continue to travel the world. The Lynn community has left its mark on his heart and he intends to use all he learned to explore the opportunities the world has for him.
Popular American media service provider Netflix has put rumors to rest as the company released a statement ensuring that they will not add commercials in between their shows. The streaming service is synonymous for providing movies and shows without any ads.

After being flooded with angry tweets and outrage from consumers the streaming platform decided to stop an experimental test on the services. Users in the U.K. were the first ones to notice commercials in between watching different television shows.

Having to sit through commercials may seem like a millennial and First World problem, but many users are threatening to leave if Netflix does not change its ways. Many users support Netflix because the company stays away from commercials, even though marketing ads through streaming platforms has become popular.

“If Netflix gives us commercials I will absolutely cancel my subscription,” said Natalie Beck, senior. “I literally pay so I do not have to see commercials.”

Netflix officials released a statement saying they are only experimenting and that binge watchers have the option to skip the promotions. Netflix has also stated the advertisements are personalized to what movies and TV shows the users watch.

Netflix has always been a binge watchers paradise that allows the user the option to skip the opening and closing credits. This issue results in many users believing if there is going to be commercials then the streaming service should cost less.

Some consumers fail to realize that streaming services test ads and certain media on their platforms year round. By catching the attention of many of their customers Netflix is sure to stick to its initial promise.
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- SAB Foam Dance Party
  9/30 @ 7 p.m. | Perper Field
- LGBTQ History Month Kickoff
  10/1 @ 11:30 a.m. | Perper Plaza
- Knight Time Mentoring
  10/4 @ 5:30 p.m. | Library Event Room

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Over summer 2018, an interim academic advising center began to take shape in the alumni room of the library. It opened in fall 2018, with six full-time staff members dedicated to advising the university’s nearly 3,000 students. /LU Photo
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Above: Over the summer, the Office of Admission embraced the innovative approach to learning by introducing virtual campus tours./LU Photo.
McPhee Discusses His Path As Both A Lynn Student And Employee

By ALLI MANCINI
Assistant Editor

Above: The Scottish golfer came to Lynn on a dream to win collegiate championships. Instead, McPhee has found a new path to success via the Office of Admission./LU Photos.

In the course of eight years at Lynn, Paul McPhee has gone from a student-athlete and ambassador to assistant director in the Office of Admission.

Originally from a small town in Scotland, McPhee knew an alumnus from his hometown that had graduated in 2007, who would eventually put him in contact with the golf coach. McPhee then came to the U.S. in 2010 to play on the men's golf team and to further his academic career at Lynn.

Upon graduating in 2014 with his B.A. in business administration, McPhee then pursued his master's degree. Roughly one year later in June 2015, McPhee was then hired full-time as an admission counselor.

“As assistant director of Admission, I advise students on how to maximize their experience here. I work with students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware,” said McPhee. “I travel to spread the word about Lynn and to meet with families that want more information about Lynn but cannot come to visit.”

In the time that McPhee has been at Lynn, the International Business Center, Bobby Campbell Stadium, Snyder Sanctuary and Perper Residence Hall were built.

“Lynn has changed my life completely,” said McPhee. “I came to Lynn as somebody who was unsure about themself and I did not excel in high school. Coming here helped me grow both professionally and personally, and I loved the fact that I got to meet people from all over the world.”

Over time, the incoming classes have grown extensively under McPhee’s watchful eye. His graduating class in 2014 had roughly 450 students. Thus far, Admission has already received more than 500 applications for August 2019, having accepted north of 700 students for the most recent Fall 2022 class alone.

McPhee gets to know every one of his prospective students on a personal level, and he still keeps in contact with them upon their arrival to Lynn. McPhee and his colleagues all have the same goal in mind: to provide the best service and experience to their students.

“Paul made Lynn feel like home to me the first time I met with him at my high school in the spring of my junior year,” said Jason Galdo, freshman. “The growing opportunities, the close-knit family community that he kept mentioning to me and the small class sizes are what really brought me to Lynn.”

McPhee believes serving as a student ambassador on campus is one of the best forms of involvement, particularly because of all the different people and Lynn experiences that are shared. To join him in the Office of Admission, students can always visit lynn.edu/studentjobs or stop by their office in the Schmidt College Center for more information.
Joy Babb, a mother, friend and Lynn staff member for more than a decade, passed away on Aug. 5 at the age of 55 following a battle with cancer.

Babb was born in Georgetown, Guyana and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2003, a place she would call home for the rest of her life. Working alongside Director Amy Greene, Babb had grown with the University Events team since its early days.

In her first month at Lynn, the university withstood a hurricane, the retirement of the prior President Ross and a Parents and Alumni weekend. Coincidentally, that month was the beginning of a long relationship between Babb and Greg Malfitano, senior vice president for development and administration, where she assured him that her team could handle their upcoming challenges.

“Joy’s proudest memory was the presidential debate [in 2012],” said Malfitano. “She was proud of her accomplishments, having played a part of a historic moment for the university.”

At a memorial service held on campus for Babb last month, those in attendance agreed that her heart truly was for the students. She played an integral role in the lives of students, both throughout campus and in her office.

At the service, Lynn Bialakis, event planner for the University Events team, discussed all of Babb’s accomplishments in her time at Lynn. “Together with Joy, we grew and accomplished…36-holiday receptions, 24 commencements, 13 Founder’s Days, five groundbreakings, one 50th anniversary celebration and one kick-butt presidential debate.”

Babb worked at Lynn with a passion for the students. Aside from ensuring that all needs were met for each event, she would always take the time to walk around campus with a smile, ensuring she could interact with students on a daily basis. Whether it was supervising student workers or helping Professor Lisa Dandeo with a fashion class, having a connection with students was the reason Babb came to work each day.

“I always loved walking into the office and seeing Joy sitting at the desk,” said Reyna Wilhelm, senior and student worker for University Events. “She would always take the time to genuinely ask how I was doing.”
Babb was not only a coworker to Greene, Bialakis and Leslie Garner in the office but also a true friend. She has been described by her former associates as someone who was dependable, loyal, trustworthy and walked into every room with an incredible personality.

“She was smart and funny. There were times where I had no idea what she was talking about, but we would just laugh and keep moving,” said Greene. “While she was loyal and dependable, she really was like no one I had ever known.”

To honor Babb, the University Events department is hanging the following quote in its office in her memory: “Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.”

Above: Babb grew professionally alongside her University Events team and student workers, particularly prior to the 2012 presidential debate. /LU Events.
Pythons have always been a problem in the Everglades, but the issue has worsened because the Burmese python has bred with the Indian python, creating a hybrid that can survive on land and water.

Researchers are unsure about how these pythons came together, but many assume someone bought these exotic snakes and let them go when they became too large.

“The reason we have these ‘super snakes’ is likely due to someone purchasing snakes, but then choosing to release them to the wild when they get too big,” said Sonya Rood, commissioner at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. “This causes them to venture off and come into contact with other dangerous species.”

A Burmese python is a large reptile that stretches more than 15 feet, whereas Indian pythons are much smaller and quicker. Now that there is a combination of the two pythons, more areas can be covered, allowing this species to spread throughout Florida.

“Indian pythons are not common in south Florida due to the high moisture levels. I feel they were bred somewhere north and started to migrate south eventually,” said Rood.

Not only does the Everglades have to combat this new species, but it also has to handle the growing python population in general. Of the 100 pythons living in the Everglades, 14 have the genetic makeup of both Burmese and Indian python, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

“The problem that we continue to deal with is that all these pythons are uniquely the same,” said Michael Kordsmeier, Everglades park ranger. “We have no method to identify which pythons are mixed, making our job ten times more difficult.”

The Everglades play a crucial role in supplying water to the Miami area, but it needs certain resources to produce clean and clear water. Pythons will eat anything from small bugs to Florida panthers, with each of these species playing an essential role in the Everglades. Now that these pythons are mixed, their diets will spread even further and restrict the quality of water moving forward.

“Every living thing has a role in keeping the Everglades flowing. When you have pythons taking away resources, they are merely diminishing the Everglades,” said Gil McRae, director at Florida Wildlife Research Institute. “There are many rare organisms that populate the Everglades. When you have a python that can travel through land and sea, it creates an imbalance in the ecosystem.”

The question now becomes what happens next for this invasive species roaming across south Florida. With state officials already hiring professionals to aid in the extraction process, it seems it is only a matter of time until either the pythons or the community at-large wins this environmental battle.
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  9/28 @ 3 p.m. | Library Cube

- **SAB Movie Night**
  9/29 @ 7 p.m. | Hoernle Lecture Hall

- **SAB Foam Dance Party**
  9/30 @ 7 p.m. | Perper Field

- **LGBTQ History Month Kickoff**
  10/1 @ 11:30 a.m. | Perper Plaza

- **Selfie-Esteem with Lance**
  10/1 @ 1 p.m. | Perper Plaza

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