CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
Freshmen take to the sea for an adventure in learning
You could say that our library has always held a special attraction for me. I first felt its pull back in November of 1971 when I came to Marymount College to purchase the library collection for my college in Wilmington, Del. At that time, the library was located in the Green Center. When I saw the enormous potential and beauty of this campus, I and my family decided to stay. So, instead of moving the library’s collection, I moved here with it!

As the university grew, we built several buildings, including the Schmidt College Center, where my office relocated in 1984. Our library’s collections also grew, and we needed a new facility to house them and to serve the growing numbers of students and faculty who used the library. Fortunately for us, Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn recognized that need, too. I recall a Lynn cruise to the Orient that Helen and I took with the Lynns when we talked about a new library. After our return, Christine said to Helen, “You’ll have a new library.” And that was the beginning of the magnificent Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library we have today.

Our architect for the project was Herbert Newman, with whom we are now working on our campus master plan and new buildings. I first became aware of his work when Helen and I visited our son, Kevin, at Colgate University. It seemed whenever we’d call Kevin, his roommate would say he was at the library. I began to think there was a pub in Hamilton, N.Y., called “The Library”! Eventually, we selected Herb Newman as our architect, and he built the wonderful library we have today. The Lynn Library graces the cover of one of Herb’s books and has won national awards. And, our library is much more than a repository for books and reference materials. It houses six very fine art collections and the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication as well as our state-of-the-art communication center, thanks to a gift from Mary and Gordon Henke.

Now, in my last year as president, I’ve felt the tug of the library again. In this year of transition, I decided to turn my former office over to the chief operating officer and hang my hat here, on the library’s second floor. At first I thought the new location might be “a step down,” but I now think this office is nicer. From here, the university looks even better. I can see students engaged in their studies and talk with them on my way to meetings and the cafeteria, where I often have lunch. This was a good move!

—Donald E. Ross, president

Lynn’s athletics facilities now sport increased seating in the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center, a new ball field for intramural and student activities, a new baseball scoreboard and new turf for the baseball and softball field.

As impressive as these projects are, they are a mere prelude to those soon to follow: a bold approach for Lynn’s future, new buildings for students, faculty and the arts, and improvements to the campus grounds—all to be heralded in a strategic plan and campus master plan.

The Lynn campus is a wondrous place every season, with exciting people, ideas and activities. In this issue we bring you some of those moments from recent months. Turn the pages and read all about it. Better yet, come visit Lynn and see for yourself!

—Liz McKey, editor
Family Tradition
They span generations and the globe, but they all call Lynn University “alma mater.” Meet three families who chose to study at Lynn, from its earliest days as Marymount College to today.

Fantastic Voyage
Lynn’s Academic Adventure program, a weeklong study program for new students that journeys to the Caribbean, is unparalleled in higher education. Experience the 2005 voyage in this first-person account by Lynn student Kevin Wilkins.

Destination: Lynn
Comprising nearly a quarter of the total enrollment and representing more than 90 nations, Lynn’s international students—along with acclaimed study abroad programs—give the university its distinctive global character.

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On the cover: This Lynn University student not only swam with the stingrays during the Grand Cayman excursion on Academic Adventure last January, she got close enough for a little smooch. The international study trip takes newly enrolled students, accompanied by Lynn faculty and staff, on a week-long tour of the Caribbean to learn about the region’s history, peoples and culture. Photography by Joe Carey.
May 14 was a day for celebration, reflection and optimism, as 289 baccalaureate, 116 master’s and 14 doctoral candidates—419 graduates in total—received their diplomas from Lynn University.

The ceremony began as chief marshal and Professor of Music Roberta Rust led the procession into the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center. Graduating senior Allison Lazarus delivered the welcome address on behalf of the Class of 2005. “One week into our first semester at Lynn, on Sept. 11, 2001, our lives were changed in an instant,” she began. “We mourned the loss of so many innocent people, but together, we got through one of the most significant times in our young lives.” Lazarus recounted how her class went on to share many wonderful experiences, including Lynn’s first-ever Academic Adventure, a five-day study trip for freshmen accompanied by faculty to the Caribbean.

After thanking her family, friends and the Lynn faculty and staff, Lazarus concluded her remarks by citing how the bumblebee, despite its seemingly “poor design,” is able to fly. “Never give in to pessimism,” she urged her fellow graduates. “Be like the bumblebee and fly high above the rest.”

Irving R. Levine, dean emeritus of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, then introduced Academy Award-winning actress Marlee Matlin, who delivered a memorable commencement address in American Sign Language. A native of Morton Grove, Ill., Matlin lost most of her hearing at 18 months following a bout with measles. Despite the setback, she began her acting career at age 7, playing the role of Dorothy in “The Wizard of Oz” at a children’s theatre company in Chicago. At age 21, she became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar for her role in “Children of a Lesser God.”

With spoken translation by her interpreter, Matlin referenced her recent film, “What the Bleep Do We Know?,” a mix of documentary and narrative that demonstrates how the principles of quantum physics can be applied to the quality of one’s life. She related how she, encouraged by loving parents and friends like the actor Henry Winkler, discovered a world of possibilities. Unfazed by...
Twelve members of the Class of 2005 were recognized during the commencement ceremony for their outstanding achievements. These exceptional graduates and their awards were as follows:

- Blair Griffin, Medina McMenimen Bickel Fashion Award
- Ashlee Pfefferle, Bradley Middlebrook II Student Service Award
- Darren Carter, Count and Countess de Hoernle Humanitarian Award
- James Leon Taylor, James J. Oussani Award
- Sylvia Kim, M. Elizabeth Maddy Cumpton Endowed Memorial Award
- Andrew Hirst, Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence in Communication Award
- Natalie Toppel, Dean’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education
- Linda Edgecomb, College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- Jorge Aguiar, Professional and Continuing Education Award
- Darren Carter, Bachelor’s Degree Award
- Suzanne King, Master’s Degree Award
- Allison Lazarus, President’s Award
- Marcus Hayes, Trustees’ Medal

Graduates earn special awards

“Listen to your hearts…. We can achieve so much more if we dwell on our abilities rather than on perceived disabilities. Remember that the real trick is not to be in the know but to revel in the possibilities.”

Marlee Matlin

Kathleen Cheek-Milby, vice president for academic affairs, then presented the Outstanding Professor of the Year Award to Gregg Cox, academic dean and professor. The honor is determined by vote of the graduating class. Cox joined the university as a math instructor in 1981, when it was known as the College of Boca Raton. Over the years, his responsibilities grew as he served as Lynn’s first dean of freshmen; chair of the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology; and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences before assuming his present post.

Next, the Distinguished Alumnus Award was bestowed by Paul Robino to Marcy Zambelli, ’77. Zambelli is the chief executive officer of Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, headquartered in New Castle, Pa., and one of the oldest and largest American fireworks companies.

Before the ceremony drew to a close, 12 graduates were presented awards for their exceptional achievements (see the listing above). After President Donald E. Ross conferred the degrees upon the graduates, they celebrated their achievement with family, friends and fellow alumni at a reception in their honor at the Lynn Student Center.
Expert Richard Lavoie provides insights on learning disabilities

The real challenge with learning disabilities, according to expert Richard Lavoie, is educating those who don’t have one.

On April 21, the internationally recognized authority on learning disabilities did just that—speaking at Lynn to an audience of some 300 people from both the university and the surrounding community.

Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He is best known for his videos, “How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop”—the best-seller in the educational category—and “Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities.”

Lavoie challenged the notion that including students with learning differences diminishes a school’s academic quality. To the contrary, he said: “Schools that open their doors to students with learning differences become better schools. It makes the teachers more creative and the school more innovative.”

Lavoie also spoke on the true meaning of fairness. “Kids will tell you that fairness means ‘everyone gets the same.’ But, look up the word; it means everyone gets what he or she needs. The treatment may not be equal, but it’s fair….What’s not fair is for parents and teachers to treat every kid the same,” he said.

And, in a memorable anecdote from his own parenting experiences, Lavoie urged students and parents to look at the world through children’s eyes. He told the story of inheriting a prized baseball signed by every member of the 1967 Boston Red Sox team. When his son commented how he couldn’t wait to toss the new baseball, Lavoie corrected him by explaining, “Oh, no. We can’t play with this ball because it’s covered in writing.” Later, his son walked into the room, proudly displayed the nearly clean baseball and proclaimed, “Look, Dad, we can play with this ball now. I cleaned it—I licked the writing off.” Lavoie said his first reaction was to be angry, but then he realized his son thought he had done a wonderful thing. Now he takes the baseball everywhere he speaks as a reminder of the lesson it taught him: To see the world through the eyes of kids.

Lavoie’s talk was co-sponsored by The Unicorn Children’s Foundation (UCF) and Lynn. Headquartered in Boca Raton, the nonprofit foundation supports research, education and awareness on behalf of children with learning and communication disorders. This was the fifth time that Lynn and UCF have partnered to host a child development expert to speak on issues related to learning.

Lynn’s strategic plan takes shape

Where Lynn University is going and how it will get there has been a much-discussed topic on campus since last January, when the university began strategic planning in earnest.

The work is led by Chief Operating Officer Kevin M. Ross and guided by higher education’s foremost expert on strategic planning, George Keller. Working with them is Jason L. Walton, Lynn’s director for strategic initiatives.

A strategic planning committee comprising deans, faculty and staff members has focused on topics ranging from students and their needs, to faculty support, teaching, the core curriculum, technology, and other important issues.

A draft of Lynn’s strategic plan is in progress and will be reviewed in September, before a formal document is submitted to the board of trustees for its review in October.
The southeast regional unit of Angel Flight, an organization that provides free air transportation for children and adults, has received some much-needed help from Lynn's College of Business and Management and Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics.

As part of their work in the course, Quest for Professional Excellence, business and management seniors Ashlee Pfefferle, Stacey Smith, Jack Sergeant and Alex Cardovillis created an action plan to increase awareness of Angel Flight Southeast’s services. The southeast unit is one of seven regional organizations of Angel Flight America—the world’s largest charitable air transportation organization.

Lending further support is Lynn's Morgan School of Aeronautics, which has agreed to provide free air time and gas for its volunteer pilots to fly Angel Flight missions. It is the first flight school to provide this assistance to Angel Flight Southeast.

Lynn's first mission for Angel Flight took place last March when student Jack Sergeant captained a flight from Pensacola, Fla., to Atlanta, Ga., for 10-month-old Aaron Mandel and his mother. The two were traveling so that Aaron could receive ongoing treatment for craniosynostosis, a congenital condition affecting the formation of the skull.

Sergeant's participation in the flight was particularly heartwarming. "Having a son of my own who is Aaron's age made me feel very lucky for my own child's good health," he explains. "Aaron is a lucky boy to have Angel Flight on his side."

Fashion management students 'show' what they know

It was the culmination of a semester's course work that included a visit to Fashion Week in New York City: an on-campus fashion show produced in its entirety by students in Lynn's BUS 300 Fashion Events Management class.

Titled “Fashion Flashback,” the show was presented in April and featured the top fashion trends of the decades, from the 1950s to today. An audience of approximately 525 persons applauded students, faculty, alumni and staff who modeled styles ranging from poodle skirts to madras pants, and hip huggers to hip-hop garb. Students took the audience on a fun and fabulous ride through fashion history with 85 garments, which they designed themselves or selected from area retailers.

“The students did an excellent job of producing this year's show,” says Professor Lisa M. Dandeo, who this year was voted, along with Professor and Academic Dean Gregg Cox, Faculty Member of the Year by the Lynn faculty. "They studied all aspects of fashion for the successful production, including historical fashions, marketing, merchandising, budgeting, vendor relations, stage layout and design, and lighting."

Proceeds from the show benefited Women and Children in Crisis. Dandeo and the students also made a substantial clothing donation to the cause.

"Having a son of my own who is Aaron's age made me feel very lucky for my own child's good health. Aaron is a lucky boy to have Angel Flight on his side."  
Jack Sergeant

Fashion management students, left, strut their stuff and, right, applaud Professor Lisa Dandeo at the show's conclusion.
From raising thousands of dollars for tsunami victims, cancer research and leukemia patients, to developing a national marketing plan for a nonprofit group, Lynn students have earned top regional honors for their business know-how and good works.

The students are members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a nonprofit organization that enables students to learn the free enterprise system through yearlong community outreach projects. In turn, they teach community leaders, entrepreneurs and even children the free enterprise concepts that lead to success.

SIFE is a worldwide organization, with teams on more than 1,800 university campuses in more than 40 countries. Hailing from around the world themselves, Lynn’s SIFE team earned top honors in a regional competition last April in Orlando involving 20 universities. The victory qualified Lynn to participate in the national competition, which took place in May in Kansas City, Mo.

Lynn’s team comprised more than 70 students, of which 13 participated in the competition. Throughout the year, they took part in 10 projects—five of which were especially noteworthy:

- **Project Angel Flight**, a nonprofit organization that coordinates free air transportation for people with medical needs. Lynn’s team created a marketing plan for Angel Flight Southeast, which sought to raise awareness for its services. The Lynn students’ plan was so well-received that it is being implemented on the national level.

- **Relay for Life**, a project benefitting the American Cancer Society, for which $10,000 was raised for cancer research.

- **Tsunami relief**. Students raised $8,000 to aid victims of the Dec. 24, 2004 tsunami by creating and selling popular “reminder bands” or bracelets for the cause.

- **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser**. Working closely with the society’s chairperson, Elizabeth Fago, the students educated a group of 20 children between the ages of 5 and 15 who had been affected by leukemia, in fundraising and nonprofit operations. As a result, the children raised $57,000 by selling special balloons at the society’s “Wish Upon a Star” ball. More importantly, the children learned important economic lessons they can apply throughout life.

- **The HSBC Business Plan Competition**, hosted by the International University of Monaco. The Lynn team presented their business plan for a health drink in two in-depth, multimedia presentations and placed third worldwide. The students even raised $5,000 beforehand to finance their travel to Monaco.

“Lynn has a lot to be proud of, because the team showed that they are not only ready to make an impact on campus but in the world.”

Denise Fraile

- **Lynn’s winning team**: (front row, from left): Josh LeBrun, Wellington, Ontario, Canada; Stephen Zwick, St. Louis, Mo.; Brittany Moore, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; Mark Dunkerley, Newcastle, England; Sergio Guzman, Burlington, N.C.; (back row, from left): Dominique Fraile, Dusseldorf, Germany; Mackenzie Moravec, Elgin, Ill.; Denise Fraile, Dusseldorf, Germany; business Dean and Professor Ralph Norcio; Bridget Fowles, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; Joey Fago, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Isabel Collischonn, Goldswil, Switzerland; and Jesse Van Elkan, Melbourne, Australia. Not pictured is graduate student Andy Vermes from Coral Springs, Fla.
Jim Hundrieser returns to Lynn to lead student development

Jim Hundrieser, a member of Lynn’s administration from 1992 to 2001, has returned to campus to serve in the newly created position of vice president for student development. The announcement was made by President Donald E. Ross as the university embarks on its strategic planning efforts, strengthening the commitment to be a student-centered institution.

In his new position at Lynn, Hundrieser serves as the liaison between admissions, academics and student services, focusing on the overall development of Lynn’s students intellectually, physically, morally and socially.

Hundrieser, who holds a Ph.D. in leadership and education from Barry University, possesses more than 17 years’ experience in higher education, specializing in student involvement and retention. Most recently, he served as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Marymount Manhattan College in New York. Previously, he was associate vice president for retention services at Noel-Levitz, a higher education consulting firm.

Hundrieser first joined Lynn as director of residence life, and in 1992 he was named dean for assessment, planning and student services. In that post, he developed and implemented the Campus Climate Team for students having academic or adjustment difficulties, leading to a 70 percent increase in student retention rates. He also created Lynn’s Freshman Leadership Seminar, raising student participation in campus organizations by 56 percent.

Lynn appoints dean of hospitality management

Lynn University has named Michael Hampton dean of the College of Hospitality Management. Hampton is co-founder of HSA International, a marketing and education management firm serving hospitality and tourism industries worldwide. He has served as CEO and president of HSA since 2000.

Hampton holds a doctorate degree in adult education and human resources development and a master’s degree in hotel and food service management, both from Florida International University. For eight years he served on the faculty in the School of Hospitality Management at Florida International University.
A Five-Minute Interview with a Lynn Professor

Professor Gregg Cox is academic dean. A member of the Lynn faculty since 1981, he was voted Outstanding Professor of the Year by the 2005 graduating undergraduate class (see story on page 2). Along with Lisa Dandeo, he also was voted Faculty Member of the Year by the Lynn faculty. Cox holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida and Master of Education and Doctor of Education degrees from Florida Atlantic University.

Have you always taught in addition to your significant administrative responsibilities?
Yes. Originally I taught math and computer science. I now only teach calculus.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?
I enjoy entertaining, and I enjoy students’ success. For me, it sort of all rolls together. Math is a subject that some students fear and hate. Teaching it is particularly rewarding for me, because I think with my personality, I can alleviate their fear. And then students can actually learn the material. I have had a lot of my students tell me that mine is the first math class they’ve ever been successful in.

Do you have any hobbies?
Golfing, going to the beach—that’s about it. I used to like to read, but I don’t have as much time for that anymore. In the summer, I try to play golf five or six days a week.

And you coached women’s golf here—when was that?
From 1990 to 2002. During that period we won three national championships. I was the NAIA Coach of the Year twice and the NCAA coach of the year once.

If you didn’t teach, what would your occupation be?
I’ve often thought I would like to get another degree in engineering. My first degree is in chemistry, and I can tell you that I would not be a chemist. I was one at Shands Medical Center for about six months; that cured me.

If you could have dinner with any three people, past or present, who would they be?
Bill Clinton, Arnold Palmer, and Sam Snead—two golfers and a politician who thinks he’s a golfer!

In terms of travel, is there a place you’d like to visit?
Probably Hawaii.

Do you have a favorite musical artist or style of music?
Jimmy Buffett. In fact, I think he’s local—we should have him for commencement!

Thanks for your time, Dr. Cox.
I’m glad you didn’t ask any tough philosophical questions!

—Liz McKey
Parents and Families Association awards first grants

Still in its infancy, Lynn’s Parents and Families Association already is having an impact on the quality of students’ experience at Lynn. Conducted in 2004-2005 for the first time, the Parents and Families Campaign raised $20,725 for projects benefitting Lynn students. After considering eight proposals from across the university, the association’s executive committee selected two projects: an electronic message board, proposed by the Office of Student Activities and a business etiquette program, proposed by the Hannifan Center for Career Development and Internships.

The electronic message board will be placed prominently on campus near the main classroom buildings and will post campus activities including lectures, concerts, athletic events and the like. “This message board will help us better communicate with students, faculty and staff the important events on campus,” says Jennifer Herzog, Lynn’s director of student activities. “This board will be especially helpful in keeping students who reside off campus informed.”

The business etiquette program will expand upon a successful offering of the Hannifan Center for Career Development and Internships. Led by a noted protocol expert, the program will include a series of two-hour workshops on civility, teamwork, social skills, communication skills, and professional appearance and grooming. The workshops will be offered to Lynn sophomores, juniors and seniors; attendance will be required for students serving internships.

“There is an ongoing need to assist our students in developing their employability skills,” says Chris Childers, director of the Hannifan Center. “Employers tell us that students who are trained in how to dress for the business world, work as team players, and speak and interact with co-workers in a professional manner, are valued highly. This program will be a tremendous asset to Lynn University in teaching these skills and, most importantly, to our students as they prepare for rewarding careers.”

Meet the 2005-2006 executive committee

Five Lynn parents have committed their time and expertise to serve on the executive committee of the Parents and Families Association for 2005-2006. Chairing the committee are Hagood and Cis Ellison of Columbia, S.C., whose son Adger is a senior at Lynn majoring in hospitality administration.

“We are very excited about heading the executive committee this year,” says Cis Ellison. “The work of the association is made possible only through the kindness and generosity of the Lynn parents who so graciously give each year.”

Serving with the Ellisons is Edmund Geller of Coconut Grove, Fla., whose daughter Laura is a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Stephen and Robin Zwick of St. Louis, Mo., whose son Stephen is a senior majoring in human services.

How can my student become a peak learner?
How will study abroad benefit my student?
What can I do to help my student land a great job?

Discover these answers and much more at Parents and Families Weekend Oct. 28-30!

Come enjoy a visit with your student on campus, while meeting Lynn faculty and staff, and other students and their families. For more information, please contact Gareth Fowles, director of alumni and parent relations, at 561-237-7984 or gfowles@lynn.edu.
Warner Family Foundation makes single largest gift to institute

Lynn University has received a $250,000 gift from The Warner Family Foundation to support the Institute for Achievement and Learning. The gift is the single largest donation ever received to directly benefit the institute.

The gift will establish the Warner Family Endowment to help fund a diagnostic learning specialist position at the institute. It also will provide resources needed to create learning profiles for entering and returning students. Alex Warner, the son of Patricia and Douglas Warner III of Locust Valley, N.Y., is a 2004 Lynn alumnus who realized his academic strengths soon after entering Lynn. Alex is currently working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange for Bank of America.

Patricia Warner serves on the boards of three educational institutions. Douglas Warner is the retired chairman and CEO of J.P. Morgan & Co. For many years they have been dedicated to giving students the opportunity to recognize their academic strengths early, allowing them to flourish in courses that match their potential.

“One of the key strengths of the institute is that it provides personalized advising, allowing students to match their best potential to academic courses,” says Marsha Glines, dean of the Institute for Achievement and Learning at Lynn University. “That provides more possibilities for students to be successful.”

Adds Larry Cowan, associate vice president for development, “The Warner family has been a consistent supporter of Lynn University. A gift of this magnitude represents a strong endorsement for the future of the university.”

“It would be wonderful if our gesture would inspire others to support this exceptional program,” says Patricia Warner.

Boca West concert benefits conservatory

The stars came out in the sky and on stage at Boca West Country Club when the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra presented an evening of classical music to benefit scholarships for the talented students of the Conservatory of Music.

More than 650 residents and their guests filled the Boca West Country Club lawn to capacity, enjoying a dinner and concert under the stars. On May 24, Boca West presented Lynn’s Chief Operating Officer Kevin Ross, Conservatory of Music Dean Jon Robertson and Vice President for Endowment John Gallo with a check for $22,000, representing the evening’s proceeds. Based on this year’s success, organizers have already announced their intent to expand the event next year.

Conservatory on Parade chairs Arthur Adler and Jay DiPietro were assisted by committee members Stan Emas, Dan Freed, and Robert Artley and Kathy Kohlhepp from Boca West Country Club. Also making the event possible were Shelly Adler, Dorothy and Maurice Bucksbaum, Gloria and Howard Hirsch, Myra and Allen Jacobson, Rochelle and Gary Katz, Debra and Jerry Kramer, Jill and Phil Kupperman, Helga and Mel Lechner, Liz and Shelly Maschler, Toby and Stanley Muss, Barbara and Michael Sneider, Deborah and Lou Steiner and Sheila and Marvin Stockel.

HADA Group’s gift is made to order

The HADA Group, a Boca Raton-based business management and technology consulting firm specializing in the hospitality and entertainment industry, has donated a computerized hospitality management solution to Lynn’s College of Hospitality Management.

The gift, estimated at approximately $250,000, includes the PocketCheff™ restaurant wireless ordering system, Epicor™ for Hospitality and Entertainment software suite, and installation, training and technical support services. Lynn will integrate the innovations in its classroom instruction this fall, with assistance from The HADA Group.
Up, up and away on Lynn’s new Cirrus aircraft

The Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics’ new Cirrus SR-20 aircraft arrived in Boca Raton on March 21. The purchase of the brand new airplane was made possible through a donation of stock from Jim and Bette Cumpton, longtime supporters of Lynn.

Flight instructor Byron Marvin and Jim Cumpton’s son, Jon, flew the four-seat airplane, N106LU, from the Cirrus factory in Duluth, Minn. The advanced avionics in the aircraft include a complete glass cockpit and weather radar uplink system that gives the pilot near real-time weather information for any area in the country.

Golf Classic raises $11,000 for Lynn athletics

More than 100 golfers raised $11,000 to support Lynn University’s national championship athletics program at the third annual Graduation Golf Classic on May 13.

Taking first place team honors at the Boca Country Club event was the foursome of Steve Muschlitz, Bill Marcozzi, Bob MacKay and Alveys Alvarez. Raymond Singletary and Geanie Robino won closest-to-the-pin for the men’s and women’s divisions, respectively, while Jill Brandt and Paul Muir led their divisions in longest drive.

Doubletree Guest Suites was the Graduation Golf Classic’s presenting sponsor. Chairs were Julie Chadwick and Owen Manning.

Bravo! Dodson Foundation supports theatre arts

Lynn University has received $500,000 from the Harry and Libby Dodson Foundation to support its theatre arts program. “In recognition of the foundation’s generous gift, the university will rename its entertainment series in Mrs. Dodson’s honor,” says Donald E. Ross, president of Lynn University. “Beginning immediately, we will call it the Libby Dodson Live at Lynn Series.”

A native of Pennsylvania and longtime Boca Raton resident, Elizabeth (Libby) Kara Dodson graduated from St. Francis Hospital Nursing School in Pittsburgh, Pa. and earned a nursing degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Harry, worked for many years at the Veteran’s Administration, he as an attorney, and she as head nurse.

On retiring, they moved to Florida, where they became active in numerous charitable and cultural activities. “Libby Dodson has been a theatre enthusiast for many years,” notes Jan McArt, director of theatre arts program development at Lynn, “and we are honored that she believes in the theatre arts program here at Lynn University.”

The Dodson Foundation gift is the second major gift in support of theatre arts at Lynn. Jan McArt’s position is funded by a $1 million endowment made by the late Keith C. Wold, M.D., in support of Lynn’s theatre arts program.

Class of 2005 and alumnus make ‘timely’ gift

A beautiful pedestal clock now graces the Lynn University campus, thanks to a generous gift from the Class of 2005 and a matching gift from Christian Arakelian, BA ’95, of Troy, N.Y. It is the second year Arakelian has made the matching gift.

More than 251 of Lynn’s 2005 graduates contributed $6,041.45 to the fund, with Arakelian matching their contribution dollar for dollar up to $2,000. Graduates Endya Palm and Allison Lazarus helped lead the effort, suggesting gift ideas as well as a giveaway for each donor—a Class of 2005 mug.

The Class Gift is a relatively new, but strong tradition at Lynn. Previous gifts have funded other significant campus enhancements, including remodeled courtyards.
How sweet it is: Faculty and staff give back to Lynn

Every workday, faculty and staff give their best to make Lynn University an outstanding institution of higher learning. And, each year, many take that commitment a step further by contributing to Lynn’s financial well-being.

Last April, a formal campaign for faculty and staff giving was launched with a “PayDay mailing.” Every Lynn employee received a personally addressed envelope with a PayDay candy bar attached. Inside was an invitation to make an annual contribution to Lynn University, by cash or payroll deduction.

While the results are early, they are impressive. Thus far, gifts and pledges to the PayDay campaign total nearly $30,000. Earlier gifts from faculty and staff boost the total to almost $40,000.

“Our faculty and staff are our greatest strength,” says President Donald E. Ross. “Their generosity is but one example of why our campus community stands head and shoulders above all others. On behalf of our students who will benefit from their gifts, I say ‘thank you.’”

Gift helps build a home for champions

An anonymous gift of $66,000 to Lynn University’s intercollegiate athletics program has more than tripled seating in the Count and Countess de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center—fulfilling one of the key expansion goals envisioned for the center.

The gift, the largest single gift in the history of the athletics program, provided for west side bleacher seats in the center, home to the women’s volleyball and women’s and men’s basketball programs. Seating became a critical issue this past March, when Lynn was ineligible to host the 2005 Men’s Basketball South Regional Tournament—despite being the No. 1 seed. Lynn’s 284 seats were less than a third of the 1,000 minimum required by the tournament. An additional $64,876 is still needed to provide for 130 chair-back seats on the gym’s east side to meet the tournament requirement.

“The anonymous leadership gift will help ensure that Lynn University has an athletics facility befitting its championship teams,” says Jay Brandt, director of athletic development, referring to Lynn’s 18 national athletics titles—a feat unmatched by many older institutions. “We hope it will inspire others to support our expansion plans for the center.”

In addition to the chair-back seats, the expansion project calls for an additional $70,000 to provide for additional administrative spaces for Lynn’s coaches, athletics administrators, and media and administration from visiting schools.

“Lynn University has invested nearly $103,000 in renovations and additions to the center over the past three years,” Brandt says. “But for the expansion to be complete, private funding is essential.”

For more information or to make a gift, please contact Brandt at 561-237-7947.

Knights answer the call with record gifts

Never underestimate the value of a phone call. Students calling on behalf of Lynn University’s Knightline phone campaign raised nearly $94,000—an all-time record—from September 2004 through the beginning of May 2005.

Every Monday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., a team of Lynn students “dialed for dollars,” gathering pledges and gifts from parents, friends, alumni and the 2005 graduating class. In total, the students made approximately 5,000 calls, reaching 3,000 individuals.

All the funds raised will fulfill a variety of needs across campus, including in the colleges, the residence halls, library and other areas.

“Our students did a superb job,” says Lisa Miller, director of development operations at Lynn. “Not only did they raise an impressive sum, but they fielded questions from our alumni and parents, providing helpful information. But, most of all, we say thank you to the hundreds of alumni, parents and friends who gave so generously to Lynn.”

Blue & White Auction moves to campus

In just over six years, it’s become known for its fabulous prizes, spirited fun and generosity to Lynn athletics—and this fall, the event comes home to campus: it’s Lynn University’s Blue & White Auction. The event will take place Oct. 6 at the Count and Countess de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center. Chairing the auction this year is Larry Schner.

The auction, which features great speakers and prizes, last year raised more than $28,000.
On row 1, seat 2 in Lynn’s Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall is a small plate engraved with three names: E. Cumpton, H. Copeland and M. Dusenberry. “The names don’t mean a thing to anybody, but me,” says longtime Lynn University friend Jim Cumpton, who funded the seat. “They are the names of three women, all teachers, who were very important to me.”

The names belong to his stepmother, an elementary schoolteacher and a high school accounting teacher—all of whom recognized Cumpton’s potential and encouraged him to continue learning. To fully appreciate their impact, one has to know about Cumpton’s childhood. Born in 1921, he was the oldest of three children of parents who divorced when he was a young boy. He grew up with his father, who toiled as a sharecropper, mainly in the Midwest.

Cumpton’s elementary education was in four one-room country schoolhouses in two states—with no electricity or running water and all eight grades taught in the one room. Many of his contemporaries didn’t complete high school, much less college. But, through those three women’s encouragement and his own ironclad determination, Cumpton graduated from high school at the age of 16. He saved for a one-way ticket to Chicago, where he would work and study accounting at night, marry, enlist in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, pass the CPA exam, and form his own accounting firm. All the hard work paid off when his firm merged with international giant Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (today KPMG). In 1958, Cumpton transferred to the firm’s New York office, where he headed a major segment of the firm’s audit practice until retiring to Boca Raton in 1979. True to his appreciation for education, he soon became involved with Lynn University.

“I saw Lynn as a school that was very student-oriented and geared toward helping students succeed in life. I liked that,” he says. Over the years, Cumpton served on Lynn’s board of overseers, chairing the group in 1996 and 1997. He has been a member of Lynn’s board of trustees since December 2000. In addition to his leadership, he has supported Lynn financially, including endowing a scholarship at the Conservatory of Music in his late wife’s memory—the M. Elizabeth Maddy Cumpton Memorial Scholarship.

In 2002, he and his second wife, Bette, made a gift to the conservatory of a magnificent baby grand piano. Most recently, they funded the purchase of a new Cirrus SR-20 aircraft for Lynn’s Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics.

“I try to help the university wherever I perceive a special need,” Cumpton explains. This summer he saw another need and paid the way for Lynn to exhibit its new plane at a major air show in Oshkosh, Wis. And if that weren’t enough, he traveled along to help spread the word about Lynn University!

—Liz McKey
Family Tradition

Some families share much more than DNA or a name; they make the same choices in life, including where they attend college. Come meet three families who studied here—from Lynn's earliest days as Marymount College to the present.

By Liz McKey

It was the fall of 1972—the era of long hair, bell-bottoms, miniskirts, and platform shoes. Richard Nixon was president, but not for long. “All in the Family” was the hot TV show, and “The Godfather” was No. 1 at the box office. Blaring on radios and 8-track players in cars like the Chevy Chevelle, Pontiac GTO and Datsun 240Z were the hits of Neil Young, Don McLean and Al Green. The Apollo moon program was coming to an end, and an oil crisis and an economic recession were imminent.

And, to paraphrase another icon of the era—Bob Dylan, “the times, they were a-changin’” at Marymount College in Boca Raton. Following his arrival in November 1971, a young, enterprising president by the name of Donald E. Ross was on a mission to save the struggling two-year women's college. Marymount was now coeducational and on the way to becoming a four-year institution called the College of Boca Raton.

Among the first wave of young men to enroll were fraternal twins from Crestwood, N.Y., Brian and Kevin O’Toole. And they would be the first in a succession of other family members to arrive on campus: sister Stacey in 1977, younger brother Jim in 1987, and niece Christy Wagner in 1998.

Attending college in Florida, and particularly Marymount, was a natural for Brian, ’76, and Kevin, ’74. “We were born in Florida and took vacations in the state, often visiting our grandparents in Pompano,” recalls Brian. “We had gotten sand in our shoes. Plus, my mother, who was a product of Catholic schools, thought Marymount would be a good place to send us!”

Actually, a few male students had arrived a semester earlier from Wilmington College, President Ross’ former institution, but the O’Tooles’ class was the first with a significant male enrollment. “I think there were about 170 of us,” Brian remembers. “There also was a large group of male students who came from a college that had closed in Jensen Beach, St. Joseph’s.

“Coming from New York to Florida, having just turned 18 and with a 2:1 ratio of girls to boys, I thought I was in
heaven,” Brian says with a laugh. “But I also enrolled because I was interested in the hospitality program, and Florida was a good place to study that field—even though I later changed my major to business administration. I also loved the small class size. I remember Mrs. Carol Wershoven, ’65, who taught English; Sister Fidelis, who taught biology; and Ernie Ranspach, who taught art.”

Brian became part of another new tradition on campus—men’s basketball—when he joined Marymount’s first squad in 1972. “We practiced outside because we didn’t have a gym,” he says. “We played about 12 games our first year. For our ‘home games,’ we’d play at a YMCA or community center, but most our games were away. We had some pretty lopsided scores, but we did win two or three games that first year.”

And there were unofficial campus sports, too. “We used to have a tug-of-war with freshmen across the lake between the cafeteria and Trinity Hall,” he recalls. “We stacked the deck against them, and quite a few of them ended up in the drink! We also used to have paddle boats in those lakes.”

Brian was a fixture on campus, working as an RA in the boys’ dorm, Patton Hall, and on the grounds during the summers. “I remember Pat and Mary Carville, who were in charge of the maintenance department,” he adds. “There was a real family atmosphere on the campus.”

When he wasn’t working or studying, Brian enjoyed going to Boca Pizza in town and spending time in the new Rathskeller on campus with friends like Darlene Sendzik, ’75, whom he’d marry in 1984, and Gerry Rittenberg, ’76, with whom he’s still in touch. By then, Marymount had been renamed the College of Boca Raton.

His family visited from time to time, including younger sister Stacey and brother Jim. When it came their turn to enroll in college, the College of Boca Raton was a natural choice.

Although she attended the college for only a year, Stacey O’Toole Vellines has many fond memories of campus. “I lived in Wixted, and I remember the pale-pink cinderblock walls of the dorm,” she recalls. “My roommate was Grace Morrison. She had a little Ford Pinto, and we went to the beach in that car.”

Biology teacher Sister Fidelis is vivid in Stacey’s memory, too. “She would take us outside, and she always had this big net and a bucket. She’d take us out to the lakes on campus, scoop things up and show us all kinds of stuff! Ten years later, younger brother Jim, ’89, enrolled at the College of Boca Raton. He had completed two years at a community college in Daytona Beach, had taken a couple of years off and was looking to complete his college education. “I was attracted to the College of Boca Raton because of its small size and the beautiful South Florida area,” he says. “And, of course, my family members had liked it, too.”

By then, Jim was 24 and working two jobs in Boynton Beach—at Burdine’s department store and First American Bank—while attending school. “Because I was working and didn’t live on campus, I wasn’t able to participate in a lot of campus activities, but I loved going to school there.”

Almost 10 years later—1998—Jim was back, visiting niece Christy Wagner, who was a freshman. By then, the college was known as Lynn University, and the campus had been transformed, with a new library, new residence halls, a new gym and other improvements. “My Uncle Jimmy came down to visit me and look around,” Christy recalls. “He’s big on nostalgia. He wanted to know what dorm I was in and what I was doing on campus. It was fun to talk and compare notes.”

Although she eventually moved back home to work and complete her college education, she has fond memories of Lynn. “I lived in Trinity and made a lot of friends I’ve stayed in touch with,” she says.

From their common college roots, these family members have spread across the country. Kevin now lives and works in Newport Beach, Calif. After graduating from the College of Boca Raton, Brian earned a master’s degree in taxation from the University of New Haven and today is a tax manager at Dictaphone Corporation. He and wife Darlene reside in Fairfield, Conn., and are parents of a son, Tyler. Stacey completed her education at the University of Central Florida; during that time, she met her husband, John. They have three children, John Jr., Erin and Lindsay, and reside in Norfolk, Va., where Stacey is assistant director of real estate development at Old Dominion University. Jim, wife Pat, daughter Lauren and son Mason live in Ormond Beach, Fla., where Jim is a regional appraisal manager for World Savings. And the youngest member of their Lynn family legacy, Christy Wagner Lages, is married, lives in New Smyrna Beach and is expecting her first child. Will this Lynn legacy continue? Only time will tell!
Together again—at Lynn

The college years are a special time for any young person, but especially so for half-siblings Melissa Peeples, ’95, and J.Juan (“J.J.”) Blunt, ’96. Although they knew each other, they grew up separately for the first 12 years of their lives—Melissa in Hempstead, N.Y., with her mother, and J.J. in Portsmouth, Va., with their dad. Finally, they were united in boarding school in Hershey, Pa., and became close. But when the time for college grew near, so did a potential separation.

Melissa, the older of the two by a year, decided on Lynn University after declining a full scholarship at a college in her home state. “My grandmother had moved recently to Fort Lauderdale, and I wanted to be near some family and in a warm climate,” she recalls. “After learning about Lynn at a college fair, I made up my mind.”

Always active in a variety of activities in high school, Melissa signed up for the Knights of the Roundtable (KOR) and hall council at Lynn. She also was a work study student, at first in the library, then for Student Activities, where she met director Marlene Turner. “I wouldn’t have made it through my freshman year without Marlene and Jennifer Braaten, who was in charge of freshman orientation,” Melissa says. “I was feeling homesick and thinking about going back to New York.”

But by the time she entered her sophomore year, a little bit of “home” came to her—J.J. had decided to attend Lynn, too, and major in graphic design. “I was a baseball player,” he says, “and at Lynn, I could play baseball pretty much year-round.”

His coach was none other than Paul Turner, husband of Marlene (and today dean of students at Lynn). “I love Paul and Marlene Turner,” Melissa says. “They’re like my second family.”

J.J., who played left field, became a starter his freshman year and played baseball his entire four years at Lynn. Both he and Melissa were RAs—Melissa in Wixted and Trinity, and J.J. in de Hoernle and Lynn Residence Center. Both loved the experience.

“A lot of the basketball players were on my floor,” J.J. says. “Maurice Middleton was one of them, and we became close friends. I also remember the RA convention we attended in Orlando. We did a little survival course for team spirit and learned how to deal with different people. It was a great experience.”

Melissa not only made many friends during her time as an RA, but also discovered a passion for teaching. Although she majored in communication and business at Lynn, she found that she loved designing programs for her residents and working with them. “It changed my whole focus,” she says. “Being an RA showed me what I really wanted to pursue—education.”

At Lynn, she enjoyed campus life to the fullest, helping form the first cheerleading squad for the basketball team and working as a camp counselor with Lynn’s Pine Tree Camps. She also sang with the LU Singers and even won a cruise to the Bahamas during Spirit Week.

While a student, J.J. admired the teaching of art professor Ernie Ranspach. “He was a big influence on me—a great professor,” he says.

Both J.J. and Melissa graduated with honors from Lynn, and at commencement Melissa earned the Trustees’ Medal, which is given to the student who “has exhibited outstanding scholarship, leadership, loyalty and service to the university.”

Today, both are putting their educations to good use. Melissa earned two master’s degrees in education—in elementary education and leadership—from Florida A & M University and is an assistant principal at Amos P. Godby High School in Tallahassee, Fla. She also coaches cheerleading, teaches Sunday School at her church and works with juvenile offenders. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. from Florida A&M. J.J. is a sales representative for Xerox in Charlotte, N.C. In his spare time, he enjoys baseball, softball, bow hunting and watching movies.

“We loved Lynn,” Melissa says. “There, you didn’t feel like you were away at school—you felt like you were at home.”
They’re all business and all Lynn

It started with two, and soon there were five. Daniel Manzano, ‘02, ‘03, and his sister, Mary, ‘04, from Barranquilla, Colombia, were the first in their family to enroll at Lynn University in 2000. A few years later, younger brother Hernando and cousins Anibal Manzano and Francisco Capella were following in their footsteps.

Lynn was a good fit for Daniel and Mary because it offered the personalized education they were accustomed to in Colombia. Mary had graduated from Colegio Karl C. Parrish—an international high school there, and Daniel was considering transferring from the Universidad del Norte to a U.S. university. After visiting other schools in South Florida, they chose Lynn for its small class size and international character.

“In Colombia, our classes had about 25 students, and you could form a strong rapport with the teachers. That’s what I liked about Lynn, too,” Daniel says.

“I fell in love with the campus and the programs,” Mary adds. “And I didn’t feel out-of-place here, because it’s a very international campus. There are students from around the world here, and you have the opportunity to get acquainted with so many different cultures.”

After earning a BSBA with a specialization in international business in May 2004, Mary joined the admissions office at Lynn as an international admissions counselor. Recently, she began working as a budget and project coordinator for that office, serving international student services, study abroad and the intensive English program. She also has begun studies leading to an MBA degree. “I hope to complete it in one year,” she says.

That’s the same educational path older brother Daniel took. After earning his BSBA in 2002, he completed his MBA the following year—all while working at Town Center Group, an integrated real estate company in Weston, Fla. He began working with the company as a receptionist and the owner’s only employee. Today, he is one of 85 employees and the company’s CFO.

Working while pursuing his MBA was a huge plus, he says. “I could immediately apply everything I learned to my work.”

While an undergraduate, Daniel found time for intramural soccer and playing the accordion—a talent he developed in Colombia, where the instrument is popular in folk music called **vallenato**. At 18, he recorded two CDs as a member of a group called The Vallenato Kids.

Younger brother Hernando, who is now a senior studying business at Lynn, also plays the accordion, as well as the congas. A graduate of nearby Pope John Paul II High School, Hernando has been inspired by both Mary and Daniel. He has worked as an intern at Daniel’s company, where he’s learned about the real estate business. Mary has been helpful in advising him about class selections. “I see myself getting into the real estate business, maybe going international,” he says.

Cousin Anibal Manzano has just completed his first year at Lynn, but already knows a business degree is in his future as well. “Every time I go in a business class, it’s exciting,” he says. “I’ve had great teachers.”

During the fall and winter semesters he lives off campus in Wellington, Fla. with family, so his days on campus are long ones—12 full hours. “I go to class from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., then I work from 6 to 9 p.m.,” he says. “For the six hours in between, I study. It’s hard work and can be stressful, but it’s worth it. I want to take advantage of everything I can right now to the fullest.”

Cousin Francisco Capella, who is pursuing an MBA with a specialization in hotel management, is the latest member of the family to study at Lynn. After completing his bachelor’s degree in business administration with a specialization in international finance from the Universidad del Norte, he enrolled at Lynn last January based on his family’s strong recommendations. Lynn’s program in hospitality management also attracted him because his family is in the business. “My father is a hotel manager,” he explains, “so I’ve always been in the hospitality environment. South Florida is a great location to study this field.” His dream is to have a worldwide franchise of hotels.

By the way, did we say there were five members of the Manzano family connected to Lynn? This summer, yet another cousin arrived on campus—5-year-old Karla Josefina Holt-Manzano, who is participating in Lynn University’s Pine Tree Camps. Perhaps business is in her blood, too…
As freshmen we enter a whole new and unfamiliar world. We learn to adjust quickly and orient ourselves in this uncharted territory, while making friends and performing the most important task—the reason we became freshmen in the first place—academic work.

At Lynn, this journey is mirrored in another, very real one we students take called Academic Adventure. It’s a five-day trip with the entire freshman class accompanied by Lynn faculty, administrators and staff aboard a cruise ship to the Caribbean. Held just prior to the start of our second semester, this adventure at sea allows us to study firsthand the history, cultures and people of this region—while gaining new friends and sharing experiences that will stay with us for a lifetime.

Last January, I was one of 500 Lynn freshmen who went on this expedition to Grand Cayman and Jamaica. It was an experience that I’ll never forget. I’d like to share some highlights with you, starting with our preparations beforehand.

**BECOMING SEAWORTHY**

Academic Adventure begins long before January; it starts on our first day of classes at Lynn in the course First Year Experience, also known as FYE. In this class, we learn about personal finance management, time management and hints to help us succeed while we are undertaking an enormous responsibility: obtaining a college education.

Throughout the semester we also attend several meetings about Academic Adventure, where we form teams, get to know each other and vote for our team colors and names.

After winter break, we return to Lynn, ready to embark on the voyage of a lifetime. By journey’s end, all of us will fully understand two long-held truths: a team is only as strong as its weakest link, and a team cannot succeed without one another.
ONWARD TO GRAND CAYMAN

January 3—our departure day—arrives. Before we leave the Lynn campus for the Port of Miami, we are checked in by representatives from Carnival Cruise Lines. After a brief orientation and the always-amusing muster drill complete with bright-orange life vests, we set sail for our first port of call. Before we know it, night falls, the coastline disappears and new friends have already been made. We drift off to sleep, anticipating the activities to come.

After a day at sea and another activity-packed night, we pull into Grand Cayman. Wow—this is like the places you only see in magazines and on television, right? Nope, not if you’re visiting as a Lynn student. This is our place—at least for today. Among stingrays and on sandy beaches, we are drawn closer together through the many activities that have been planned for months, just for us! We are greeted on Seven Mile Beach, the famous one from the James Bond movies, in true Lynn style with a catered meal and live music. It’s the good kind, too—a little Dave Matthews, Jack Johnson and, of course, the island mix. Some of us play volleyball, and others catch up on sleep missed the night before—I just hope they are wearing suntan lotion.

After a sun-filled, relaxing and kind of scary day—because swimming with stingrays is not so familiar to many of us—we return to the ship to stuff ourselves with food and enjoy more good times. As we retire for the evening, we find the day’s edition of our student newsletter, Sea Pulse, under our door. The issue is filled with pictures from yesterday’s adventures and details about all that we have to look forward to at our next port of call, Ocho Rios. Here, we’ll surely feel “Irie” as Brenda, my group’s tour guide, says for “all right.”

JAMAICA UP CLOSE

Upon our arrival at the Port of Ocho Rios, we are greeted by our incredibly friendly and informative tour guides who indulge all our questions and keep track of us at our many excursions throughout the day. Our first stop is Columbus Park, an open-air museum on a mountainside overlooking the clear blue-green waters that surround the island. Then, we head down the road (on the left side, British-style), winding through the incredible

Scenes from a learning adventure:
1. A Jamaican boy acquaints a Lynn student with the conga.
2. Required reading en route to Jamaica
3. Lending a hand at Dunns River Falls in Ocho Rios
4. Swimming with the stingrays in Grand Cayman
5. Two of the Jamaican hosts at Heritage Park
7. Learning with friends at Jamaica’s Columbus Park
8. Getting into the rhythm at Grand Cayman’s Seven Mile Beach
The idea of taking 500 students, faculty and staff on a five-day expedition aboard a cruise ship is not only intriguing—it can be downright daunting. But Lynn University leaders forged ahead with the bold concept in November 2001.

“Our reasoning was, if we say we're an international university, we need to take our students to see the world,” recalls Karla Stein, Lynn's senior vice president for international relations.

After a full year of groundwork, Lynn's Academic Adventure program—the only one of its kind—was launched in the 2002-2003 academic year. The program is part of tuition and the First Year Experience (FYE) curriculum that is required of all freshmen and transfer students with less than 30 semester credits. The first voyage was to Belize and Key West. Next year's trip will take place over seven days and include stops in Cozumel, Grand Cayman Island and Jamaica.

Meticulous planning goes into every voyage. Through the assistance of Yvonne S. Boice, chair of Lynn's board of overseers, and her firm, Fugazy International Travel, Academic Adventure takes place aboard a Carnival Cruise Lines ship. A portion of Lynn University faculty, security personnel, nurses, residence life staff, and other support staff travel with the group so that students’ every need is addressed.

To prepare academically for the trip, students are given a reading list and study questions related to the destinations. At the ports of call, they participate in excursions designed to build on what they've learned about the area's peoples, history and culture. And students continue learning and developing closer bonds through onboard academic games.

And for those of us who aren't onboard but want to follow along on the journey, Academic Adventure has its own Web site, produced by the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication. The site includes the daily newsletter, SeaPulse, produced aboard the ship by a team headed by David Jaffe, dean of the college.

scenery that makes up Jamaica. All along the way, our guides dazzle us with a wealth of historical facts.

The next stop is Heritage Park, where Jamaican culture comes to life. Here, we are greeted by more guides and songs by a group of young Jamaican students. They even dance for us. If you are not touched by their performance, there must be something wrong with you! We then are given a crash course in the island's famous spicy "jerk" cooking and are led on walking tours through historic focal points. Finally, we board our air-conditioned buses, which by now are most welcome after exploring for three hours in the tropical heat.

**A BIG STEP...TOGETHER**

We now make our way to Dunns River Falls—that beautiful and often-photographed place in Ocho Rios. Before our 954-foot climb begins on the beach, some of us must first purchase those funny-looking water shoes. I manage to salvage a pair of worn-out sneakers, or "go fasters" as the islanders call them, for the ascent. Here and now will be the culmination of all of our time together as freshmen—the entire first semester including our First Year Experience class and our time aboard the ship.

We stand at the base of the falls, watching our tour guides lead their respective groups and skillfully tackle the falls. We notice that all the climbers are holding hands. Without hesitation and with arms outstretched, we join hands and begin the trek up the slippery rocks, not leaving anyone behind. We are a team. Along the way, there are points at which some people need help to overcome a series of boulders, but together, we help each other get past these obstacles. What is most memorable is not the actual climb—which is really not that difficult—but the fact that we did it together. When we reach the peak, we pause to capture the moment with a picture to forever remember what we as a team have just accomplished.

Throughout life we will see this recurring theme of teamwork. Many of us have already experienced it. What’s important to note is that at Lynn, we all come from different places, representing different races, cultures, religions and beliefs, and we are all respected and encouraged to bring our individual strengths and perspectives to the table. In this great mix is a common core of values that we share at Lynn. Call it the Lynn University spirit. Whether you are a graduate, a faculty member, a staff member or a current Lynn student, you know this special bond.

Academic Adventure is one of many important Lynn experiences that strengthen this bond. It's no wonder that other schools are looking to Lynn to learn how we do this. But, I can attest that the best way to find out is firsthand—as a Knight.
They number more than 550—nearly a quarter of the university’s total enrollment—and represent 92 nations. But, beyond their numbers, Lynn’s international students are really impressive. Each brings a wealth of experiences and a unique perspective that enriches the campus and classroom environment in immeasurable ways.

By Francisco Duque
Fiston Mashariki’s bright smile reveals no trace of a difficult childhood. The energetic sophomore can be seen dashing between classes or running campus errands for the admissions office, where he works as an admissions ambassador and tour guide. A 21-year-old from the Democratic Republic of Congo, he survived a childhood riddled with fear and deprivation. Years of fleeing violence, crossing national borders on foot across Africa and growing up in squalid refugee camps are all behind him.

As much as Mashariki’s story is unique and tragic—he lost both his parents at a young age and survived in refugee camps for seven years before reaching the United States—it serves to illustrate the hope and new opportunities that can enrich the lives of a large percentage of international students attending Lynn University.

Although certainly not a surprise to university administrators, the latest numbers from the admissions office reveal what could be one of Lynn University’s best-kept secrets: in academic year 2004-2005, the number of international students surpassed 550, comprising 24 percent of total enrollment.

“The admissions team has worked diligently to build relationships with prospective students, parents and high school counselors,” says Karla Stein, senior vice president for international relations and head of the admissions office and the Center for International Programs and Services. “Over the years we have established an impressive international network and enjoy an excellent reputation in the global marketplace.”

The 2004-2005 Statistical Report of International Student Enrollment takes into account international students holding any of nine different visa types, including those who are permanent residents. It also includes a category dubbed “global nomads”—U.S.-passport holding students who, prior to arriving at Lynn, had never lived in the United States. The report tallies 92 other countries represented at Lynn during the spring semester.

**Been there, done that**

In addition to successfully recruiting international students, the admissions office also has attracted international alumni to its ranks. One-half of the 16 recruiters currently working in the office are former international students, most of whom earned MBAs at Lynn. Two of them, Stefano Papaleo and Juan Camilo Tamayo, from Italy and Colombia respectively, are responsible for all international recruiting.

“I can relate to the families who are far away because my family and I went through the same thing,” says Tamayo, who travels to some 20 to 25 countries per year to participate in recruiting fairs. A vital part of the job is to continue building a rapport with parents of international students after initial enrollment.

“The parents are always wondering how their child is doing, is he being helped, is he getting enough food and sleep, and is he doing well in school. They have our cell phones, and they call us any time, day or night.”

Juan Camilo Tamayo
States is small but very competitive. It feels really good to have helped put the university on the map and brought it the recognition it deserves.”

Some of that recognition includes commendations from NAFSA: Association of International Educators and the Institute of International Education (see sidebar on page 25).

**Language and visa challenges**

Contributing to the university’s strong international enrollment is Lynn’s Center for International Programs and Services. The center is the hub of Lynn’s international programs and services, including study abroad programs to American College Dublin and all academic study tours. In addition, the center runs the Intensive English Program, which attracts international students seeking to meet language requirements before entering a U.S. college or university.

This program was invaluable to Lynn student Anna Karina Svistunov of Caracas, Venezuela—as well as her parents and two sisters. In 2000, the family fled Caracas for South Florida. The decision to leave was triggered by a brief kidnapping of Anna, who was released unharmed after her family paid a ransom.

Speaking little to no English, the Svistunovs entered the Intensive English Program and eventually secured F-1 (student visa) status with the help of Papaleo in the admissions office. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in international business last May, 22-year-old Anna started working full-time in the admissions office and plans to begin her master’s studies in fall 2006.

“All days have been good days,” she intones almost wistfully about her experience at Lynn. “I feel secure here; you live a much more tranquil life.”

And Anna’s made the best of that tranquility by applying herself to her studies. A member of Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society, she graduated with a 3.8 GPA. She especially credits Professor Grace Greenberg in Lynn’s College of Business and Management as a major influence.

“I learned so much in her business communication class,” Anna says. “Plus, she helped me create a strong resume and obtain an internship.”

Anna also has built strong friendships with other international students.

“We can all relate to one another because we all speak English with an accent,” she says. “We have learned much from each other, how things are done slightly different in each country.”

**Personalized education**

Norwegian Tina Hofstad, 27, also found that Lynn University could meet her needs as an international student. Hailing from the town of Sandefjord, she completed her bachelor’s degree in Norway before arriving in the United States to pursue a master’s degree in international business. After two semesters at a public university in South Florida, she decided to seek a smaller, private school.

“I felt neglected at the larger university,” she says. “Not being an American and sometimes not understanding the system left me feeling stupid.”

That changed when she enrolled at Lynn. She applied for and received a graduate assistantship, and graduated

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**Stefano Papaleo, Lynn’s director of international admissions, meets with a prospective student.**
in August. She plans to apply for an optional practical training visa to work in New York City.

“It’s been a great experience for me,” says Hofstad. “It’s been hard sometimes, but that’s part of the challenge.”

Through her business classes she’s learned to understand and better interact with students from other cultures. “Sometimes you have to stop and think, ‘OK, this person comes from a different background.’ You have to keep that in mind.”

Along the way she’s grown to appreciate different cultural traits such as the “passionate nature of Latin Americans” versus the “quiet but valuable contributions of students from Korea and Taiwan.”

Challenges ahead

Over the course of the last 10 years, the number of international students at Lynn has gradually climbed, starting with 264 in the fall of 1994. In the wake of stringent federal requirements for international students imposed after 9/11, Lynn’s numbers have remained steady. But there are challenges ahead.

Traditionally, the United States has been the destination of choice for international students. But in the minds of many government policy makers, international exchange had become a threat to national security, resulting in immigration policy changes affecting international students. Rather than deal with the challenges from those policy changes, international students are choosing to study in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. As a result, universities across the United States have recognized a decline in international student enrollment.

Sheila Sheppard, Lynn’s associate director of the Center for International Programs and Services, has seen increases in F-1 student visa denials to Lynn. While the denials to the university have been small in number, the increase is significant.

The topic of international education and exchanges is prevalent within higher education and government. According to a 2004 report by the Institute of International Education, “international students contribute not only to academic discourse and student life on U.S. campuses, but also to the U.S. national and local economies.” What’s more, Sheppard says, “international students offer universities the opportunity for dialogue in a world of increasing cultural differences.”

In the meantime, international students at Lynn, like Fiston Mashariki, continue to reap the fruits of new hope and unprecedented opportunities offered by higher education in the United States. Pursuing a double major in business administration and international relations, Mashariki is well-liked by his peers, faculty and staff at Lynn. His story of survival clutches at the hearts of those who hear it. Despite everything, he has managed to build himself a new life.

“I always try to make myself ‘normal,’ although I’m a little bit different from the other kids,” he says. “I grew up by myself and made my own decisions. I was not forced to be who I am.”

This extraordinary self-reliance and determination, combined with his education, will help Mashariki achieve a much larger goal: helping his homeland. “I’d like to earn a master’s degree and then return to the Congo,” he says. “I want to go into politics and help improve life in my country.”

Lynn University’s distinction in international education continues to grow. The latest recognition comes from the Institute of International Education (IIE), which ranked Lynn No. 1 in the number of students taking part in study abroad programs. The institute’s report, “Open Doors 2004: Report on International Education Exchange,” cites the top 20 master’s level institutions. Lynn comes in first, with 800 study abroad students and 707 undergraduate study abroad students. Lynn and the University of Tampa (No. 20) are the only two universities in Florida that make the list.

International education is an intrinsic part of the educational experience at Lynn. All students are required to complete three credit hours of study abroad. Academic study tours vary from year to year, but last year included nine tours to 13 international destinations. From China to Costa Rica and from Italy to Ireland, students can incorporate aspects of the academic curriculum into one- or two-week tours. In addition, all freshmen are required to go on Academic Adventure, a week-long academic trip (see the story beginning on page 18).

Students also can participate in a semester, full year, or summer study program at Lynn’s sister institution, the American College Dublin (ACD), in Dublin, Ireland. ACD offers an array of courses, and Lynn students can apply academic credits from those courses toward their Lynn degrees.

In addition to the IIE recognition, Lynn University won an award from NAFA: Association of International Educators last November. Lynn was one of only 13 U.S. colleges and universities noted by the organization for exemplary international education. (For more on the NAFA honor, please see page 3 of the Winter 2005 issue of Lynn Magazine.)
Fighting Knights bring home Lynn’s first national softball title

Lynn University’s softball team had the greatest season in program history. Head coach Thomas Macera guided the Fighting Knights to their first-ever Sunshine State Conference Title, South Regional title and NCAA Division II National Championship.

In Salem, Va., the Blue and White knocked off No.1-ranked Northern Kentucky to advance to the championship game, ending a NCAA record 55-game winning streak and giving the Norse their first loss of the year. The Fighting Knights broke, tied or extended 71 records and were ranked in the top 10 nationally in eight individual and team categories.

Senior pitcher Aimee Murch broke 15 game, season and career records en route to becoming the Blue & White Club Athlete of the Year, SSC First-Team and Pitcher of the Year, SSC Female Athlete of the Year, South Region First-Team and Tournament MVP, First-Team All-American and the National Championship MVP. Joining her on the First-Team All-America squad was sophomore Christina Rolla, who smashed 25 home runs, the second most in NCAA Division II history. Rolla set 10 individual season and career records and was named SSC Player of the Year.

The Knights became the first team in Lynn history to sweep the SSC Player, Pitcher, Freshman and Coach of the Year honors. As a team, the Blue and White garnered 12 SSC post-season honors, three First-Team South Region selections and three All-America selections. This year’s team also became the first softball team to sweep cross-town rival Barry University.

Lynn inducts three former student-athletes into Hall of Fame

Lynn University inducted three more former student-athletes into its Hall of Fame at the annual Student-Athlete Banquet on April 27, bringing the total number of members to 12. The 2005 class includes former men’s soccer star Lenin Steenkamp, ’93; former women’s soccer standout Hanna Nissen, ’96; and former women’s tennis great Katerina Koldova, ’00.

Steenkamp was a four-time NAIA All-America selection and was honored as the NAIA and LU Most Valuable Player in 1991, when the Fighting Knights won their first-ever National Championship. Steenkamp still holds the program record for goals in a game and is in the top-five for goals and points in a season and matches played, goals, assists and points for a career. Since leaving Lynn, the South African native has had a healthy professional soccer career, playing primarily for the Rochester Rhinos.

A two-year letter winner of the women’s soccer team, Nissen was an integral component on the Fighting Knights back-to-back NAIA National Championship (1994-1995) squads, receiving NAIA All-America and Offensive MVP honors both seasons while being named the NAIA National Tournament MVP in 1994. Nissen holds program records for goals, assists and points in a season.

Koldova played for Mike Perez and the women’s tennis team for four years before coaching for a season. She left LU with a 74-8 career singles mark, a 74-16 career doubles record and three national championships, two as a player and one as a coach. Koldova’s honors include: four-time singles and three-time doubles All-American; the ITA National Senior of the Year; 1998 NCAA Honda Award recipient; and two-time First-Team All-SSC honoree.
Baseball (35-21 overall, 14-10 SSC): Lynn’s baseball team tied for the best record under skipper Rudy Garbalosa and the second-best record in program history. The Fighting Knights also set a program record with 14 Sunshine State Conference wins.

Determination was the theme for this year as the team battled back for 12 come-from-behind victories. Ray Perez, a Second Team All-SSC and All-South Region selection, ignited an offense that ranked in the top 10 of program history in hits, home runs, RBIs, total bases and runs scored. The 2005 squad also saw five members named SSC Player of the Week, tying a program record set in 2003.

Men’s Basketball (29-6 overall, 13-3 SSC): The 2004-05 Lynn University men’s basketball season was unforgettable, as the team won its first-ever SSC regular season and tournament title, won the South Regional Tournament and advanced to the NCAA National Semifinals for the second time in program history. The Fighting Knights said good-bye to four seniors: James Taylor, Justin Wingard, Austin Faber and Akil Lewis, all of whom hold program records. Taylor is the all-time leading scorer, Wingard is the all-time leading rebounder, Faber is the all-time assists leader and Lewis is the all-time leading three-point shooter. Second-year head coach Scott McMillin was named SSC and South Region Coach of the Year, while Justin Wingard, James Cage and James Taylor all earned SSC post-season honors. Wingard was named SSC Tournament MVP after leading the Knights to their first SSC Tournament title. Marcus Hayes was named South Regional Tournament MVP after leading his team to the South Regional Title.

Women’s Basketball (12-16 overall, 6-10 SSC): Although injuries disabled the team, head coach Pam DeCosta refused to allow the Knights to give up. With only six healthy players for most of the season, the second-year head coach equaled the amount of wins of the last two years combined and finished with the second-most Sunshine State Conference wins in program history. DeCosta snapped 14-game losing streaks to Rollins College and Tampa, and became the first coach in program history to defeat both teams in the same season. Jackie Codiga led the way for the Knights, leading the team in every offensive and defensive category on the way to becoming a unanimous First-Team All-SSC selection.

Men’s Golf: Although the Lynn men’s golf team is the owner of a NAIA National Championship, the 2005 squad made its first appearance in the NCAA National...
Championship, finishing eighth out of 20 teams. The Knights recorded the lowest scoring average in their history, thanks in large part to Sunshine State Conference First-Team selection Hoyt McGarity, who notched the second-lowest scoring average in program history. The Blue and White recorded three first-place and two second-place finishes and registered a 40-15-1 record against SSC opponents.

Women’s Golf: The Lynn women’s golf team made its third NCAA South Regional appearance in four years and saw Elisabeth Whitehouse advance to the NCAA Division II National Championship. Second on the team in scoring average and the second consecutive individual to earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament, Whitehouse tied for 15th individually after shooting a career-best 72-hole score of 313. The team notched a first-, a second- and two third-place finishes in nine tournaments, went 17-14 against SSC opponents and is poised for a big season in 2006, with all team members returning.

Men’s Soccer (12-5-0 overall, 5-3-0 SSC): The Lynn University men’s soccer team defended its Sunshine State Conference tournament title this past season as they got past Nova Southeastern by the score of 2-1 in the championship game. For the season, Carl Wallace led the offensive attack with a team-high 14 goals, which was fourth in the SSC, while newcomer Adam Scope dished out a team-best eight assists. The honors came rolling in for the Knights as sophomores Liam Bull and Lee Paul Scroggins and junior Andy Hirst all collected First-Team All-SSC honors while junior David Benn and Wallace earned spots on the Second Team. Wallace and Hirst were both selected as First-Team All-South Region honorees, while Benn and Bull were named Second-Team All-South Region. For the seventh time in eight seasons, the Knights placed an athlete on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America Team, with Hirst earning a spot on the Third Team. Senior Mark Dunkerley was named the 2004-05 Lynn Male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Women’s Soccer (11-4-2 overall, 5-2-1 SSC): The Lynn University women’s soccer team enjoyed its most successful season since 1999. Just missing the post-season, the Fighting Knights welcomed junior-transfer Michelle Hoogveld, who finished second in the league with 12 goals and third in points (27) in her first season. With 100 saves on the season, senior Meagan Vondal finished her four-year career second in the SSC in saves and save percentage (.855). Vondal, Hoogveld, senior Piper Seaman and junior Rebecca McCray were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-South Region Team. Vondal became the first player since 2000 to earn First-Team All-Region honors while Seaman earned Second-Team honors for the second time in her career. Seaman also was named the 2004-05 Lynn Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Men’s Tennis (17-6 overall, 5-1 SSC): The Fighting Knights put together their best season since 1997, earning their second bid to the NCAA Division II National Championship in program history. Knocking off Florida Southern in the Southeast Regional Championship, Lynn clinched the title and advanced to the national tournament. Sophomore Dennis Riegraf led the team all season long in singles competition with an overall record of 18-4, mostly at the fifth position in the lineup. Riegraf’s record included a 10-match winning streak that began March 20 as he and the Fighting Knights knocked off
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national powerhouse Armstrong Atlantic. Voted the Most Improved Player by his team, Riegraf also earned a spot on the All-SSC second-team. Sophomore-transfer Aivarus Balzekas earned first-team All-SSC honors as he anchored the Knights at the top singles position. He finished the season at 12-6. Junior Jan Macko and graduate student Eduardo Morones, the second-ranked doubles team in the nation, finished the year 14-6 overall and were named to the All-SSC first-team. Macko, playing most of the season at the fourth singles spot, posted a 16-3 record for a spot on the All-SSC second-team, while Morones earned an All-SSC honorable mention with a 13-5 singles record, mostly at the second lineup position. As a team, the Knights took down 10 different top-25 teams on their way to the NCAA national tournament, earning a No. 3 national ranking, the highest in program history.

Women’s Tennis (22-5 overall, 8-0 SSC): Since joining the NCAA in 1997, the Lynn University women’s tennis team has become synonymous with national powerhouse. This team again proved that it is one of the finest programs in NCAA Division II with its ninth-straight Southeast Regional Championship and ninth-straight trip to the NCAA National Championships.

Second-year player and junior Dragana Ilic was the only to play at all six singles positions as she posted a 26-0 record and was ranked 33rd in the nation. Ilic was voted as the team’s Most Valuable Player and earned First-Team All-SSC honors. Playing mostly with freshman Victoria Welz in doubles action, the ninth-ranked duo in the country finished with a perfect 23-0 record at the first and second lineup positions to earn First-Team All-SSC honors. The fourth-ranked duo of seniors Andrea Kostricova and Masha Bayser battled for a 16-3 record, while also earning First-Team All-SSC honors. Bayser, Lynn’s top singles player, was named Second-Team All-SSC and was voted as the Southeast Regional Senior Player of the Year by the ITA.

Kostricova, earning Second-Team All-SSC honors in singles, also earned the Arthur Ashe Jr.’s Leadership and Sportsmanship award from the ITA. Ranked in the top 10 of the nation all season long, the Knights knocked off nine top-25 teams in Division II, while taking down four Division I opponents.

Volleyball (8-21 overall, 4-12 SSC): This was Coach Ginny Kelly’s first season leading the Fighting Knight Volleyball program. The Knights said good-bye to senior Shelby Vollmer, the second four-year letter winner in program history. The versatile player spent most of her time between libero and outside hitter, and holds LU career records for games played (448) and all-time digs (1,610) and is second in service aces (86) and fifth in kills (563). The 2003 Second-Team All-Sunshine State Conference selection was also a Commissioner’s List honoree this past fall.

Fighting Knights are champions in the classroom, too

Lynn University’s student-athletes succeeded on and off the field this season as 225 student athletes earned a 3.0 or better grade point average (GPA) for both the fall and spring, including 28 student-athletes with a perfect 4.0. This marks the ninth consecutive year that at least 100 student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better in a fall or spring semester. For the fall, 48 student-athletes earned between a 3.0 and 3.499, 54 earned between a 3.5 and 3.999, and 13 earned 4.0s. In the spring, 41 student-athletes earned between a 3.0 and 3.499, 54 earned between a 3.5 and 3.999, and 15 earned a 4.0. Some 64 percent of all student-athletes at Lynn University earned a 3.0 or better, and since the 1996-1997 school year, 1,891 student-athletes have earned at least a 3.0 GPA.
Keeping those Lynn connections

It’s always exciting to watch the joy on the faces of Lynn graduates at commencement. This was a special time of the year for the Alumni Association as we welcomed our newest members—419 from the Class of 2005. The Alumni Association is growing exponentially—considering that we had 62 alumni from the first graduating class in 1965 and we now have more than 10,000 alumni residing in every state and 90 nations.

As the association grows, so do the efforts of the Office of Alumni Relations. I am pleased to announce that Susana Fernandez has joined our staff as associate director of alumni and parent relations. We are determined to connect with as many alumni as possible. Our outreach efforts include the newly designed alumni Web site www.lynn.edu/alumni; Lynn Business Journal and e-Lynn News (both distributed via e-mail); LynnSights and, of course, Lynn Magazine. In addition, the alumni association will be hosting events in 16 cities during the coming year to connect you with one another and your alma mater.

Preparations are also in full swing for the all-new Alumni Weekend. Don’t forget—this weekend has been moved from October to March 24-26, 2006. The weekend will be filled with class reunions—a 40th reunion for the Class of ’66, a 25th reunion for the Class of ’81, and a 5th year reunion for the class of ’01. You’ll reunite with your favorite professors and staff members through an array of academic and social activities. And our alumni athletes will have a chance to see their old teammates and participate in their own sporting events. Be sure to mark your calendar for this fun-filled weekend at Lynn.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Gareth Fowles, BSBA ’99, MBA ’01
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations
East coast, west coast and beyond: alumni, parents, students and friends were Lynn University’s honored guests at a series of receptions beginning last February. Lynn hosted gatherings in Greenwich, Conn.; Philadelphia; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Santa Monica, Calif.; San Francisco; Boston; and Chicago. Each occasion provided the perfect opportunity for alumni to reminisce, parents to get to know one another, and for everyone to hear the latest developments at Lynn University.

In Puerto Rico, prospective students and their families, along with high school counselors, joined alumni and friends at a reception at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel. Highlights included a presentation of a video on the university and the awarding of a Trustees’ Scholarship to incoming student Diane Cubano, a graduate of Dorado Academy in Puerto Rico.

Want to see your classmates in these cities? Come along for our photo tour on these pages and on Lynn’s online photo albums at www.lynn.edu/album.
Alumni and parent relations welcomes Susana Fernandez

Lynn University’s Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is proud to welcome Susana Fernandez as its associate director of alumni and parent relations. She will also serve as the advisor for the Student Alumni Association. Fernandez joined the office in March 2005. A native of Caracas, Venezuela, Fernandez holds BA, MBA and Ph.D. degrees from Barry University where she most recently served as director of the Center for Commuter Student Affairs. Contact her at 561-237-7433 or sfernandez@lynn.edu.

A league of their own

They had so much fun, they didn’t even keep score. Alumni from near and far returned to the Lynn diamond March 20 to compete in the annual Lynn alumni baseball game. With many current Lynn baseball players cheering them on, the alumni gave their all for seven innings before hanging up their gloves for the day. Players and families then headed to Duffy’s Sports Bar to share good food and Lynn memories.

As he did last year, Rick Schanzle, ’89, welcomed everyone to his home for a reception on the evening prior to the game. The alumnus traveling the longest distance for both the reception and the game was Steve Vizzo, ’97, from Cos Cob, Conn.

Tennis alumni continue winning streak

Lynn’s alumni tennis players returned to campus Jan. 29 for their traditional tournament against the current tennis team. Experience paid off, as the alumni maintained their winning streak from last year, defeating the students in both singles (8-4) and doubles competitions.

Afterward, everyone gathered at the popular Duffy’s Sports Bar to toast the victors.

Will the alumni winning tradition continue? Be a part of next year’s match by contacting Gareth Fowles, director of alumni and parent relations, at gfowles@lynn.edu.

Mark your calendars for upcoming alumni events

Lynn University has planned several events just for you, our alumni. Please save these dates on your calendars now and join us:

- Sept. 29, 2005: Fort Lauderdale Alumni and Parents Reception
- Nov. 10, 2005: Miami Alumni and Parents Reception
- Dec. 8, 2005: Florida Alumni Holiday Reception
- Jan. 24, 2006: Orlando Alumni and Parents Reception
- Jan. 26, 2006: Tampa Alumni and Parents Reception
- Feb. 9, 2006: Los Angeles Alumni and Parents Reception
- Feb. 16, 2006: Naples Alumni and Parents Reception
- March 24-26, 2006: Alumni Weekend at Lynn University
- April 20, 2006: Boston Alumni and Parents Reception
- May 18, 2006: Chicago Alumni and Parents Reception
- June 1, 2006: West Palm Beach Alumni and Parents Reception
- June 20, 2006: New Jersey Alumni and Parents Reception
- June 22, 2006: Long Island Alumni and Parents Reception
- July 11, 2006: Philadelphia Alumni and Parents Reception
- July 13, 2006: Washington, D.C. Alumni and Parents Reception
- Aug. 3, 2006: Connecticut Alumni and Parents Reception

Invitations will be mailed approximately four weeks prior to each event. For more information, visit the alumni Web site at www.lynn.edu/alumni or contact Gareth Fowles, director of alumni and parent relations, by phone at 561-237-7984 or e-mail: gfowles@lynn.edu.

Photo by Peter Luther
SAA elects new executive board

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) has elected a new executive board for the 2005-2006 academic year. The new leaders include:
- President: C.J. Magale, a junior from Blemar, N.J., majoring in hospitality administration
- Co-vice presidents: Chad Kleiner, a senior from New York majoring in business administration, and Nicole Essen, a senior from Boca Raton majoring in journalism and mass communication
- Secretary: Nikki Villella, a senior from Orlando, Fla., majoring in hospitality administration.

Wanted: Old Yearbooks and Memorabilia

Looking to free up some shelf and closet space, plus do a good deed? Lynn University is seeking memorabilia and yearbooks from the Marymount College and College of Boca Raton years.

Lynn especially welcomes yearbooks from 1973, 1975, 1979, 1982 through 1986, 1988 and 1990. Memorabilia may include college-inscribed mugs, apparel (such as caps), banners, postcards and other mementos.

If you don’t wish to part with your yearbook but are willing to loan it to us, that is very much appreciated. Lynn plans to digitize the entire collection of yearbooks so that they can be enjoyed via the Web site. We will return your yearbook, if requested.

To make a donation or loan, please contact Kathleen Clunan, university archivist, by e-mail at kclunan@lynn.edu. Thank you for helping us to preserve these special memories for all time!

Students win second SAA Softball Slam

They were back with a vengeance, and this year they won: The students defeated the faculty and staff, 11-8, in the second annual Student Alumni Association (SAA) Softball Slam, held April 16 on campus. Last year, the new tradition began with the faculty and staff prevailing, 16-13. Out to settle the score this year were 23 students vying against 22 faculty and staff members.

The friendly, competitive spirit continued after the game, as students contended for an iPod Shuffle and a DVD player in a homerun derby. A pig roast brought the day to a perfect end.

CELEBRATING THE CLASSES OF

1966 | 1981 | 2001

Don’t miss this all-new weekend planned especially for you, our alumni, this spring!

We’ve redesigned this weekend from start to finish so that you can make the most of your visit back to campus. You’ll have lots of opportunities to visit with old classmates and favorite professors. We’ll also celebrate the 40th, 25th and 5th milestones of the Classes of ’66, ’81 and ’01—plus see our alumni athletes in action at their own sporting events.

So save the dates of March 24-26, 2006, and plan to be a part of all the fun at Lynn.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 561-237-7433 or by e-mail at sfernandez@lynn.edu.

Be sure to make your reservations early to get a special rate at our sponsoring hotel: the Hampton Inn Boca Raton—a close-to-campus tropical paradise made available thanks to our Lynn alumni, Robert Guarini, ’94, and Marcel Boucher, ’94.
1966

Yolanda “Lonnie” Buran lives in Washington, D.C., where she is director of human resources at the Points of Light Foundation. She has fond memories of Marymount College, where she worked as an intern for librarian Kathleen Clunan.

Maureen Gilchrist resides in Indianapolis with her husband, Rich, of 33 years. They have two sons, three grandsons and a granddaughter. Before retiring two years ago, Maureen worked as an executive secretary to the associate superintendent of a local school district. She reports that at first retirement was difficult after working full time for 26 years, but now she has “totally adjusted.”

Pat Penske has been married 36 years and has four children and two grandsons. She is an active member of the Bethlehem, Pa., community, serving on the national advisory board of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

1971

Susan (Maxwell) Jarrell and her husband, David, have been married for 34 years and celebrated the birth of their first granddaughter, Marcella Sophia Jarrell, on Nov. 29, 2004.

1988

Amy Welsh and her husband, Stephen, are parents of 6-year-old twins, Emily and Alexander. They reside in Philadelphia, Pa., and Amy is a stay-at-home mom.

1992

Joe Horan designs ads for Luxury Estates Magazine in Winter Park, Fla., where he resides with his wife, Kristy.

1993

Sara Hummer, a first grade teacher at Jupiter Academy, is the mother of a 12-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

Alyssa “Ricci” Ricchetti received a BS in nursing from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa., and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing.

1994

Roberto Char and Jackie Marcos, ’95, were married in 1997 and are the parents of twins, born in January 2003. They reside in Miami.

Danielle Gray works for a boutique investment company in Darien, Conn., and lives in Norwalk, Conn. In her spare time she works to raise money for the American Diabetes Foundation.

Father D. Brian Horgan celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of St. Lucie Parish in Florida. Formerly, he was parochial vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Delray Beach. After earning his liberal arts degree at Lynn, he graduated from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach.

Darren Read has coached soccer professionally for Woverhampton Wanderers FC in the English League and is now coaching the Montserrat National Team.

1998

Greg Belkin represented the U.S. Coast Guard during National Military Appreciation Month in May, as the five branches of the service threw out the first pitch during the Washington Nationals vs. the Chicago Cubs game on May 15.

Hector Garcia is the new chief of the Clark County School District Police in Las Vegas, where he resides with his wife, Kristy, and their two children. He worked with the Palm Beach County School Police for the last 14 years.

David Mann, a casualty claim analyst for American Family Insurance in Wisconsin, recently earned a casualty claim law degree and is studying for an MBA from the University of Phoenix.
Daniel Shapiro recently began working as a senior management consultant for Robbins-Goia at the Department of Defense for Homeland Security after working for two years with the CACI at the Pentagon. He and his wife celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary in June. They are parents of a son, Erik, who was born on Nov. 14, 2003.

Carolyn (Grant) Wolf married husband Daryl in April 2000 and now lives in South Florida. Their son, Austin, was born in June 2001.

1999
David Chandler is married and working for NBC in Atlanta.

Lucas Furst graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine in 2002 and is a resident in cardiovascular anesthesiology in Nevada.

Matthew Langlois and Tanya (Cambio) Langlois reside in Rhode Island with their son, Jacob, who was born on Sept. 26, 2003.

Samantha “Sam” Wolchok

was married on Oct. 10 and resides in Staten Island, N.Y. She is a public relations coordinator for Vonage, a digital phone service company.

2000
Robert Czyszczon and his wife, Mariuche Harth, are parents of a daughter, Victoria Harth Czyszczon, born on Aug. 10, 2004.

Randi Lynne Goldman and Amit Sofer were engaged on Nov. 3, 2004.

2001
Katherine M. Curio and Matthew S. Wolfe were engaged Dec. 9, 2004, and plan to marry in Oxford, Miss., on Nov. 26, 2005.

Allyson Pesha Greene and Jeremy Kenneth Campbell were married recently at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in West Palm Beach. The couple will reside in West Palm Beach.

Annemarie (Cardinale) Pontillo married her high school sweetheart on May 3, 2003, at the Boca Raton Country Club.

2002
Christian Boniforti and Shelly Hall, ’01, were married April 15 on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. They celebrated their marriage with their friends at Lynn University on May 11.

Kimberly Gardener is a real estate specialist in investment and waterfront properties in the Boca Raton area and is pursuing her Ph.D. at Lynn University.

Katherine Kelly was married to Simon Beryl on April 9 at the Hope Valley Country Club in Chapel Hill, N.C. Farley Rentschler, her best friend and Lynn roommate, was a bridesmaid. The couple resides in Malibu, Calif., where Simon is a photographer and Katherine is a real estate agent.

Nicholas Potter and Katie Coyne, ’03, were married in San Francisco on Nov. 27, 2004. The couple honeymooned in Maui and now reside in St. Louis, where they both are real estate agents. Nick is also head coach of varsity lacrosse.

Stephen “Steve” Rosenthal completed his master’s degree in social work from Barry University last December. He is a social worker for Baptist Health at Doctors Hospital in Coral Gables, Fla.
2003
Jonathan D. Nimerfroh is staff photographer for the Main Line Times in Ardmore, Pa., which is located just outside of Philadelphia. He also has his own freelance business, JDN Photography, in Chester Springs, Pa.

2005
Jared Montz, a four-year letter winner for Lynn’s Fighting Knights men’s soccer team, signed a major league soccer developmental contract with the Chicago Fire on April 15. A three-year starter at Lynn, Montz led the Knights to a 67-8-1 record from 2001-2004, including an undefeated season and the program’s first-ever NCAA national championship in 2004.

Then:
With 21 years in law enforcement, John enrolled at Lynn in 1990 and completed his bachelor’s degree in behavioral science in 1993. In short order, he earned two more degrees: a master’s degree in management from National-Louis University in Evanston, Ill., in 1994 and a doctorate in organization and management from Capella University in Minneapolis in 1999. He began teaching at Lynn in 1995 as an adjunct instructor in the School of Business and Management. At the time, he worked with the U.S. Customs Service as special agent in charge in the Palm Beaches. After retiring from Customs in 1996, he joined Lynn full time as director of its new Criminal Justice program. He also served as academic dean at Lynn from 1999 to 2000, when he left to join an international education company. “I still look upon the university as a wonderful place for personal growth and exploration, whether you’re a student or faculty member,” he says.

Now:
John is director of the International Center for Leadership and Development (ICLAD), a division of the Boca Raton Police Services Department. Created with millions of dollars in seized drug-trafficking monies, the center trains public safety professionals from around the world. He hopes to develop a synergistic relationship benefiting ICLAD and Lynn, where he now is an adjunct instructor in Criminal Justice. John lives in Delray Beach with his wife, Susan, and sons, Shane and Eric. His daughters, Katherine, Lisa and Megan, a 2000 Lynn graduate, live in Lawrence, Kan. Katherine is expecting John’s fifth grandchild.

Remembering our alumni and friends

Fred Postlethwaite, prominent Boca Raton businessman and long-time member of the Lynn University Board of Overseers, passed away on March 27, 2005.

Mark Allen Turney, ’98, passed away on April 7, 2005. He lived in Centreville, Md., with his wife, Melanie, and two stepsons.

If you’d like to be featured in Then and Now, e-mail us at alumni@lynn.edu. Tell us about your Lynn days and what you’re doing now, along with past and present photos. Be sure to include your name, class year and telephone number.
If so, we'd like to know for an upcoming story about Lynn graduates who are successful entrepreneurs. Send a brief summary about your business exploits to us at lynnmagazine@lynn.edu. Please include your name, major, class year, photo and a daytime phone number. In the subject area of your e-mail please write: Lynn Entrepreneur.
With diploma in hand, a jubilant Evelyn Leiser celebrates with her fellow grads.