I realize I'm going against the trend, but I think a small, private college could offer students more individual opportunity than some of the larger institutions.

Donald Ross, 1968
'13' has been my lucky number since I graduated from college in 1991. It's an unusual number to count on for good fortune. Thanks to popular superstition about Friday the 13th, most people think it is cursed. But I, like other graduates of Colgate University, regard the number 13 not with fear, but with fellowship.

Legend holds that Colgate was founded by 13 men with 13 prayers and 13 dollars. The names of the thirteen individuals who started the college in 1819 are recorded in the institution's archives, but university songs and folklore focus more on the mythical significance of the number 13. There are references all across campus, from the name of the men's a cappella singing group, The Colgate Thirteen, to the traditional toll of the chapel bell thirteen times to commemorate special occasions and events on campus. You simply can't graduate from Colgate without feeling a sense of affinity with this number.

The longer I'm out of college the more connected I feel to my alma mater, its history and tradition. I cannot help being swept along with time as it passes, but there is something everlasting, or at least recognizable, in the number 13. Beneath the narrative of thirteen men, prayers and dollars is a simple message about facing uncertainty with courage and faith. I suppose I gravitate to the number 13, not so much because it is lucky, but because it is a familiar symbol of my own place in Colgate's lineage, and it reminds me that, tempered with courage and faith, my own unpredictable life will always hold great possibility.

Someone once told me that Lynn University is too young to have its own lore, tradition or spirit, but I couldn't more strongly disagree. There is lore in the story of nuns fighting to save a struggling women's junior college and the library books that brought a young dreamer to Boca Raton. Tradition will live in the memory of the couple whose faith in their vision to build a university saw them through skepticism and around obstacles, and whose loyalty to their mission became a calling to serve the institution for more than 30 years. The spirit of Lynn University is one not only of courage and faith, but also of perseverance, community and leadership.

As I was developing the feature story for this issue, it dawned on me that many of us don't know much about the founding of Lynn University. It seems only those who actually experienced it know enough about Lynn's past to truly celebrate its history. But in the reflections of the University's President, we have a unique opportunity to hear firsthand from the man who has led the school for three of the four decades of its existence, and I can't help but wonder what meaningful folklore and legends, symbols and traditions will be born of these anecdotes as they are told and passed on over the next 100 years.

Until then, this issue is dedicated to all those who count themselves part of the Lynn community, all of whom are part of the University's past, its present and even its future. Maybe one day we Lynn people will have our own '13', a visible marker of the values we've learned from a place we hold dear.

Editor

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April 12, 2001

As a high school student I was always told I would never be able to go to college, let alone hold a career. I have worked so much harder to succeed, because I did not want to be a failure. As an alumnus of Lynn University for almost two years now, I have recently begun to reminisce about my years at Lynn and what I have accomplished since I graduated.

In October 1999, I signed up through the Career Development Center for an on-campus interview with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. Even with little time to prepare, my interview went well and I was asked back for a second, more intense interview that really tested my hospitality experience. Afterwards, I remember going right to the Hyatt Regency in San Diego as a corporate management trainee with Hyatt Hotels. I almost fell off my chair. On January 19, 2000, I started my career with the Hyatt Regency in San Diego as a corporate management trainee in the operations division. All the knowledge I learned in the classroom at Lynn was immediately put into practice.

After a year and a half here, I realize the education I received at Lynn in the hospitality school was very special. In fact, once when I mentioned to the assistant office manager that I thought it would be nice to transfer back east, he said, "What do you mean? I tried for two years to get work at this property and you were selected to work here on your first try! Not everyone gets to work here. You were chosen first round because of your Lynn education." That to me is something special.

In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Downey, Dr. DeVeau, Mr. Shapiro and Dr. Miller for teaching me all the things that would pay off when I arrived at Hyatt. To Lynn University, I look forward to always coming back to say thank you.

Fondly,
Alison Dines '99

April 23, 2001

Four years ago this month my son, Matthew Overmann, was accepted into Lynn University's Frontiers Program. On May 5th of this year, he will graduate with a degree in Business Management. On August 6th, he will enter the MBNA Business Management Program.

Naturally, my wife and I are pleased and proud that Matt maximized his educational opportunities at Lynn University, and his employment opportunities at MBNA, where he has worked part time since his sophomore year. We are also grateful to the faculty of Lynn University, who we feel have sparked Matt's intellectual curiosity and challenged him to reach his potential. The fact that Matt responded to this challenge highlights the value of your Frontiers Program.

Sincerely,
Richard H. Overmann

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May 18, 2001

[To graduates of the Lynn Educational Alternative Program and those earning an Associate in Occupational Studies degree at Lynn University's Old Forge Center campus]

How pleased I am to be able to tell you congratulations. I have learned about the reading you have been doing, and I am very proud of you.

As you may know, I was a schoolteacher and librarian before I was the First Lady. Those were wonderful times in my life, because I was around books all the time. To me, a book can be a great companion or a guide to an interesting adventure. One of my favorite ways to enjoy a book is by taking turns with someone else reading out loud.

You have all received certificates today because you have chosen to work at improving your reading skills. There is nothing more important than what you could do. If you have read one more book, the more easily you will read, and the more you will enjoy reading.

Keep making new goals and working hard to achieve them. Believe in yourselves—I believe in you!

Sincerely,
Laura Bush
First Lady of the United States of America

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LADY KNIGHTS CLAIM SIXTH NATIONAL TENNIS TITLE
Three players earn Sunshine State Conference honors.

The No. 2 ranked Lynn University women's tennis team (26-2) claimed their sixth national championship and third NCAA Division II title in May. Lynn defeated No. 1 ranked BYU-Hawaii 5-3 by the score of 5-3 at the 2001 NCAA I Women's National Championships in Pensacola, Fla.

The championship women's tennis team...
ROSS APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

In June, Dr. John E. (Jack) Sites, a career educator with more than 30 years of educational leadership, joined Lynn University as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, responsible for the daily operations of the institution. Sites, who has successfully led a number of for-profit and non-profit institutions, served at Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, for more than 20 years on the faculty as Academic Dean, then Executive Vice President.

With Dr. Sites in place, Lynn University President Donald E. Ross can oversee institutional advancement. In announcing the appointment, Ross said, "As part of the effort to take Lynn University to the next level, Helen and I will be committing our time and energy to the external affairs of the University. We intend to direct our attention toward cultivating alumni, parents, foundations and..."
other key benefactors who are the life-time
of the institution."

Dr. Sites brings a global perspective to
his new duties. From 1996-97, he was
President of American University in
Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, he served as Chief Executive
Officer for a new graduate-level
American/international for-profit
institution of 500 students, securing
American regional accreditation, and
increasing enrollment and profitability.
Sites was also Senior Vice President of
American European Corporation, Inc., in
Atlanta, for whom he was an internal
consultant and corporate coordinator for
an international higher education
institution of 2,200 students with
campuses in Atlanta, London and Los
Angeles.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Sites received
his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, History and Political Science
from University of Florida in 1960, a law
degree from University of Miami, in 1966,
and a Master of Arts in Sociology, Psychology and Junior College
Administration from Appalachian State
University in Boone, NC, in 1970.

IRISH DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER VISITS LYNN
TO PROMOTE TRADE
LINES

On Monday, March 5, Ireland's Deputy
Prime Minister Mary Harney came to Lynn
University to meet with Boca Raton
business and political leaders as part of a
tour of the United States to promote business and trade between the
two countries.

Harney, the co-founder of Ireland's
Progressive Democrats party and the first
woman to hold the country's second-
highest office, told luncheon guests at
Lynn, "There are strong ties between
Ireland and Florida." Like Florida, Ireland's
economy is based primarily on tourism
and agriculture and both areas have
announced interest in developing their
high-tech sectors. Not unlike South Florida's current effort to promote itself as
the "Internet Coast," Harney said of Ireland,
"We're rapidly becoming the Silicon Valley
of Europe."

In her first visit to Florida, Harney also
took the opportunity to thank Lynn
University and President Ross for the
school's commitment to Ireland. In 1993,
the University created the American
College Dublin (ACD), originally founded
as a non-profit educational trust. Now an
independent institution, American
College Dublin shares an articulation
agreement with its affiliate in Boca Raton,
allowing Lynn students to study abroad
and apply credits toward their degrees.
ACD's student body consists of
approximately 725 Irish, American and
international students and the institution
employs 70 people.

"Florida is the home... of service and
technology companies," said Harney, who
is also Ireland's Minister for Enterprise,
Trade and Employment, "and I hope, as
companies here seek to become global
players, that many of them will see Ireland
as a gateway into Europe."

Lynn Adirondack Experience
LAUNCHED FOR FIRST-
YEAR STUDENTS
Pre-orientation
camping/canoeing
expedition in Adirondack
Mountains helps first-years
make transition to college.

This summer, Lynn University
introduced the ultimate first-year
orientation experience for freshmen
and new students, the Lynn Adirondack
Experience, a five-day wilderness
adventure in the Adirondack Mountains.

Known as the LAKE program, the Lynn
Adirondack Experience is designed to
help ease students' transition to college
life. Operated out of Lynn's Adirondack
campus, located in the heart of the six
million-acre Adirondack Park in Central
New York, LAKE activities include
canoing, camping, hiking, team-building,
trust activities, goal setting and leadership
training. This year's first-ever trip, held
from August 1-5, attracted nearly 20 first-
year students.

Organized into teams of students led by
at least two University leaders,
participants support each other in trip
activities, get acquainted with the
University staff and develop close
friendships, all in preparation for
becoming part of the greater college
community. A variety of outdoor
activities, environmental workshops and
self-realization opportunities help
students learn not only about Lynn
University, but about one another
themselves.

The fee for participation is
$275/person, which covers all
costs, including lodging, food, transportation, staffing and
camping equipment.

For information on the summer
LAKE trip, please call (561) 237-7320.

CONSERVATORY
FACULTY RECORD
WITH POP STARS
Dean Jaffe performs on
Michael Jackson's next album.

In May, Dr. Claudio Jaffe, Conservatory
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For information on the summer 2002 LAKE trip, please call (561) 237-7320.

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In May, Dr. Claudio Jaffe, Conservatory of Music Dean, and Gregory Miller, Artist-Faculty (Horn), recorded an upcoming Christmas album with popular Latin American pop singer Jon Secada at Criteria Recording Studios in Miami.

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In June, Lynn staff members Mary L. Tebes, Executive Director of the Institute for Distance Learning, and Dr. Richard Cohen, Dean of the Ross College of Education, gave weeklong workshops in Teaching Strategies for Trinidad's educators, as well as in Distance Learning Course Design for individuals who have been hired to support the delivery of Lynn University distance learning courses starting this fall. Trinidadian students may opt to complete their final term on the Lynn campus.

The initiatives result from a needs assessment conducted by the government of Trinidad and Tobago in December 1999 that profiled the training and educational needs of its residents. As a result, the government has provided interest-free loans for island citizens to purchase computers to access distance learning courses.

Tebes, Cohen and Michael Petroski, Assistant Professor in the College of Business and Management, visited Trinidad and Tobago in April after being approached last fall by the President of Drones, Inc., a private company hired by the Trinidadian government to build the communications infrastructure for the entire island.

Drones is setting up 25 education centers in addition to the islands' existing 20 community centers. The community centers are supported by local industries such as BP Oil and Amoco. Classrooms in the main center have video conferencing capabilities and will be utilized to train teachers and provide distance learning instruction.

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"Our South Florida location, the size of our campus, our state-of-the-art facilities and existing Distance Learning and Education programs all factored into their decision to invite a Lynn University team to make a presentation to the Minister and his technical team," Tebes said. "They were very interested in providing training in teaching strategies and new approaches to classroom management to teachers. The programs at Lynn University complement our needs in the areas of Nursing, Teacher Education, Hospitality Management, Aviation Management and Human Services."

LYNN STUDENTS REPRESENT U.S. AT MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

In April, 12 undergraduate students from Lynn University participated in the Inter-American Institute for Diplomacy's annual Maya Model Organization of American States (MOAS) in Washington, D.C., a forum for college and university students to engage in meaningful debates about issues in the Americas and work together to find solutions to the economic, political and social problems of the OAS.

During the week-long session, each of the 35 participating student delegations acted as the diplomatic mission of a member nation of the OAS, representing that nation's interests on a wide range of real world issues. Lynn University, the only Florida university participating in this year's session, was selected to represent the U.S. on topics including strengthening democracy, trade liberalization, combating corruption in the hemisphere, peaceful resolution of conflict, and strategies for combating illegal drug trafficking.

Participating for the fourth year in a row, Lynn University sent a delegation reflecting its international disposition, comprised of students from countries including Italy, Uganda, Botswana, Haiti and Ecuador. The group was advised by Larissa Ruiz Baia and Dr. Jennifer Gerz-Escandon, both faculty of the Center for International Programs and Services.

The Maya MOAS program was initiated over 20 years ago by Edgar Maya, a former Organization of American States (OAS) Public Information Officer, to help positively shape the next generation of leaders in the Americas. It is organized by the Inter-American Institute of Diplomacy, a non-profit foundation governed by an elected council of faculty members from colleges and universities throughout the hemisphere, and is conducted with the cooperation of the OAS.
COLLEGE FACULTY FROM TAIWAN ENTER LYNN’S Ph.D. PROGRAM

Twenty-one faculty members and administrators from colleges and universities in Taiwan, Republic of China, will be living and studying far away from home over the next three years. They arrived over the summer at Lynn University to take Intensive English Studies classes in preparation for entering Lynn’s Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership With a Global Perspective this fall.

The Taiwanese students represent a wide variety of specialization areas, including literature, management, the physical sciences and education. In 1998, the Taiwanese government passed a regulation requiring any faculty or staff member who is in a tenured position at a Taiwanese higher education institution to possess the appropriate terminal degree. The five-year phase-in period ends in 2003.

While there are at least four married couples studying together, most of the students, who are in their early-30s to mid-40s, have left their families behind in Taiwan. The majority are on a sabbatical leave from their home institutions, and almost all of them received their Master’s degrees in the United States.

In addition to English studies, over the summer the students were enrolled in a doctoral level statistics course. They entered the Ph.D. program at the start of classes on September 6, taking three courses per graduate term with an anticipated graduation date of August 2003.

About half of the students are living in Lynn residence halls, while the rest are being housed in nearby apartments.

“These students enhance the global and cross-cultural diversity missions of Lynn University,” says Dr. Fred Dembowski, who coordinates the Ph.D. program. “We welcome these students from Taiwan as members of Lynn’s dynamic educational community”

PARTNERSHIP WITH SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES LEADS TO CLASSROOM CASE STUDY, SCHOLARSHIP

A developing partnership blossomed during the 2001-2002 semester between Lynn University and The South Palm Beach Chapter #412 of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), a no-fee business management and counseling association located in Delray Beach.

It began early in the year when SCORE counsels and former Lynn University College of Business Dean Dr. Robert Minter conceived the idea of developing case studies bringing SCORE members and Lynn business students together to work on real business problems.

The first, a "live case" project involving local business owner Steve Kramer and his year-old business, Boca Textiles, Inc., was presented to Dr. Robert Green’s international marketing class. Kramer had turned to SCORE for guidance on all aspects of starting a new business and through SCORE’s relationship with Lynn University, found himself with a class of “consultants” working on his behalf.

Thirty students enrolled in MKT 392 International Marketing and Trade Relations were divided into seven groups to research a country for possible export by Boca Textiles, which currently sells fluid-resistant fabrics to U.S. customers but would like to expand sales overseas. Students explored the feasibility of exporting to Australia, China, Israel, Sweden, France, South Africa and Venezuela, conducting research on more than 100 internet sites and tapping major information sources such as the U.S. Commerce Department, chambers of commerce, trade associations and consulates, and other area businesses that are exporting there. At the end of the course, students presented Kramer, SCORE and their professor with their findings, strategies and recommendations.

Kramer says Lynn students brought up export factors he may not have considered otherwise, saying, “These young people are extremely bright. They ask very good questions.”

Lynn’s collaboration with SCORE was strengthened in March when the organization selected Lynn’s College of Business and Management as the recipient of its first scholarship to a university. The scholarship fund will be used to help students defray the costs of projects that require research expenses. Monies were donated exclusively by SCORE’s South Palm Beach Chapter #412 members.

“Although SCORE’s success has been based on giving hands-on experience to business Administration and has nearly 400 chapters throughout the U.S. The association has assisted over 40 million people starting and operating successful new businesses in the last 55 years. South Palm Beach County Chapter #412 has been active in the South Florida business community for more than 20 years, providing speakers bureaus, business counseling, email counseling, team counseling, workshops and seminars.

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Up 'Til Dawn is the newest event to hit campus fundraising efforts throughout the year, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., one of the world's premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children, primarily pediatric cancers.

Lynn University students participated in Up 'Til Dawn for the first time during the 1999-2000 academic year, raising an impressive $24,500.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**STUDENTS PRODUCE**

**TV GAME SHOW**

This spring, Lynn University communications students helped produce the pilot episodes of two game shows created by Miami radio station disc jockey Michael Jamrock and his brother David. The shows, which were originally conceived by the Jamrocks three years ago, are currently being offered for broadcast to USA, MTV, E Entertainment and Comedy Central as regular series.

Lynn students began work in early spring on "Food Fight," an edgy, 30-minute contest geared toward people in their 20's and taped before a live studio audience. Food Fight contestants compete for vacations and exotic cruises by answering food-related, entertainment questions such as, "What is Homer Simpson's favorite beer?"

On May 15, students taped the first episode of "Culinary Decisions," a more serious and formal competitive program. The game show collaboration is part of a groundbreaking attempt to pair Lynn University communications students with real world, industry experiences, according to Jim Brosemer, Director of Media Services at the Lynn College of International Communications. A crew of approximately seven students under the supervision of Brosemer was responsible for operating cameras, recording audio and setting lighting for the programs. Students also assisted Associate Dean Dr. Shavul Rothman in directing Food Fight and spent nearly 60 hours editing the final program before it was shipped to the channels and networks for review.

Lynn University gave the Jamrocks a 50% discount off regular production price in exchange for one-third of the net profit if either show is sold.
The Legacy Society celebrates a unique brand of generosity, and assists people who wish to provide for the University through their estate planning. Planned or deferred gifts enable individuals, couples, and families to advance the University's mission by supporting capital improvements, endowed growth, scholarships, educational services, or other programs. Through the Legacy Society, the University will honor benefactors who have made, or will make these kinds of deferred gifts.

"The Legacy Society celebrates a unique brand of generosity, and assists people who wish to provide for the University through their estate planning," said President Ross. "Including Lynn University in estate planning is a very tangible way to illustrate the depth of one's regard for Lynn, express gratitude for the impact that the University has had in one's life, and ensure a bright future for Lynn in the 21st century," he explained.

Society members are entitled to tax benefits, special recognition, and a personal membership gift.

AIRLINE AND FLIGHT TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS STRENGTHEN AVIATION CURRICULUM Under the direction of Dean Jeff Johnson, The Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics has been busy in the last year forging partnerships and alliances to strengthen the Aviation Management curriculum.

The Morgan School of Aeronautics recently finalized a pilot training program with Continental Express, the regional airline of Continental Airlines. The "Aberlitt" pilot training program will not only help supply a pool of pilot applicants to Continental Express, but will result in guaranteed interviews and potential placement opportunities for graduates of the program. Only three other schools in the country have established the "Aberlitt" program.

In addition, Dean Johnson is in the process of partnering with two other universities and a major airline training provider to develop a program allowing Lynn aviation graduates to transition from the Universities FAR Part 141 training through wide-body flight simulator training directly to the right seat, or First Officer, of a major airline. With the collaboration, the FAR Part 141 training would allow students to train on systems common to much larger aircraft and help them develop the flying skills and judgment required to handle the more complex aircraft of the airline industry.

Finally, the Morgan School has become very active in the local aviation community through membership in the Greater Miami Aviation Association and an association with Aerocervice Aviation in Miami. Through these affiliations, the School is supporting efforts to revitalize general aviation in the Miami area and working to provide students with more training opportunities in large craft simulators, experience that will give them a leg up gaining employment in the airline industry.

HONOR STUDENTS STAGE ANTI-VIOLENCE CONVENTION ON CAMPUS The prevalence of violence in today's world spurred a group of Lynn honor students to host "Violence Awareness Day" on campus in May and encourage the Lynn student body to take a stand against violence. The anti-violence convention, organized by a select group of honors students known as the Honors Colloquium, covered topics including violence in schools, genocide and domestic violence.

Speakers during the day-long convention included Police Detective Mark Rovitz, who spoke about the presence of the police force in schools, the Columbine shootings and the warning signs in students which signal possible violent behavior; and Dr. Forage, a world affairs specialist, who gave an in-depth look at ethnic cleansing in Afghanistan, the genocide in Kosovo and the role of the U.S. as a global power in world affairs.

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CONSERVATORY ALUMNI AND STUDENTS HOLD COVETED ORCHESTRA POSITIONS

Alumni and students of the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University continue to make their mark in the music world, winning seats in some of the most prestigious orchestras and festivals.

Last year, violinists Nicolae Bica ’97 and Monica Chevereas ’99, alumni of Artist Faculty Sergiu Schwartz, won positions with the St. Louis Symphony and New World Symphony, respectively. This fall marks their first season as members of these world-renowned orchestras.

Schwartz’s former student Liana Koteva ’01 appeared this summer as a soloist in recitals in her native Bulgaria. She returned to the U.S. to participate on full scholarship in the Academy of the West Music Festival in Santa Barbara, CA.

Samantha LaPointe ’99, and Kristof Papal ’98, former students of Artist Faculty Gregory Miller, were recently appointed Second Horn of the Louisiana Philharmonic, New Orleans, (LaPointe) and horned as Associate Principal Horn of the Milwaukee Symphony (Papal).

Jehoon Kim ’96, who studied under cello Artist Faculty Johanne Perron, is currently the principal cellist of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in Canada.

And, Artist Faculty (Oboe) John Dee’s students are taking center stage in orchestras around the world, as well. Bettany Schoeff ’01, has been named principal oboe of the Vera Cruz Symphony in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Kelly Berger is Principal Oboe of the Tacoma Symphony in Washington. Damrit Bannawatjakul is Principal Oboe of the Bangkok Philharmonic in Thailand. Allison Krelling is Principal Oboe of the New Haven Symphony in Connecticut. Finally, Nathan Hughes is in his first season as Principal Oboe of the renowned Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City.

Meanwhile, current Conservatory
students earned summer fellowships and scholarships at leading music festivals worldwide. Lily Adeeva attended the Tanglwood Festival in Massachusetts; Ross Salvao attended the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado; Shoko Ilino traveled to a major festival in Fontainebleau, France; and Alexander Tchobanov attended Eastern Music Festival. All study under Roberta Rose, Artist Faculty (Piano).

Yang Chai '02, Angel Vatchinov '03, and Cristian Mandu '05, all violin students of Sergiu Schwartz, participated in summer music festivals—Musieordia in Massachusetts, Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, and Koopstein International Music Festival in the Netherlands, respectively.

**STUDENTS ELECT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

In April, the student body elected new officers of the Student Government Association for the 2001-2002 school year. Joe Abruzzo, a senior from Arlington Heights, IL, will serve as President with Chantel Vickers, a senior from Lakeland Heights, IL, as Vice President. Patrick Meehan, a junior from Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., will serve as Treasurer. New Orleans native Katy Adams will be Secretary.

Knights Activities Team Chair is Ashlie Thomas of Victoria, Texas, while Michael Sisca of Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., is the newly elected Residence Hall Association Chair.

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## CITY OF BOCA RATON LAUDS CAREER CENTER, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

The City of Boca Raton’s Department of Volunteer Services recognized Lynn University’s Hannifan Center for Career Development (HCCD) and the College of Arts and Sciences for “Outstanding Student Participation and Service” in its Sixth Annual City-Wide Volunteer Recognition Reception in April.

Dana Levy, HCCD career planning counselor/coordinator, and Lynn University student Mallida Semana, then a junior in the Hospitality Administration program, accepted the award on behalf of Lynn University students in serving the local community.

In the last six years, volunteers have saved the City of Boca Raton approximately $3 million. Last year alone, more than 800 volunteers, many of them high school and college students, contributed more than 60,000 volunteer hours.

## LYNN NAMED SITE FOR SPANISH ACCREDITATION EXAM

The Instituto Cervantes in Spain has named Lynn University as a testing center for the Diplomado de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE), an accreditation of the degree of mastery of the Spanish language for citizens of countries where Spanish is not the official language. The exam offers an official certificate verifying the tester’s ability to read, write, speak, and understand Spanish at predetermined levels.

Lynn is the only university center in the southeastern region to serve as a testing site for the new exam, which is issued by the Ministry of Education of Spain.

According to Graciela Helguero, assistant professor of Spanish, “The DELE is recognized by official institutions of Spanish-speaking countries and, increasingly, by corporations, chambers of commerce, and educational institutions in the United States. Several American universities award course credit for the diplomas of Spanish majors.”

The exam offers three levels of certification: The Certificado Inicial, the Diploma Básico, and Diploma Superior. At least one local group has taken advantage of Lynn’s designation as a testing site for the exam. For the first time, semi-instruction students from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary sent students to Lynn for intensive Spanish and English classes, coordinated by Helguero. The future priests are preparing to take the DELE exam in May 2002.

For more information on the exam and testing dates, log onto their website, www.iostintocervantes.org.

## SEMINARS, FIELD STUDY ENHANCE FUNERAL SERVICES CURRICULUM

During the Spring 2001 semester, the Funeral Service Education program offered students a broader look at industry practices through a varied menu of seminars, field trips, lectures and presentations. Subjects ranged from theoretical studies to practical funeral service applications and featured industry professionals from throughout the South Florida community.

Highlights of this year’s offerings included a seminar on “The Ancient Tradition of Jewish Funeral Practices,” given by program alumnus Ari Oberstein, LEFD, a funeral director with Menorah-Riverside-Gordon Chapel of Aventura. Oberstein provided a retrospective on the richness of Jewish traditions and described the many aspects of Jewish funerary practices in the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches.

The City of Boca Raton, presented an informative session on the history and mission of hospice care and the growing need to offer comfort and care to those with life-limiting illnesses. Hospice by the Sea is the fifth largest not-for-profit hospice operating in the United States.

The Dodge Chemical Company hosted two seminars, the first, a demonstration of the latest embalming techniques and options with Jay Rhodes, CFSP. In March, the company sponsored students’ attendance at its annual conference in Fort Lauderdale, “Dealing with the Many Losses in Our Lives.” There, students learned how to teach children about loss, death and healing, and through the Bereavement Center examined the importance of aftercare for children as a means of assisting in recovery from loss.

Students also were exposed to the more practical aspects of the funeral service industry. Carlton-Willber Vault Company and Dorr Products, a subsidiary of Hicks Industries, hosted a field trip to one of their manufacturing plants.

Representatives of Baxesville Casket Company demonstrated innovations in serving the growing need for personalization in the funeral field. And, Paty Ralph, LEFD of the Ralph Funeral Home in Weston, spoke to students about services offered by family-owned-and-operated funeral homes.

Field trips to the Boca Raton Cemetery and Massoleum and the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiners facility rounded out the seminar series, enabling students to learn about the origin of customs that remain in use today and to develop an historical perspective of the industry in South Florida.

“Enhanced curriculum beyond the classroom this semester enriched the lives and expanded the breadth of knowledge and experience of our funeral service students and faculty,” said Joseph C. Quian, Assistant Professor/Practicum Director of Lynn’s Funeral Service Education program. “The consensus of our students was extremely positive. We hope the seminar series will help our students gain a solid foundation that will result in their being informed, knowledgeable, professional and sensitive funeral service providers.”
Dr. Jennifer Gerz-Escandor, Director of the Center for International Programs and Services, was named Teacher of the Year by the student body during Commencement in May. Later that month, Dr. Gerz-Escandor participated in the Fulbright Seminar for U.S. Administrators in International Education in Germany, one of only 25 university faculty from around the world selected for the two-week program. (see related story on page 48)

Paul Green, Artist Faculty (Clarinet), recently performed a solo recital at the International Festival of Contemporary Music in Krakow, Poland. This past summer, he served as Principal Clarinetist of the Colorado Music Festival in Boulder.

Graciela Helguera, Assistant Professor of Spanish, recently presented a seminar on “New Approaches to Teaching AP Literature in the Foreign Language Classroom” at the Northwestern Language Conference. She will be presenting “Argentinian History Through Literature,” in Spanish at the American College of Teachers of Foreign Languages Conference in November.

Shigera Ishikawa, Artist Faculty (Double Bass), was named principal bassist of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra in May. Thirty-five bassists auditioned for the position. (Double Bass), who has been a member of the orchestra, which performs regularly in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach.

Dr. Blaine Kaufman, Professor of Humanities and former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was selected as Outstanding Faculty Member for 2000-2001 by UJ faculty and received recognition during Commencement in May.

Irving R. Levine, Dean of the Lynn College of International Communications and former NBC News Chief Economic Correspondent, was one of two journalists selected to offer commentary on a new PBS documentary commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. “Korean War Stories” was hosted and narrated by legendary newswoman Walter Cronkite and featured interviews with nearly 30 Korean War veterans, including astronauts, entertainers, athletes and politicians. Dean Levine was also a recent subject of Biographies on A&E.

Robert Levinson, Vice President for Corporate Development, was named Chairman of the Florida Philharmonic-Gowman Council in May.

Richard Maltanakis, Director of Information Technology, Tom Heffernan, Dean of Administration; and Mary Tobey, Executive Director-Institute for Distance Learning, were sponsored by Siemens, Inc., to attend a Harvard Executive Seminar on “Portals and E-Commerce: Future Challenges of E-Government,” which introduced participants to current e-government and e-education best practices, trends and associated educational, socio-cultural, political and technological dimensions.

Richard McFarlane, Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Administration Degree Program, was asked to select the recipients of the 2001 annual Florida's Police Foundation scholarship awards for children of law enforcement officers across the state of Florida. McFarlane named 10 students to receive $1,000 scholarships each, which were awarded at a ceremony on May 15.

Gregory Miller, Artist Faculty (Mandolin), was recently appointed to the faculty of the National Orchestral Institute. Over the summer, Miller performed a recital and master class at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute in the Berkshires and was invited to attend the First Trombones de Costa Rica International Brass Festival in San Jose, Calif.

Marcello Pischedda, Director of Funeral Service Education, was recognized by students prior to Commencement for her role in maintaining the integrity and high standards of the Funeral Service program.

Joseph Quinn, Assistant Professor, was named Teacher of the Year by funeral services students of the Class of 2001.

Dr. Ernie Rampach, Professor and Chair of the Art and Design Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, was awarded another patent for his design of a portable, multi-task workstation, theodesk/ArtStation (DAS). The DAS makes it possible for one room to serve as a workspace for as many as five different kinds of art and design classes. The issuing of the patent caps four years of research and development.

Dr. Robert Rust, Artist Faculty (Piano), spent three weeks in South Korea last spring, where she presented a recital at the National University in Seoul. Dr. Rust also taught more than 45 aspiring pianists, ages 12-15, in both private lessons and master class settings. Students come from the two leading arts high schools, Seoul Arts and Sunhua Arts, as well as from National University's School of Music. Sioux Lee ’02, Music Performance-Piano, served as Dr. Rust's translator for the teaching sessions.

Dr. Lorna Shaw, Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, attended a Harvard Institute for Management and Leadership in Education seminar in June, designed to enhance the capacity to lead and manage in a change environment.

Sergio Schwartz, Artist Faculty (Violin), was asked to serve as a jury member at the Pablo Sarasate International Violin Competition in Spain in September 2001 and the Five-Towns Strings Competition in New York. In March, he gave a week-long master class at the Reina Sofia Academy of Music in Madrid and conducted a master class/workshop at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He recently returned from conducting a master class at the Acheron International Music Festival in the Netherlands and the Luizena Music Festival in the U.S., and performed a series of concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico. This fall, he will appear in Festival Miami 2001 and give a master class at the University of Miami.

Robert Grasso '94, Biomechanics, Trauma, was recently appointed a Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners, an honor extended to people with extensive training and expertise in the field of forensic examination. Grasso, a forensic anthropologist who owned a private practice in New York for 16 years, is certified in accident reconstruction and has testified in malpractice cases, insurance disputes and automobile accident trials.

Mary Grueser ’06, Physical Therapy Assistant, recently became a physical therapist assistant with Dan M. Wellington Children's Center in Weston, Fla.

Hillary Hunter ’01, Fashion Marketing, is now an editing assistant with Vista Magazine in Little Palm Beach and a sales assistant with Luna Marks Design in Palm Beach.

Stan Jakubowicz ’06, International Communications, became a production coordinator for Nickelodeon International in Miami in May.

Ruth Kostuch ’97, Music Performance—Oboe, was recently Executive Director of the Jenny Craig Foundation for the Arts in Fort Myers.

Brian Kottaba ’02, Communications, is now a Vice President of Sales for National Mobile Services in Jessup, Md.

Michael L. Lawrence ’96, Hospitality Administration, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award at Lynn University Commencement on May 5. Lawrence, who is Vice President of Human Resources and Club Operations at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at Lynn.

Mike McKee ’97, History/Political Science, received his degree from University of Florida in May. Born产品的 deal McKee used three sign language interpreters to help him in completing his medical school studies. He began residency program in Columbia, S.C., in July. (see story, p. 52)

Christian Meier ’90, Communications, is employed in Manager in Development program at the Boca Raton R. and Club.

Matthew Overmann ’01, Business Administration, was one of only 25 college graduates nationwide selected to participate in a 12-month MBNA Management Development Program. These hundred and fifty high quality candidates sought a spot in the program. (see related story on p. 59)

Misha Vitenstein ’00, Music Performance-Violin, toured Asia as a soloist with the New York Symphony Ensemble over the summer.

Brian Weinstab ‘01, Human Services, recently became management trainee at George Weinstab and Sons in New York City.
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COMMUNITY GROUP FOUNDS FRIENDS OF THE LYNN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

This past spring, Lynn University celebrated the launch of The Friends of the Lynn University Library, a newly established local community group founded to foster contact between the Lynn Library and those interested in its collections, current activities and future development.

The Friends' launch featured a tour of the Arthur and Yola Steinman Collection of African Art, which is housed permanently in the Lynn Library, as well as a discussion of the collection led by Ian and Susan Sutherland of Sutherland Art and Artifacts in New York City. Guests enjoyed the complete art collection, which includes more than 200 items from Cameroon, Mali, Republic of the Congo, Liberia, and many other African nations, as well as a video based on the collection, created by Lynn student Alero Edojo.

“We have been fortunate over the years to be the recipient of an exquisite African Art collection, donated by Arthur and Yola Steinman of Boca Raton,” said Library Director Charles Kohn. “Having the Sutherlands at the Library to speak about the history of these precious pieces was a great benefit to anyone interested in art history and the culture of this area.”

The kick-off program is the first in a series of events that will be offered by The Friends of the Lynn Library, including seminars, lectures, exhibit openings and author readings. Through their time, financial support and goodwill, the Friends will help fulfill the Library’s role as a center for learning and creativity, both at the University and in the community. For more information on The Friends of the Library, please call (561) 237-7059.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DARRIN L. FRYE, M.D., M.P.H., A PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SPECIALIST FROM WEST PALM BEACH, WHO WORKS IN THE LYNN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER. SAYS DR. FRYE OF HIS COMMITMENT TO KEEPING STUDENTS HEALTHY, "I TRULY ENJOY WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER. THEIR ETHNIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY MAKES DOCTORING THEM BOTH REWARDING AND EDUCATIONAL."

DECKING THE HALLS

Now in my senior year at Lynn, I have seen quite a few changes in the quality of residence hall life. When I first arrived on campus in Fall 1998, there were four residence halls, each with a computer lab, study lounge and the midnight snacker’s best friend—a vending machine. I student body went to work developing recommendations for more pool chairs and chaise lounges to our popular swimming locations all over University grounds. Finally, ashtrays were placed by all the garbage cans to cut down on litter from smoking. All these positive additions have contributed in a more comfortable and enjoyable campus living environment and given students the sense that campus is truly their home away from home.

Having given much of my own time and energy to improving campus facilities, I am particularly excited about the new Lynn residence centre, which is under construction and will be ready for inhabitants in the spring of 2002. With the addition of a new dorm, the need to triple up in rooms is eliminated and dorm room living can once again be more spacious. In addition, the new campus plan will allow for more student parking near residence facilities. Two fewer issues for HHA to address!

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“We have been fortunate over the years to be the recipient of an exquisite African Art collection, donated by Arthur and Yola Steinman of Boca Raton,” said Library Director Charles Kahn. “Having the Suthardens at the Library to speak about the history of these precious pieces was a great benefit to anyone interested in art history and the culture of this area.”

The kick-off program is the first in a series of events that will be offered by The Friends of the Library, including seminars, lectures, exhibit openings and author readings.

Through their time, financial support and goodwill, the Friends will help fulfill the Library’s role as a center for learning and creativity, both at the University and in the community. For more information on The Friends of the Library, please call (561) 237-7059.

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Representatives from the Coca-Cola Foundation applauded the efforts of Alsop and scholarship recipients from 25 other Florida colleges and universities for their academic accomplishments, recognizing the difficult obstacles these students have had to overcome to attend college.

Keynote speakers for the afternoon were Florida Lieutenant Governor Frank Brogan and Ingrid Saunders Jones, Chair of the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Christian Alsop is studying Aviation and Aviation Weather at Lynn University and hopes to fulfill his dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot.
Donald Edward Ross was born and raised on the North Shore of Long Island, the only child of Florence Carville and Alexander Walker Ross. After graduating from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, Don went on to attain a Master's in Education from Hofstra University, then Hofstra College. At 23, he was appointed Dean of Students at NYIT and at 27 with his wife Helen he founded his first educational institution, Wilmington College, in Wilmington, Delaware. In 1971, he visited soon-to-close Marymount College in Boca Raton, Florida, to purchase library books and ended up taking over operations of the struggling two-year women's college. Renaming the school The College of Boca Raton and eventually Lynn University, President Ross has guided the institution through incredible challenges and tremendous growth to become the thriving institution it is today.

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The Vietnam War and unrest on college campuses had a major impact on me. Uprisings were going on all over the country, and student revolts and national turbulence were really getting to me. I'll never forget the day a young man came into my office at NYIT and said to me, "They just shot the President." I thought he was kidding, and told him he shouldn't talk like that. It was the day John Kennedy was killed. I always feel that marked a significant change. We, as a nation, went through disbelief, shock and then anger. Soon you started to see riots, mainly at large schools. Students wanted their voices heard. Here I was, a suburban kid from Long Island in the big city of New York, watching all of this happen. Again, I felt there was a tremendous need for a smaller school, and I became determined to start a college where the president, faculty and students listened and related to each other.

Meanwhile, as colleges became bigger, they were also becoming highly selective in choosing students. I saw so many bright and talented young people, who may have been "late bloomers" or whose high school grades suffered for a greater interest in sports or activities, being rejected from colleges. The large institutions simply could not accept so many students, and the result was that the average student was being left out of the picture. I wanted to give this student a chance. I believed—and still do—that every student has unlimited potential and all students deserve a solid education. My original vision for Lynn University, and before it Wilmington College, was to create a college with a mission: to provide average students with an intimate and personal learning environment and a place where they could prove themselves.
On stumbling upon an oasis...

In October of 1971, Wilmington College received a gift from one of the DuPont family foundations to purchase additional library books. At that time, Wilmington's Director of Admissions, John McDonald, came to me and told me he knew of a school going bankrupt in Boca Raton, Fla., and suggested we look into recruiting some students and possibly purchasing the college's books. So, it was on John's recommendation that I began to consider visiting Boca Raton and Marymount College.

When we arrived for the first time in Boca on All Saints Day in 1971, we saw young women holding cups imprinted with the words "Save Our College!" We walked all over campus, and I could not believe how beautiful it was. It had everything that Wilmington didn't have—it was majestic, residential and tranquil, and I remember I couldn't understand why a college so beautiful would be closing its doors. I just thought the school had tremendous potential.

And yet, you could detect that there were problems. The student body, which during the mid-60s totaled nearly 500 students, had diminished to 250. I soon learned that beneath the beautiful exterior at Marymount, there were volatile undercurrents amongst the administration, the students, the faculty and the nuns.

As background, Marymount was a place where wealthy women went to school and either finished their two-year degree and got married or went on to a four-year program. It was run by the Religious Order of the Sacred Hearts of Mary, a Sisterhood of very bright Catholic nuns who were known as "the Jesuits of religious women." However, they were also very liberal. They protested against the Vietnam War, went out into the fields to teach migrant workers how to vote and held the first Seder for Temple Beth El on Marymount's campus, among other things. These kinds of progressive activities didn't sit well with the school's conservative board and President, nor with the Republican community of Boca Raton. And, as a result, funding had diminished.

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I found myself taking a hard look at the situation, and it became my vision to take the philosophy of Wilmington College and transform it on Marymount's campus.

On resurrecting a dead horse...

When I agreed to take on Marymount College and convinced the board of Wilmington College to enter into an affiliation with the ailing school, Marymount was a beautiful horse that was almost dead. And, as I was soon told by a prominent Boca Raton resident, "No one wants to bet on a dead horse, Dr. Ross."

The Marymount sisters, three in particular who were more middle-of-the-road and less progressive, were left holding the bag, so to speak. They believed in Marymount College and were trying to keep it alive. It was they who came to see me in hopes I might intervene, which in the end I did.

For Art Landgren and the late Frank Robino, invested in the enterprise by buying bonds in the school. We retained a young attorney by the name of Ray Osborne who, I think, thought I was in way over my head. "Do you really know what you are doing?" he asked me. We took over operations in November 1971.
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There was no money coming from the alienated community of Boca Raton, so it was my job to resurrect the school by convincing people the institution had life in it. With a $6 million debt it may have been on its last breath, but there was life. When I went to the bank in Boca, I was told they were calling the existing loan notes, which meant I needed $250,000 to prevent foreclosure. Since I had depleted my own resources putting up the initial money, I had no choice but to turn to colleagues with whom I had relationships in Wilmington. In an act of faith Art Annone, President of Delaware Trust Company, wired money to the bank to pay off the loan before I had even signed the papers with him. I was to fly up to Wilmington later that day to sign the note. In those days, you could do things like that. I guess Art prayed the plane didn’t go down. If it weren’t for Art and the DuPont family, who also sent funds, I would not have been able to pay and we’d have been out of business before we even got started.

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Dr. Ross with the Marymount tennis team in 1972.

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Helen has sacrificed a great deal to make all my dreams happen. For many years, our family lived in a dormitory on what was then Marymount’s and The College of Boca Raton’s campus. The third floor of Trinity Hall became home for us and for many of the faculty and staff. Helen and Sister Euphrasia cooked meals for 30-40 people every night of the week. I mean, it was a commune. As people joined our effort, they moved into third floor Trinity. I always joke about my son, Kevin, growing up in a convent, but he did. We lived with six nuns.

Actually, we felt quite isolated from the rest of Boca Raton. As I mentioned, the college was located at the end of a dirt road, far west of center Boca. Helen’s greatest excitement was when a 7-11 opened up nearby that stayed open until 2 a.m. and she could buy milk for the children.

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On naysayers...

I’ve dealt with critics and doubters my whole life. But when I have a conviction, I myself never question it.

In the beginning, my youth often called into question my credibility. When I was 22, I was appointed Acting Dean of Students at New York Institute of Technology. I had been in graduate school for a year and was teaching communications part time in the evenings, when the Dean resigned. I was called into the President’s office and told, “Congratulations, you’re now the Acting Dean.” One year later, I was appointed Dean of Students. I was sent out to Old Westbury, New York, to recruit the first communications part time in the Vanderbilth Whitney Estate, which NYIT had recently acquired. The class turned out to be 400 students. However, the prominent families of Long Island didn’t want a college sitting in the middle of their neighborhood, and as a young man of 25 I had to defend the college at town meetings to very powerful and imposing men. I don’t think they appreciated debating with a kid. The matter turned into a lawsuit, which the college eventually won. It was a harrowing experience, but one that has served me well ever since.

I was 27 when Helen and I started Wilmington College. I used to pray for grey hair, just so people would take me seriously as a college president. Even my father-in-law, who had worked his whole life for the telephone company and had grey hair, just so people would take me seriously, did not believe that the college would make it. Some friends. There were people who doubted us or our vision.

The motel at the time the Rosse acquired the property to become Wilmington College.

A young Helen and Don Ross.

An aerial view of Marymount campus in 1972.
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Kids married only one year. When Helen's brother quit his
stable job with the telephone company, sold his stock and his
house and gave the money to the kid Helen had married to help
fund his dream, her father really became concerned. Looking
back, I suppose I can’t blame him, but Helen and I never
doubted ourselves or our vision.

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In the early days of Marymount and The College of Boca
Raton, I faced major skepticism. One day, I saw three men on
the lawn surveying the property between the entrance to the
University and what is now Pope John Paul II High School.
They seemed to be staking it out, so I asked them what they
were doing. One of the men, IBM's head of public relations,
answered that there was an organization thinking of donating
the property to a non-profit organization. I said, "This property
is owned," and threw them off campus. Apparently, they figured
we wouldn't be around long, so they would go ahead and make
plans for our land.

On another occasion, I went to visit a friend at Arvida
Corporation, the major developer of Boca Raton. As we were
talking, I noticed a chart on his wall, which depicted the
College's property with 50 acres in the back marked 'Spanish
River High School.' I was dumfounded. "I don't believe it!" I
exclaimed. Arvida had actually lopped off 50 acres of the
college. Some friend. There were people those days who just
didn't believe that the college would make it.

Several times in our history, the College's accrediting body
has questioned the financial stability of the institution and we
have had to appear before them to defend why they should
allow us to continue. "Just give me one reason why you should
stay open," I was actually told. That’s how bad things were. I
answered, "Because I believe in this institution and I know we
can make it work." I have always believed this. And I will
always believe in determination. There is nothing in this world
you cannot do if you put your mind to it. I was once given a
banner that reads, "Blessed are those who are willing to dream
dreams and are willing to pay the price to make them come
true." I think of that banner often.

**Guests of Ross**

at Wilm. College
enjoy lobster

An article on Helen that appeared in
Wilmington's Sunday News Journal
on February 15, 1976.

"The Administration Building [at Wilming-
ton College] had no heat and no water—it
hadn't been turned on
yet—so before anyone used the
bathroom, Helen would run out
back, fill a pitcher with tap water
and pour it into the toilet. Then we
prayed no one flushed twice."

During the summers in Boca when the campus was empty, our
children and those of the staff and faculty used the college as a
playground. Helen and her friend Sue Handley (now Sue Merrill)
eventually organized some day camp activities to keep the kids
supervised and busy. They ended up founding Pine Tree Camps, when
Helen had the idea to open an actual summer camp to offset the cost of
electricity and air conditioning at the college when there were no
students. The camp started out with 25 children. This summer, it hosted
more than 2,500 campers. Looking back, at Helen's urging true
innovation took place.

"They came
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together, overcame
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built a great university
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has always been in the
spotlight, we all know
that it was Helen's
unwavering support and
love that made it
possible."

— Christine Lynn in 1996
On selling a dream...
I'll never forget the first prospective students to visit Wilmington College's campus, the Digangi family. They had seen our advertisement in *The New York Times*, a beautiful ad with the tagline "A Chance to Prove Yourself." Apparently, it struck a chord with them, and they drove down from New Jersey to see the campus. The

large Tours Inn sign leftover from the rundown motel we had turned into our college was supposed to have been taken down, but it hadn't been. I was so upset. As the Digangis arrived, Helen turned to me and said, "It's now or never." So I got out of the car and started telling them about the school, which was nothing more than an old motel and ideas in my head. When they left, I said to Helen, "Well, we lost those people." Michael Digangi was the first student to register. The other two brothers eventually enrolled at Wilmington, too. In 15 minutes, I had sold them a college that at that point was a dream, and that sale was the first step to making the dream a reality.

On people who've inspired him...
My grandfather, after whom I am named, has had the biggest impact on my life. He was a real human being. In his lifetime, he handed me little bits of wisdom that I still carry with me today. "Give bouquets to people when they're alive," he used to tell me. But perhaps the most useful mantra he offered me was this: "Watch yourself climbing the ladder, because it's a long way down."

In my life, I have had the fortune of knowing two truly great humanitarians—insurance magnate Eugene Lynn and Irenee DuPont, patriarch of the DuPont family. They are very similar individuals—down to earth and unpretentious. Gene had a human-ness about him like no one I've ever known. He gave money quietly and did so from his heart and with tremendous sentiment. Irenee DuPont is the most unassuming individual I have ever met. He enjoys the simple things in life, like going to picnics or driving around in his Volkswagen. I remember he loved to sail, but it was in a small boat. I really admire them.

My happiest moment was the day I married my wife. It was just six months after we had met, and her father threw the grandest party in our honor. Helen loves nature and people and simple things. She who loves to cook, enjoys needlework, motherhood—now grandmotherhood—and animals. She taught me to stop and smell the roses. I haven't always been the best pupil—she's still trying to get me to slow down today.
On learning the ropes...

Irene DuPont would always say, in perfect French, "Let the dog bark," summarizing a philosophy embraced by the DuPont family when they were running the gunpowder mills. It means you hire a dog to bark; so let him bark; if he doesn't bark, get yourself a new dog. It sounds much nicer in French, I truly believe it is best to let people do their thing, to encourage them and allow them to grow in their jobs. The key is finding talented people who believe in your dream and giving them room to go after it the way they know how. That's how great things happen. I've learned 40 years later that it's not always easy to get a new dog, because people become a part of you. 'Tis hard to let the old dog go. Loyalty is one of my greatest strengths, but it is probably also one of my weaknesses.

When I was commuting between Wilmington College and the College of Boca Raton, I met Ronald Ritter, a successful banker who became the largest stockholder in Manufacturer's Hanover Bank. We would meet often in the airport, as he traveled frequently to Philadelphia and I was going back and forth between Boca and Wilmington. One time, he bought me a first class seat and said, "You will never raise any money sitting in the subway." Then he made a $10,000 donation. It was the first time I realized that by seeking out places of affluence, like the first class cabin, I might meet people I would never have an opportunity to meet otherwise. Ritter Hall is proof of this lesson.

Early in my career, I dreamed of starting a college in upstate New York. I spent a great deal of time trying to get a charter for a school in Old Forge, where instead of a college we now have a Lynn campus. During that time, I went to visit a lady by the name of Sadie Brown, who ran a successful little school in New York City called Brown's Business Institute and who knew a lot about educational law. I noticed right away that her office was impressively decorated and immaculately maintained. It had oak paneling and she kept freshly cut red roses on her table every day. Brown's was often compared to Katherine Gibbs' prestigious secretarial school in the city, so it was important that the first stop anyone made there make a good impression. When people used to ask Sadie how her school compared with Katherine Gibbs, she would retort, "Katherine who?" There, I realized perception plays a very important role in life. When you walked into Sadie's office, you had the sense the school was well established. Actually, it was Sadie who asked if I had ever thought of starting a school in Delaware. When I did, I made sure we had an entrance room that gave the perception of sophistication and establishment.
On running for Congress...

In 1983, I came to a fork in the road of life. Then-Vice President George Bush visited the college and said to me, “You know, you really should run for Congress.” Soon after I was invited to meet with the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. After a hectic campaign that kept my family traipsing from one end of the district to the other, I lost by a very narrow margin. Throughout the campaign, I was in the lead. As Helen tells the story, “That night, I thought I was going to bed with a Congressman, but when we awoke, Don had actually lost by only 26,000 votes.”

I would have been a very outspoken Congressman. I’m an idealist at heart. I wanted to try to change the entire political structure, limiting the terms of all offices. Imagine if the President could only be elected once for a six-year term. He’d certainly give it his best, don’t you think?

The experience gave me a better understanding of the political system, but in the end I feel blessed that things worked out the way they did. How different my family’s life would have been if we had been part of the MLB on Capitol Hill.

On a personal level, I feel very fortunate to be President of a dynamic institution in one of the most beautiful and thriving parts of the world.

On his big break...

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On Eugene M. Lynn...

Not long after Marymount was renamed The College of Boca Raton, I noticed an office building under construction down the street from the school. It was being built with a grand marble facade. Eventually, I mustered up enough courage to give the gentleman building it a call. It turned out to be Gene Lynn, a Boca Raton resident during the winter who had decided to move his entire insurance conglomerate from Kansas City, Missouri to Boca Raton. He brought 400 families here, I believe. I asked him if he would be interested in providing a mortgage to the college, since many insurance companies lent money to shopping centers and the like. He responded politely, “We don’t lend money.” But at Christmas time, he sent me a personal check for $100,000. It was the beginning of a long and wonderful friendship.
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A neighbor of mine worked for a computer company as an inventor. He came by the college one day and told me we needed to buy some 'apples.' I thought he was talking about fruit, but he meant Apple computers. So we scrounged up enough money to purchase six Apple computers. Not long afterward, we invited a prominent executive from IBM, the college's neighbor across the street, to campus to tour our computer lab. To our surprise, he said the computers had to go, and replaced them with 30 brand new PCs that were being developed at IBM. We were to "test the keyboards"—that was the justification for our receiving the computers. With those computers, we ran very successful computer courses for students and rotating two- and three-week sessions for the community. The courses brought hundreds of people onto campus and trained them to use the computers IBM had just started selling. That was the beginning of our computer program.

Our hospitality program grew out of an arrangement with Arvida Corporation, which at the time owned the Boca Hotel. The hotel was a showplace for Arvida as they were developing their 12,000 acres into what is now the Boca Raton Resort and Club. We developed a program to train much-needed hospitality personnel for the fledgling property and continue to have strong internship and job placement programs with the Resort today.

On Eugene M. Lynn...

Not long after Marymount was renamed The College of Boca Raton, I noticed an office building under construction down the street from the school. It was being built with a grand marble facade. Eventually, I mustered up enough courage to give the gentleman building it a call. It turned out to be Gene Lynn, a Boca resident during the winters who had decided to move his entire insurance conglomerate from Kansas City, Missouri, to Boca Raton. He brought 400 families here, I believe. I asked him if he would be interested in providing a mortgage to the college, since many insurance companies lent money to shopping centers and the like. He responded politely, "We don't lend money." But at Christmastime, a personal check for $100,000 from Gene arrived in the mail. It was the beginning of a long and wonderful friendship.

In 1991, we changed CBR's name to Lynn University to reflect our academic and global growth and to honor the Lynn family, who continued to be generous benefactors of the college. The University lost a cherished friend when Gene died two years ago, but his wife Christine, the current Chairman of our board, has embraced their legacy and remains our strongest supporter.
On his current educational vision...

My vision today is to see college students spending six months in Asia, six months in South America, six months in Europe, by the end of their four-year course of study, they have spent two years on four different continents as part of their education. That to me would be a well-rounded student, one who has gone out to see and experience the world and its cultures for him or herself. That student would have such a broad understanding of the world and the people in it.

So much attention is paid to the information highway and computers these days, but I still think there is a need for first-hand experience and face-to-face dialogue with human beings. International conflict is most often the result of political and governmental leaders who dictate what can and cannot be. But, people are just people all over the world. There is so much to be gained by educating a generation of youth with the capacity to relate to all peoples.

On his goals...

I always wanted to teach, even in my role as President. I started teaching an ethics course at Wilmington College and tried to do so in Boca, but the demands on the President's time don't allow you to give teaching the attention it deserves. I was always canceling class or finding someone to cover for me. I felt I was cheating the students.

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I think the exportation of American education is the next big step. More and more countries, especially Third World nations and those that need to become more capitalist in their thinking, are looking to America as the place to be educated. It's only logical that institutions here would begin taking their curriculum overseas and offering the American system of education outside of the U.S.

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different countries, and yet I realize that there are American students who haven’t been to New York City or Los Angeles, who have never had a passport, who have never even been out of their home states. It’s important that American students expand their perspectives and their attitudes, and it takes more than just meeting foreign students on an American college campus for that to happen.

This vision is already reflected at Lynn University through affiliations with American College Dublin in Ireland, Fuji-Phoenix University in Tokyo, Japan, and the new city of Nordelta near Buenos Aires, Argentina. Our study abroad programs are gaining momentum, but I hope one day to see every Lynn student spending a semester or more off-campus and overseas.

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I HAVE TWO DISTINCT AND REVEALING MEMORIES ABOUT YOUNG PRESIDENT ROSS...

In the early 1970s, I was having a conversation with Dr. Ross, when his secretary interrupted to say, "Florida Power & Light is on the line and they say they will shut off our electric if we don’t send them money today." Without missing a beat, President Ross retorted, "Tell them, if they want to be known as the kind of company that would shut off the lights on a bunch of students learning, to go ahead and do it," and he resumed our conversation as if nothing had happened. Of course, the lights were not shut off and it made me realize we had the right man for a job that was tougher than any of us knew.

There was a bus trip to Washington, D.C., and New York City planned for the Christmas break one year. A Pakistani student named Sana and four of his fellow Pakistani students were the only ones to show up the day of the trip. They were terribly disappointed when the trip was cancelled and the bus sent back. When President Ross heard of this circumstance, he gave Sana a credit card and told him to rent a car with it and to change gas, motels and any necessary expenses for their own trip to Washington and New York. Sana told me this story years after it happened.

— Professor Ernie Ransbach, on faculty at Lynn University since 1969
On private vs. public

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Honestly, I don’t think it’s fair that public institutions receive funding from the government, then develop a separate foundation to go out and raise money in the community, as well. We are all out there going after the same dollars, but donations made to public education are matched by the state, and therefore doubled. It puts the private sector at a serious disadvantage. I don’t advocate taking the support away from education; there are many wonderful educational institutions, both public and private, all deserving of support. I simply feel we should all be on level playing ground.

On personal fulfillment...

Nothing is more fulfilling than watching a human being develop and grow. I think my own greatest achievement is having dedicated my life to this process.

On his legacy...

In an address to the Class of 1870, Colgate University President Ebenezer Dodge said, “An institution should never break with its history, for to that it owes the inspiration necessary for discharging its present obligations.” I sincerely hope the future presidents of Lynn University and Wilmington College always remember that. What I brought to these schools was a vision for student-centered learning and personal attention. Today, more than ever, we should make sure we never lose that personal touch.

Helen and I have given our lives to Lynn University. I don’t think there’s a day in the last 30 years when the University’s name hasn’t been brought up in conversation or when our thoughts have not turned to issues relating to the school. We’ve met some wonderful people; we’ve met some not-so-wonderful people. I would do it all over again, and I wouldn’t do anything differently. In the end, I’d simply like to be remembered as someone who made a small contribution to humanity.
August

Lynn Adirondack Experience
Pre-orientation on-campus planning in the Adirondack Mountains for new students
Tel: (561) 237-7230

Faculty Orientation

Pre-Orientation

September

International Student Orientation Assistance Program
New Student Orientation
Reception for Parents
Welcome Convocation
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Fall semester classes begin
Study Outreach Day
Fall Holiday (no classes)

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Annual Lynn University Men’s Basketball Auction
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Inaugural Miniature Golf Classic
Campus-wide Homecoming Kick-Off
Excalibur Society Membership High Tea
Homecoming Kick-Off Barbecue
Honors Convocation
Lynn University Weekend
Murder Mystery

November

Fall semester classes end
November Break
December

6-8 Waterworks

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Globaliza

Featuring NBC Science Center and former White House Press Secretary Mike Momentum (Gentle Giants), Inc.

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Dively Frontiers in Globalization Luncheons

Featuring NBC Science Correspondent Robert Bazell and former White House Press Secretary Michael McCurry

Robert Bazell (center) with West Boca Medical Center President Richard Gold and COO Mary Bazzicagio, who helped sponsor Bazell's visit.

UNIVERSITY
Raton, Florida

Penn University concluded its 2000-2001 Dively Frontiers in Globalization series with two fascinating speakers: NBC Science Correspondent Robert Bazell and Michael McCurry, former White House Press Secretary for President Clinton.

In his career with NBC News, Science Correspondent Robert Bazell has reported on every major breakthrough in the field of science and medicine from the transmission of the AIDS virus to the perceived dangers of cellular phones. During his remarks at Lynn on Wednesday, February 10, Bazell addressed many timely subjects, including Alzheimer's disease and infectious diseases such as mad cow disease and cholera, and told guests the single most important health issue for the future will be clean water.

On Wednesday, March 21, former White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry told students and benefactors he deliberately refrained from asking President Clinton about the Monica Lewinsky scandal, because doing so would have left him open to "a basketful of subpoenas." McCurry, who now runs Grassroots.com, a California-based online lobbying organization for nonprofit and advocacy groups, also shared some of the more lighthearted moments he spent in the Clinton White House and painted a favorable picture of President George W. Bush's first few months in office.
10th Annual International Day
Friday, March 16, 2001

Fawzia Alam of Bangladesh (left) and Fahad Abunayyan of Saudi Arabia (right).

Demonstrations included Japanese Kendo by Hitomi Yamazaki and Miki Katsumata (above) and Brazilian Capoeira by Cleber Santos and alumnus/graduate student Regina Joppert (left).

Celebrating their Dominican Republic heritage are Leury Moreno, Karen Caleano, Jessica Rosario, Neander Oliveira and Bel Amaral, members of the group Lambrazil, brought the energy of Brazil's traditional dances to the International Day celebration.

With the sounds of background and international music, student groups converged and transformed into a travelogue of the cultures of the Americas, Europe and Asia. Students proudly shared their heritages with international guests during International Day on Friday, March 16.

Faculty, staff and students were entertained and educated as the University community at Lynn International Day and watched and listened to the Caribe Sepak打印机 and marvelled at the high-kicking moves of the International Capoeira Group, who brought Brazilian martial arts to the university.

Booths planned by student groups of Lynn University students of home countries. A buffet lunch showcased the food of countries from the Americas, Europe and Asia.
International Day
Friday, March 16, 2001

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Sharika Hanna-Emery and Kerry Anne Flannery spread the luck of the Irish.

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With the sounds of samba and salsa music in the background and the colorful backdrop of flags from 73 nations, Lynn University’s international students proudly shared their heritage and cultures with the University community at Lynn University’s 10th annual International Day on Friday, March 16.

Faculty, staff and students converged on the Student Center, which was transformed into a travel odyssey to foreign lands. Guests watched and listened to the Caribe septet Norberto & Mariela and marveled at the high-kicking moves of Pompano Beach’s Topazio International Capoeira Group, who performed traditional Afro-Brazilian martial arts. Booths planned, decorated and staffed by groups of Lynn University students offered a mini-tour of students’ home countries. A buffet lunch showcased foods representing nations from the Americas, Europe and Asia.

International Day started in 1991 with an advisor and 12 International Club members who wanted to celebrate their cultures and heritage with the campus community,” said Sheila Sheppard-Sciarra, Assistant Director of the Center for International Programs and Services. “Since then, it has become a much-anticipated annual event that helps students and staff appreciate and recognize the cultural differences amongst the Lynn University family.” Lynn students hail from 73 nations and 38 states, Sheppard-Sciarra also pointed out.

A panel of faculty and staff judges voted the country displays and students costumes from Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Japan and Puerto Rico as “Most Creative and Spirited.” Representatives received their awards in a special ceremony in late March.
Members of The President’s Council, Lynn University’s premier benefactor’s organization, were honored for their ongoing commitment to the University at the annual President’s Council Recognition Dinner on Thursday, March 22.

University President Donald Ross paid special tribute to several benefactors who made recent contributions, including Overseers Albert Thombrough, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Olewine III, Ruth Coleman and Libby Dodson. Of their support, Ross expressed “sincere appreciation for your confidence in us” and his hope that guests will “continue to stand with us as we move forward to new and challenging levels of accomplishment.”

Two students will share each room, which include a private bathroom, two connections and closets, a university and basic cable television, in addition to amenities. The $10 million building, being constructed between de Hoernle Halls on the south quadrant of the Lynn campus, was made possible by a gift from Chairman of the Board Christine E. Lynn, also Chairman of the E.M. Lynn Foundation.

During her remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony, Lynn credited her late husband, philanthropist Eugene M. Lynn, with creating a new residence center on campus. Lynn believed in Lynn as a unique institution, where education takes place in a family setting, and the residence hall was his dream—another students will feel that this is home,” she said.

The Student Health Center will double the amount of space the current Center occupies, allowing for two examining and counseling areas, and a waiting room. The current Student Services Division, currently spread between buildings, will be centralized into a 3,000 square foot space, creating a new Student Services building

Lynn Residence Center Breaks Ground

Tuesday, March 27, 2001
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Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Lynn University hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on March 27 for the Lynn Residence Center, a five-story, 93,410 square foot residence hall that will house 286 students, a new Student Health Center and a Student Services Suite when it opens for the 2002-2003 academic year.

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During her remarks at the groundbreaking, Mrs. Lynn credited her late husband, Boca Raton philanthropist Eugene M. Lynn, with the idea of creating a new residence center on campus. “He believed in Lynn as a unique institution where education takes place in a family setting. This new residence hall was his dream—another way that students will feel that this is home,” she said.

The Student Health Center will enjoy nearly double the amount of space the current facility occupies, allowing for two examining rooms, three counseling areas, and a waiting room. The Student Services Division, currently spread over two buildings, will be centralized into a 3,200-square-foot space, creating a new Student Services Suite.

Builders David Gerrits (far left) and Sean Manuel (far right) of Gerrits Manuel, Inc., with University architect Pat Lynch, Christine Lynn and President Ross.

"This was Gene’s idea," said Christine Lynn of her late husband’s dream for the new residence center.

2000-2001 Student Government Association President Michael Vigil thanked Mrs. Lynn on behalf of the entire student body for providing much-needed living space.
During Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 5, Lynn University awarded 479 degrees to the largest graduating class in its 39-year history, a group which included the University’s first Ph.D. recipients, two “Triple Knights” who have earned three or more degrees at Lynn, and the oldest Lynn graduate ever, a 78-year-old bachelor’s recipient who graduated summa cum laude.

Keynote speaker Al Roker, NBC’s Today Show weather reporter, delivered a “Forecast for the Future,” telling the Class of 2001 their extended forecast is “exceedingly bright,” although at times rough weather can be expected. Roker gave a heartfelt account of his own bumpy rise to success, inspired by his parents’ sacrifice and perseverance when he was growing up. He urged graduates to stay true to their goals, offering, “When an overweight, bald, African-American man who wears glasses can be on the No. 1 morning show in America, I tell you, you too can succeed!”

The Class of 2001 included 359 bachelor degree recipients, 90 students earning masters degrees and 30 graduates receiving associates degrees. However, the highlight, and a major step forward for the institution, was the conferring of degrees upon Lynn University’s first class of nine doctoral candidates. Lynn’s Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership with a Global Perspective began in 1998 and is designed to teach professionals to be change agents in their workplaces.
Lynn University
Commencement 2001
Saturday, May 5, 2001

AI Raker told graduates, "I stuck to my plan, you stick to yours, no matter what it is."

In his Commencement Address to fellow students, Mark Sullivan summed up the mixed emotions of leaving college behind, saying, "Lynn has become more than just a school, it has become my home, and the friends I have met here I consider family."

Lauren Scalzone (right) received her diploma from her cousin, Lynn University Trustee and alumnus Dan Doyle, Jr., '84 (left).
Melissa Crews '04 shares her musical talent at Open Mic Night.

University employees honored for 10 years of service to Lynn University at the 2001 Employee Service Awards Breakfast. (Seated, left to right) Linda Thompson, Sheila Sheppard-Sciarra, Barrie Tripp, Joan Nigal and Lavilla Louis; (Standing): Pierre Estave, Arthur Snyder, Shaun Pendleton, Peter Calio, Glenn Tocacino, Diane Richard-Allerdyce and Witny Eliscu.

A Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce event brought together Lynn development officer Millie Rosenberg, Conservatory Concert Manager Paula Linder, Chamber Chairman J.C. Perrin of Wachovia Bank and Lynn Media Relations Director Carol Mandel.

Trustee Pat Rooney with Irving R. Levine, Dean of the Lynn College of International Communications.

Ed Zinckfeld, Berry White, Mike Water and Steve and Jeanne Muschitz at the Blue & White Club's 2001 President's Reception.

Former Clinton spokesperson Mike McCurry with Juliette Dively, who sponsored McCurry's Frontiers address on behalf of the George S. Dively Foundation.

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Mr. Nassafi Tadj, President of Ceremonies & President of Monotakarui Institute of Technology, with President Rozen and Mr. Mitsuaki Nakayama of Tokyo Hotel Chain Co., Ltd. at a Kitt meeting in Tokyo on.
Local Motion

Alexa Crews '04 shares her musical talent at Open Mic Nights.

Davide Huroud '01 is the victim of a Spring Fling tradition, where seniors are thrown in Trinity Lake.

Lynn students were busy networking at Career Expo 2001 on February 20 in Davie, Fla.

The Blue & White Club Tennis Tournament champs: Sue Merrill, Director of the Fitness Center and Intramurals; Athletic Director Dick Young; Bill Fash and head tennis coach Mike Perez.

The egg toss and slip and slide race were heated events at the RA Challenge in April.

Mr. Naoshige Tsujii, President of Ceremonie Tsujii; Dr. Atsuhiko Nomura, President of Monotsukuri Institute of Technologists; Dr. Masahide Katoh; President Ross; and Mr. Mitsugu Nakajiri, Senior Advisor for Tokyu Hotel Chain Co., Ltd, at a Katoh-Lynn College Board meeting in Tokyo on April 23.

The barbecue at "Beer Garden" during Spring Fling Weekend.

A Commerce event brought together Lynn Allie Rosenberg, Conservatory Concert Chairman J.C., Perris of Wachovia da Relations Director Carol Mandel.
Pine Tree Camps at Lynn University
June 11 - August 10, 2001

After summer classes ended, more than 2,500 children ages 3-14 descended upon Lynn's campus to take part in Pine Tree Camps, a unique summer camp experience that makes use of the lush grounds and modern facilities of Lynn University when the campus would be otherwise empty.

A traditional summer camp, Pine Tree has day and half-day camp, sleepover and specialty camp components, as well as a counselor-in-training program. While conventional day camp is the perennial favorite, popular specialty camps this summer included multimedia camp—where campers learned everything from basic camera operation to video production in the Lynn College of International Communication's state-of-the-art professional broadcast studios—and music camp with Artistic Faculty of the University's renowned Conservatory of Music.

More than 40 of the 175 camp counselors come from outside the U.S., including England, Ireland, Holland, Australia, Turkey, Romania, Latvia and Scotland, and many are Lynn students who stick around for the summer.

Pine Tree Camps was founded in 1978 by LU First Lady Helen Ross and Sue Merrill as a summer camp for children of Lynn University faculty, administrators and staff. It was the first of its kind in the area, with the closest summer camp in Ft. Lauderdale at that time, and the first camp in the country to offer a computer camp for children's ages 3-4 with a sleepaway component for older campers. Since its inception, Pine Tree has grown from 26 campers enrolled in a one-week day camp session to more than 2,500 campers over a nine-week comprehensive summer program.

For more information on Pine Tree Camps, call (561) 237-7310.
Helen Ross and Sue Merrill started Pine Tree Camps nearly 25 years ago.

Campers use the equipment at state-of-the-art Lynn College National Communications.

Counselors come from outside the U.S., Ireland, Holland, Australia, Turkey, Canada, and many are Lynn students who graduated in 1978 by LU First Lady Helen Ross and Sue Merrill.

The spirited tribute showcased Conservatory faculty and students performing classics from favorite American composers such as George Gershwin and Aaron Copeland. A silent auction throughout the evening raised money for valuable tuition scholarships to the Conservatory.

The event was sponsored in part by Cartier, which provided a watch, and other items for the auction, and organized by Co-Chairs Barbara Fox and Anne Green and Honorary Chairs Harold and Pat Toppel.

Lynn University provides nearly $1 million each year in tuition for students enrolled in the prestigious Conservatory program. During the 2000-2001 academic year, 64 gifted young musicians from 21 states and 13 countries worked to fulfill their dreams of becoming performing artists.
WELCOME ABOARD!

We are about to embark on a very exciting journey: the 2001-2002 Excalibur Society year. I consider it an honor and privilege to represent The Excalibur Society as your President and leader.

I am delighted to have such a dynamic crew joining us this year to serve as officers and board members. Different from our past years, 2001-2002 finds us with many new members who have recently joined Excalibur and immediately stepped into a leadership role. The collective willingness and enthusiasm of our new crew on deck will inspire others to join us as we embark again on our Society’s mission to raise scholarship funds for Lynn University students.

The Excalibur Society was founded in 1992 and has grown steadily to its current enrollment of 191 members and 44 Lifetime members. During the 1993-1994 year, we established the Excalibur Society Endowed Scholarship Fund with a principal of $50,000, which today boasts a principal of over $350,000. The interest from the endowment provides the resources to support the Excalibur “Endowed Scholar,” who is selected each year from the incoming freshman class and receives $5,000 a year for his or her entire four-year course of study.

In addition to traditional college students, the Excalibur Society also awards scholarships to learners enrolled in Lynn University’s Center for Professional and Continuing Education, a program that enables adults to pursue a degree required for training or career advancement. For the 2000-2001 academic year, over $15,000 was given to these “non-traditional” students.

Since its founding, the Society has awarded over $100,000 in traditional and non-traditional scholarships and remains an important source of financial support for the University. As we journey through the year, our crew is committed to canvassing the community for additional new members and, together, we will continue to develop a strong and viable source of scholarship support for Lynn University.

Please join us!

Yours sincerely,

Linda Melcer
Excalibur Society President

EXCALIBUR ACTIVITIES

Blue Boxed Lunch

Over 150 guests attended the February 28th Excalibur luncheon featuring Tiffany & Co., the popular jewelry design house whose trademark Blue Box with the white ribbon has become an American icon of style and sophistication. Susan Rangel, Director of Tiffany’s Bal Harbour store, provided an historical review of the artisans and designs that symbolize the company’s renowned reputation for quality and craftsmanship. As guests dined on lunch, models wearing striking Tiffany jewels made their way around the room.

Following the retrospective, Rangel recognized three of the Excalibur Society honorary members who were in attendance—Christine E. Lynn, Wilma Elmore and Countess Henrietta de Hoernle—with a special Tiffany gift. Prior to the Tiffany presentation, heartfelt sentiments were expressed by scholarship recipients Mary Walton and Shirley and Joel Solomon, who each thanked the members of the Society for their support and described the positive impact Excalibur’s fund raising efforts have had on their lives.

Back row: Haydeh Pullen and Joan Wargo; front row: Scholarship recipients Joel and Shirley Solomon and Mary Walton.

Lilly at Lynn

On March 28, a sellout crowd hailed the return of Palm Beach’s own Lilly Pulitzer’s Designs at the Excalibur Society’s third luncheon of the 2000-2001 year. Lilly Pulitzer representative John Bourne offered background on the designer’s colorful signature prints and introduced the latest Lilly line, provided by The Snail Turtle of Delray Beach and modeled by student alumni mother/daughter teams from Junior League Boca Raton.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Scholarship Chair Joan Wargo surprised senior Courtney Krell by announcing the Society will provide her with a $5,000 scholarship towards her
The Write Stuff

The last Excalibur Society luncheon of the 2000-2001 year on April 24th featured handwriting analyst Joseph Lipet, an author and lecturer who has researched and explored all facets of graphology as it relates to crime solving and psychological profiling, using handwriting samples and signatures of President Richard Nixon and Princess Diana, among others. Lipet dedicated the last half of his presentation to analyzing the handwriting of guests and Society members, providing a humorous and entertaining glimpse into their characters and personalities.

The luncheon began with the introduction of the newly elected 2001-2002 board members and new President Linda Melcer, who on behalf of the entire Society thanked outgoing President Haydeh Pullen for her leadership and dedication to the mission of the Society over the past year. In addition, the Society honored Dale Vogel from Gerald Steven Florists for the regular donation of centerpiece flowers for luncheon programs throughout the year.

Scholarship recipients Drew Connelly and Andria Mills, who are pursuing degrees through the Center for Professional and Continuing Education, also addressed the crowd and described how instrumental their scholarships have been in helping them reach their educational goals, advance their careers and, ultimately, better provide for their families.

The highlight of the Afternoon came when Scholarship Chair Joan Wargo surprised senior Courtney Krell by announcing the Society will provide her with a $5,000 scholarship towards her Master's degree at Lynn. Krell was named the 1997-1998 Excalibur Scholar and finished her degree in only three years. The additional grant will bring her total scholarship to $20,000, the amount the Society traditionally awards to its annual Excalibur Scholarship recipient. In addition, Wargo introduced two of the year's non-traditional scholarship recipients: Althea McCleary, a single mother who works full time, and Elisabetha Misel, a mother and teacher's aide in the Palm Beach School District.

The Excalibur Board, including Regina Vetto, Rosemary Cook and Adele Barrett, members, providing a humorous and entertaining glimpse into their characters and personalities.

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Excalibur Board Takes Action

On May 4, the Excalibur Society Board of Directors held a mini-retreat at the Sheraton Hotel in Boca Raton. During the strategic planning session, which was facilitated by Judith Chason of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, the Society Board reviewed Lynn University’s mission and the Society’s relationship to the University’s institutional goals and established its 2001-2002 activities and fund raising objectives.

Specific priorities for the 2000-2001 academic year include membership development and enhanced programming. The Society intends to increase 100 annual memberships from 191 women last year to 275 during 2001-2002. In addition, under the leadership of new Life Membership Chair Charlotte Robinson, the Society hopes to double $1,000 life memberships from 50 to 100. As part of the membership campaign, the Excalibur Society for the first time will hold two membership teas, the first in October and a second in the home of Ll First Lady Helen Ross in December.

In an effort to increase the quality of Excalibur programming, the Society will hold only three general membership luncheons this year in January, February and March. The decision to reduce the number of luncheons will allow this year’s programming committee to identify prominent, well-known speakers, attract larger crowds of 300-400 guests to each meeting and secure corporate underwriting for general membership programs. April’s meeting will highlight the incoming President and Board, as well as pay tribute to outgoing officers.

During the retreat, the Board announced one major fundraising objective: to raise $100,000 through the annual Holiday Extravaganza, an ambitious increase of $25,000 over last year’s net total of $75,000.

Other new initiatives that resulted from the planning session are the creation of a special lifetime membership pin and plans for a planned giving seminar in November. The first-ever Board retreat was so successful, the Society has decided to hold it on an annual basis in the future.

Shop ’til You Drop

Over the summer, the Excalibur Society made several exciting announcements regarding its 9th Annual Holiday Extravaganza to be held on Wednesday, November 28.

Margaret Mary Shuff, President and Publisher of JES Publishing, has been named honorary chair of the popular pre-holiday luncheon and shopping fete benefiting the Excalibur Society’s endowed scholarship fund. Shuff is the publisher of Boca Raton Magazine and last year, with her husband John, received Lynn University’s coveted Boca Raton Award for service to the community.

Cynthia McCauley, Chief Financial Officer of West Boca Medical Center, will serve as Chair of the event. Saks Fifth Avenue is returning for the second year with an elegant fashion presentation.

Extraordinary tickets are $75 each. For more information, please call (561) 237-7982.

A Game Plan for Giving

The Excalibur Society is encouraging its members and community friends to learn about the tax advantages of charitable giving and the benefits of good financial planning by attending an informational session on planned giving on Friday, November 9, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Christine Room on campus. The seminar, which is being held in conjunction with the unveiling of the University’s new planned giving program, the Legacy Society, will feature speakers from the law firm of Elk, Bankier & Christu and Northern Trust Bank and is open to all members of the Society and their guests.

If you are interested in attending this session and you would like to have a specific topic addressed, please call (561) 237-7982.

Pin It For Life

Life Members have always been a very important part of the Excalibur Society and this year the Society is making it a point to honor and recognize them. Now, existing Life Members, as well as new and current members making a lifetime gift of $1,000, will have the opportunity to purchase a unique, specially designed 14k gold pin, signifying their commitment to high education and the Excalibur Society at Lynn University. Excalibur pins cost $72 and will be presented to those who purchase them at monthly luncheon programs throughout the year. In addition to creating the lifetime pin, the Society will host an exclusive Life Member event each calendar year.

For more information on becoming a Life Member or if you are already a Life Member and would like to purchase a Excalibur pin, please call (561) 237-7982.

Back row: Colleen Hannifan; Renee Snyder; Jaeger; Barbara Fox; Sally Shutt; Joan Wray; Linda Meleer and Margaret Mary Shuff.
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The March of Remembrance and Hope

A Student's Leadership Mission: 2001

By Hillary Hunter '01

The site of the March.

In May, sixteen students from Lynn University and neighboring Florida Atlantic University took part in the March of Remembrance and Hope, a week-long educational journey through Poland, marked by a 2-mile, soul-searching walk from Auschwitz concentration camp to the ovens of Birkenau to retrace the last steps of more than a million Jews who died there.

To say the Holocaust was a horrible event in history would be a terrible understatement. In the computer software program Windows 98 thesaurus, which is widely used by university students throughout the country, does not even recognize the word 'holocaust'. Although to many this is nothing out of the ordinary, after my trip to Poland as a part of the March of Remembrance and Hope, I find this outrageous. Does my generation recognize or even acknowledge the horrors of the Holocaust? Millions of innocent people of different races and religions were brutally murdered because of the one thing we all have the power to bring to an end: hate.

On May 14th, 2001, 350 students from 25 countries embarked on a mission called the March of Remembrance and Hope, a peace initiative sponsored by the Center for the Study of Jewish Heroism/March of the Living International based in Tel Aviv, Israel. Nine Lynn University students and alumni took part in this incredible leadership experience, thanks to the Boca Raton-based League for Educational Awareness of the Holocaust (LEAH), who brought the opportunity to schools in South Florida and sponsored the educational component of the trip.

Before departing on the emotionally-charged and challenging journey, we met on a monthly basis with March organizers and peers from neighboring Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to discuss issues we would all face and deal with on our pilgrimage. One subject that many students felt needed to be discussed was the change in destination key part of the March. Originally, the March was to travel to Israel and it the Hope portion of the trip was to be cancelled due to time constraints. Ironically, the trip was to make the Holocaust never forgotten.

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To be with 350 students and 50 chaplains and faculty members from 23 countries for nine days visiting the death and concentration camps in Poland was one of the most profound and touching experiences of my life.

- Father Martin Devereaux, Lynn University Chaplain

I think we’ve learned all we can get out of books and lectures about the Holocaust. Now we’re seeing the reality of it, and as musicians we can perform and express what we’ve seen with music.

- Alex Smith, who played the viola with the Conservatory quartet at Auschwitz barracks.

The crematorium at Birkenau.
Now we're at the site of the March of the Living, on what was once the Auschwitz barracks site of the March. It's like there are not even enough words to describe the experience we had.

— Carla Lucioni, art therapy major

The change in destinations that affected a key part of the March's purpose. Originally, the March was scheduled to travel to Israel and Poland to fulfill the Hope portion of the trip. However, because of the fighting at the time, the portion in Israel had to be cancelled. Instead, the mission of the trip was to make sure the Holocaust is never forgotten, and yet today fighting is still going on throughout the world.

Arriving in Krakow, Poland, we were not expecting to encounter such a life-changing experience. In no way could we have imagined what we were in store for. On 10 buses equipped with Polish guides, students from around the world were shown the remnants of hate. "I never expected to come in contact with people from Rwanda," explained Lynn University alumnus Jennifer Ludwig '00. "Meeting these people and together experiencing these places reinforces the idea that mass killing of innocent people has to come to an end."

One thing every single participant agreed on was that we must teach the world about the past so that we can have a peaceful future. As the founder and President of the Center for the Study of Jewish Heroism/March of the Living said, "The Holocaust is not only a Jewish issue; it is a universal issue. Let us learn from the past so that a more humane, tolerant and just society may evolve for the benefit of all."

Today, when people think of the word Holocaust, they often think of the movie Schindler's List. After seeing the barracks of Auschwitz and the crematoriums of Birkenau, all I can think of are the innocent lives that were taken. It is important for the children of the world to know that there were millions of people who were brutally murdered in death camps, millions of victims—many of whom were children—walked into those camps and never came out. Hopefully with more awareness of the horrors of the Holocaust, it will never happen again. Now I know... you and I can change the world.

A quartet from the Lynn Conservatory of Music set the tone at several Holocaust grounds by playing background music, including the theme from Schindler's List, played during a memorial ceremony at the ash pit in Birkenau while survivors lit torches in memory of the millions of people who perished there. The quartet's performances were regarded by the majority of participants as some of the most poignant moments of the trip. From left to right: Angel Valdivieso, Cristina Vasquez, Alex Smith and Victor Coe.

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IN GERMANY ON A FULBRIGHT: DR. JENNIFER GERZ-ESCANDON

As the newly appointed Fulbright Campus Representative, I chose to incorporate a rather unusual element into my strategy for promoting awareness of the Fulbright scholarship program among faculty and students last fall. In addition to sending emails, posting flyers and hosting workshops, I decided to apply for an award myself. I figured at best, I would accomplish an unrealized professional goal and, at worst, I would gain significant insight into the application and selection process and, therefore, be of greater assistance to prospective applicants at Lynn.

The best case scenario prevailed. During the first two weeks of May, I had the honor of representing Lynn University as a Fulbright Scholar in the “Seminar for U.S. Administrators in International Education.” A program sponsored annually by the Fulbright Commission in Germany. It gives 25 participants from colleges and universities throughout the United States the opportunity to engage in in-depth study of the issues, challenges and opportunities currently facing the German higher education system.

This year the program began in Berlin. Two days of presentations and policy briefings by academics and education ministers prepared us for discussions about the financial challenges that German reunification poses to state-run higher education. This is particularly acute in Berlin where two major universities depend on local government funding, rather than tuition, to support their entire operation. It is worth noting that tuition-free higher education is the norm in Germany and professors are considered civil servants that enjoy a high social status.

Our next destination was Rostock, a city located on the Baltic Sea in a state that was formerly part of the German Democratic Republic. Against this backdrop, our conversations turned to the issues of internationalization and student exchange.

The European plan to offer Master’s and Bachelor's degrees equivalent to those found in the American higher education system is just one change that may offer German students a new opportunity to study or work abroad. Conversely, it is hoped that students from the United States will seek a high quality education in Germany if they know their degree will be recognized when they return home in search of employment.

The cosmopolitan city of Hamburg, part of the old Hanseatic League of cities, was our final stop. Here we visited an anomaly in Germany: the first private law school, established in August 2000. Contrary to the prevailing educational culture, the institution charges tuition of US $7,000. And although its doors opened less than a year ago, there are already more applicants than spaces available. Given the novelty of this concept coupled with its distinctly American approach to education, this session was undoubtedly our most lively. Together with students, faculty and the Dean of the school, we engaged in a lengthy discussion that examined the merits and demerits of tuition, English-language based curriculum and the mandatory second year abroad at a foreign partner law school.

Surprisingly, the law students uniformly defended the concept of tuition and, in one case, even championed the necessity for it.

These brief highlights represent only a fraction of the presentations, tours, briefings, recitals and receptions that comprised the 2001 Fulbright “Seminar for U.S. Administrators in International Education.” However, it is fair to say that each stop during our two-week seminar seemed to surpass the previous one.

The benefits of the Fulbright are both institutional and individual. Institutionally, each time a Lynn faculty or administrator travels abroad as a Fulbright scholar, it results in higher visibility and greater name recognition for the University. Furthermore, the Fulbright office in Berlin will now maintain information on Lynn University for participating students seeking to study in the United States. Each year, seminar participants are asked to bring copies of their academic catalogs for expressly this purpose. Moreover, as a consequence of Lynn’s involvement in the program, we may be invited by the Fulbright Commission to host a portion of the visit by German international educators when they come to America.

At the individual level, there are also numerous benefits. In my capacity as Director of the Center for International Programs and Services, I now possess a solid working knowledge of the challenges and opportunities involved in establishing student and faculty exchanges with German universities. On a related note, I now have an established network of international counterparts and like-minded Fulbrighters with whom to conduct effective international exchange strategies.

EUROPEAN VACATIONS

Over the summer, business professor and history professor John Pickering led an international study tour of Western Europe. The group toured Brussels, Belgium; Stuttgart, Germany; Hamburg, Germany; Paris, France; and Villeneuve d’Ascq, France, in what internationals call a “very rich experience.” Participating students were themselves originally from countries including Portugal, Turkey, Guatemala, and the U.S. A mix of students who brought a variety of cultures to the group dynamic, “Each person brings their points of view that helps us better understand different cultures and lifestyles, especially as we explored some of the most fascinating cities in Europe.”

Dr. Pickering, too, was pleased with the group's camaraderie and cohesiveness. "Both Dr. Norcuto and myself were deeply impressed with the bonds the students created and their efforts to include all members in group activities." He
**Ideally, the Fulbright experience is intended to provide one with a deeper appreciation of the world’s social issues and solution processes. However, it also causes one to reflect on the American way of doing things from a more distant perspective.**

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There are two impressions that standout and which I look forward to discussing with my students. The first was a single red rose that I observed at the tomb of Karl Marx. The sculpture is respectfully displayed on a street that also bears his name. Apparently, ten years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany, the principle author of The Communist Manifesto still has admirers. The second was the immense glass dome and clear plexiglass walls that simultaneously enclose and reveal the main legislative chamber of the Reichstag or German house of parliament. It literally allows the German people to see their elected officials at work and, at least symbolically, it implies openness and transparency in government.

Overall, I would describe the Fulbright experience as one of the most rewarding professional opportunities I have had. Fulbright awards are available for students, faculty and administrators in a variety of categories including lecturing and research. If you are interested in expanding your horizons and deepening your global understanding, applying for a Fulbright should be at the top of your "to do" list.

Dr. Gerz-Escandon is Director of Lynn’s Center for International Programs and Services.

## European Vacation

Over the summer, business professor Ralph Norcio and history professor John Pickering led 21 Lynn students in an international study tour of Western Europe designed to immerse them in European culture and history. From June 24 - July 15, the group toured: Brussels, Belgium; Stuttgart, Germany; Geneva, Switzerland; and Paris, France, in what international business major Paula Santos called "a very rich experience."

Participating students were themselves an international bunch, originally from countries including Portugal, Jamaica, Singapore, Turkey, Guatemala, Aruba and the U.S. A major goal of the trip was to bring students of a variety of cultures together, giving them an opportunity to relate to and learn from one another. Said Santos of the group dynamic, "Each person brought to the group unique points of view that helped us better understand different cultures and lifestyles, especially as we explored some of the most fascinating cities in Europe."

Dr. Pickering, too, was pleased with the group's camaraderie and cohesiveness. "Both Dr. Norcio and myself were daily impressed with the bonds the students created and their efforts to include all members in group activities." He continued, "They on the whole provided substance to our mission to encourage development of the total person to be able to operate in an interdependent world."

The trip began in Brussels with briefings from representatives of the European Union, a visit to NATO headquarters and presentation by the speech writer for the Secretary General, and stops at various World War I historical sites, including the battlefields of Ieper and a museum containing the only WWI trenches still in existence.

In Germany, the group took a close look at the German automobile industry, visiting the Mercedes Benz and Porsche museums. Trip participant Arturo Paiz was awed by the cars on display. "We saw some of the first cars ever made," he exclaimed. "At the Porsche museum, we saw the Porsche Spider and the 993, only 200 of which were built."

According to Dr. Norcio, the highlight of the German leg of the trip was an extended tour of a Daimler-Chrysler engine plant. "Students were able to actually see first-hand concepts we had studied in the classroom," he explained.

A special focus on human services characterized the study tour in Geneva, as the group visited the International Red Cross Museum and received a poignant briefing at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. They also met up with Lynn graduate Alper Benardete, a portfolio manager for a Swiss bank, who provided background on the private banking sector of Geneva.

Lyon’s Barrière concluded in Paris, where the group spent a morning at IBM’s European headquarters learning about e-business and e-learning and visited major historical and cultural landmarks including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Moulin Rouge. The trip capped off with a hike to the Sacré-Cœur Basilica and a Seine River cruise.

"In the end, Pat and expressed sentiments shared by all the participants, "This trip was one of the best experiences of my life. He went on to joke, "I’m planning to take an incomplete in the class so I can take it again next year!"
Matthew Overmann '01
By Vicky Drogg

When Matthew Overmann came to Lynn University, he didn't realize just how far he would travel. The 1,500-mile move from his home in Jefferson City, Missouri, was just the beginning of the personal journey Matt would make over the next four years.

"Coming to Lynn University was the best decision I have ever made in my entire life," says Overmann, a May 2001 graduate. As a graduating high school senior in May 1997, he had researched many different universities throughout the country. He chose Lynn University for many reasons: "Lynn was a small private school that provided the benefits of a more personalized approach to learning, an excellent communications program, and one of the best soccer teams in the nation," he recalls.

Growing up in a family of seven, Matt learned the value of close relationships and the importance of individual attention. His two brothers and two sisters range in age from 16 to 29, with Matt falling in the middle at 22. So, the chance to work with his professors on a one-on-one basis and the small class sizes were important factors, he says.

At Lynn, Matt participated in several intramural sports, worked as a lifeguard at the university pool and enjoyed attending many University athletic events. Soon after making the move from Missouri, he felt right at home, finding that, "Everyone was extremely friendly."

Matt began college as a communications major because he enjoyed public speaking. However, over the course of his first two years his goals changed, and so did his declared concentration. Switching to Business Management, he searched for a learning opportunity outside of the classroom. He wanted to work for an organization that values.

Matt's experience at MBNA and his community involvement made him a strong candidate for MBNA's 12-month Management Development Program. A high point in his college career, Matt was one of 52 college graduates chosen from 350 highly qualified applicants for the program this year.

After spending the summer with his family in Missouri, Matt once again made a long distance move, this time to Wilmington, Delaware. Starting the MBNA Management Development Program in August 2001, Matt has begun training in every area of the company, working alongside senior managers to develop a keen understanding of MBNA's procedures and values.

After completing the program, Matt hopes for the opportunity to manage his own team. He enjoys working with people and is anxious to help others realize their own goals. As for long-term plans, Matt looks forward to a prosperous and fulfilling career that includes increased responsibility and, eventually, a senior leadership position with MBNA.
The Lynn University Library has received many accolades for its resources and technologies, most recently receiving a commendation from the University’s accrediting body for its Information Literacy Program. This honor is not surprising, given the efforts of Faculty Librarian Patricia Presti, who has focused most of her attention on developing the Information Literacy Program since her arrival on campus in 1999.

The Lynn Library is rapidly changing to meet the information needs of our students, and Patricia is at the forefront of this movement. The Information Literacy Program she has spearheaded is a focal part of this effort and an important component of the academic support services offered at Lynn. With her instruction, students learn how to maneuver in the chaotic world of academic research by developing the skills to identify, locate, evaluate and use information sources.

Driven by a pervasive information technology base (machines and software); changes in the nature of scholarly publishing and the organization of knowledge; and the explosive growth of web resources, the Library has embraced this new mission. To meet this demand, Patricia has quickly extended her role as aggregator and organizer of knowledge resources to include instruction in the successful navigation of today’s global information networks.

Patricia Presti advises students on how to utilize the many information resources available in the Lynn Library.

University’s Institutional Effectiveness Committee. In February, Patricia used her communications and community outreach background to organize and promote Friends of the Library, a volunteer fundraising organization whose purpose is to provide extra support for the Lynn Library.

In keeping with her professional development goals, Patricia has begun a master’s degree program in Distance Learning from Canada’s Athabasca University. Established in September 1994, Athabasca’s Master of Distance Education (MDE) is one of the oldest graduate programs in distance education. Patricia’s pursuit of this degree has already benefited Lynn in the form of a web-based component she designed to complement the Information Literacy Program.

Let you think Patricia is all work and no play, think again. Recently Patricia, who comes from a traditional Italian family, learned to belly dance from one of South Florida’s leading experts on its correlation to healthful posture. She is also pursuing a lifelong dream of becoming a virtuoso on the drums, à la Buddy Rich or Ringo Starr. Perhaps she will share with us these talents at a future Friends of the Library event!
Mike McKee ‘97: 
Hearing the Call

By Vicky Grog

Michael McKee follows his instincts. When others doubted that he could successfully complete medical school, he persisted. Becoming a doctor was his dream, and he let nothing—not even the fact that he is deaf—stand in his way. After graduating from Lynn in 1997, he became the first deaf person admitted into University of Florida’s College of Medicine, and on Saturday, May 26th of this year, he became Dr. Michael McKee.

McKee, who has a genetic condition that caused him to be born profoundly deaf, began thinking about a career in medicine during his junior year at Lynn. He remembers his best friend’s mother advising him to find a career in which he felt “most alive.” His effort to fulfill that advice led him to identify his innate compassion for people and enthusiasm for medicine. “I realized I felt an instant satisfaction in the medical field,” McKee says.

During the same year, McKee’s grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer and his mother gave birth to his baby brother. “It was a time where I saw both the joys and sadness of medicine,” McKee remembers. This experience, coupled with a desire to improve the quality of life for disabled people, inspired McKee to apply to medical school and begin what he knew would be a challenging career.

At first, McKee, who communicates by lip-reading and signing, began feeling a persistent need during his first year of medical school to prove himself to his peers and professors. Some members of the medical school faculty had the same reservations. Dr. Siegfried Schmidt, who worked with McKee at a West Oaks Family Health Centre, a training site in Gainesville, Fla., for University of Florida medical students, initially questioned whether McKee would be able to handle the work, given his disability. But after seeing him interact with patients, he quickly changed his mind, noticing McKee possessed a special understanding of patients’ needs and feelings. “He communicated just blew my mind. Patients often opened up to him in a way I have not seen,” says Schmidt.

McKee admits the skepticism proved to be a good reality check, but he says, “I had to get over the fear that maybe I was not able to do the job. I felt like I had something special to offer.”

McKee’s first two years in medical school were spent mostly in large classrooms, a sharp contrast to the small classes and personal attention that attracted him to Lynn as an undergraduate. The choice to attend Lynn University, he says, was an easy one. He wanted to stay close to his home in Boca Raton, and the small class sizes made for an ideal environment for signing and lip-reading. “Small classrooms offered personal attention from teachers that would be lacking in large universities. Since I depended on lip-reading, an intimate learning environment was essential for me to function well,” says McKee.

At UF he was faced with the challenge of lip-reading in large classroom settings, where professors moved around the room and many students participated in discussions, often talking all at once. At the beginning of every course, he would explain his situation to professors, who usually agreed to deliver lectures facing the class. However, McKee recalls every so often a professor would forget he was in the room and turn to speak while writing on the blackboard, or occasionally having to crane his neck to see a professor as he or she walked up the auditorium steps.

During his last two years of medical school, McKee spent more time in clinical training working with patients and had to rely on a professional interpreter for the deaf to serve as his ears. An interpreter accompanied him in operating rooms, where masks prevented him from reading lips, and on rounds, where conversations among several people could become confusing. An interpreter even joined him in the examining room when he worked one-on-one with patients. The University of Florida underwrites the cost of an interpreter for any student who needs one.

McKee developed personal bonds with three primary interpreters upon whom he depended heavily throughout his studies and feels he would never have been able to complete medical school without their help. “I’d have been short-changed in the amount of information I was able to get,” he explains.

While working at a clinic in Rochester where one-third of the patients are deaf, McKee realized he made the right decision to become a doctor. There, he worked with deaf physician Dr. Carol Stern and Dr. Timothy Malia, who can hear but signs fluently, both of whom he calls “inspirational.” McKee has benefited greatly from technology designed to offset his disability, such as a stethoscope equipped with a hearing aid and amplifier and a graphic auscultation system allowing heartbeats to be seen instead of heard, but he says it’s the people he’s worked with who are the real stimulus for his passion and success.

In June, McKee began a three-year residency at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. He also continues to serve as a member of the board of the American Medical Professionals with Hearing Loss, a year-old non-profit organization dedicated to educational outreach assisting people who are deaf and want to pursue a career in medicine.

When asked what he sees in his future, Dr. McKee says he sees himself as a physician, as well as an educator, and hopes to help other physicians better understand people with disabilities. He intends to practice family medicine and wants to get involved politically with disability issues.

Dr. Robert Hatch, who interviewed McKee during his application process to medical school at UF, thinks he is destined for great personal and professional success, summarizing, “Mike’s deafness has increased his compassion, I think, and made him more sensitive to people who haven’t had to struggle with something like that. I think he’s going to have a very important impact on the care of people with disabilities.”
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What do you know about the history of the soft pretzel? Did you know that a fellow Lynn alumnus is part of its lineage? In 1607, a monk conceived a clever way to reward children for learning their prayers by taking the strips of dough leftover from baking bread and twisting them into edible treats shaped like hands crossed in prayer. He called his creation a "pretiola," which is Latin for "little reward," and it has become what we fondly know today as the pretzel.

The pretzel made its way across the Alps from southern France and northern Italy into Austria and Germany, where it became known as a "bretzel" and, finally, a "pretzel." The earliest settlers brought the snack to America—in fact, it is believed that the first pretzel arrived on the Mayflower in 1620.

But Tom Conley '85, too, is a part of pretzel history. He and his family are third- and fourth-generation proprietors of Philadelphia's famous pretzel bakery, the Federal Pretzel Baking Company. Tom's great-grandmother, Maria Nacchio, started a soft pretzel business in 1922 in a small South Philadelphia row home when her husband died and she was left to support her family. Now located on the corner of Federal and 7th Streets across from its original location, the Federal Pretzel Baking Company has locations in California, Texas, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to name only a few, and produces four million pretzels a day nationwide.

The Conley family is part of Lynn history, as well. Tom's father Frank was a professor in the School of Business at Wilmington College in Delaware, which at the time was run by a young president named Donald Ross. President Ross eventually left Wilmington to save a fledgling college in Boca Raton, and years later when young Tom Conley was preparing to enter college, Ross gave him a Trustee's Scholarship to attend the College of Boca Raton, which we all know today as Lynn University.

Tom, who is married and the father of two daughters—Allison (5 years) and Samantha (7 years)—graduated from Lynn University in 1985 and returned to Philadelphia a few years later to join the family business. Of his Lynn education, he says, "Lynn University gave me a home and an education... I am especially grateful to Donald Ross and Greg Malfitano for their support and encouragement through the years."

Today, soft pretzels are a Philly favorite. Just this year, the Federal Pretzel Baking Company was featured on the Food Network, as well as on Channel 10 in Philadelphia. And the story of the pretzel continues to make history!
What Planet Are You From?

Coming soon to a computer near you, a new and improved Lynn alumni Web site—www.lynn.edu/alumni. Over the course of the last year, the Lynn University Alumni Association has been hard at work with PlanetAlumni.com creating a highly sophisticated and user-friendly, custom online community to help alumni stay connected. Recently completed, the new alumni Web site maintains the Lynn University identity, while at the same time offering greater opportunities for alumni interaction.

Features of this new site include a membership directory, discussion boards, event planning, chat rooms, calendar of events, and much more! Once you have officially registered on the site, you are able to update your friends and classmates on the current happenings in your life with the quick click of a mouse.

For more information about the new alumni Web site, contact gfowles@lynn.edu. See you online!

Extra Credit

In other exciting news, Lynn alumni can soon proudly carry a credit card that represents their alma mater, thanks to the Alumni Association's recent partnership with MBNA America Bank, NA, to develop an affinity credit card designed for Lynn University alumni, parents and friends.

The Lynn University-MBNA credit card is an opportunity to give back and show a little Lynn pride every time you pay with plastic. For every purchase made using the MBNA credit card, MBNA will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Lynn University Annual Fund, which helps support student scholarships and University initiatives.

MBNA is the leading affinity marketing company in the credit card industry, with the endorsements of over 4,700 organizations and a long tradition of supporting college communities. More than three million alumni and students from the nation's top schools, including nine of the Big 10 and six of the PAC-10, carry MBNA credit cards.

Look for information from Lynn University and MBNA in the mail and on the Lynn University website (www.lynn.edu) soon! For more information, call (800) 525-7660. TTY users call (800) 853-6262. Mention priority code XYKQ.

A Noteworthy Knight

Michael Lawrence ’95, Vice President, Human Resources and Club Operations for Boca Resorts, Inc. and a member of Lynn University’s Board of Overseers, was honored as the 2001 Most Distinguished Alumnus during Lynn University’s Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 5. Mr. Lawrence oversees human resource responsibilities for eight Boca Resort properties including the world famous Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Michael Lawrence has been an adjunct professor in the College of Hospitality Science degree from Lynn University in 1995. Lynn University students have benefited from Mr. Lawrence’s dedication as a professor in and out of the classroom. The Boca Raton Resort and Club continues to provide hands-on training in the form of student internships, as well as jobs for students and alumni, both locally and at other sites within the Boca Resorts Corporation.

Michael recognizes the University in a multitude of ways, as a long time supporter of the Frank A. Robino, Jr. Golf Classic, the Lynn University Ball and many other University activities and events. He lives in Boca Raton with his wife Martha and sons John and James.

Join the Club

Developing regional alumni clubs is a major priority for the Alumni Association. In an attempt to reach out to alumni nationwide, LUAA President Wayne Jarvis '95 and the current alumni board recently ran as a first step toward developing a regional outreach effort, because they provide a direct way for alumni to get involved and network with neighbors.

Over the summer, the Alumni Association hosted a gathering of former Alumni Association President Peter Gallo at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, another alumni club event in the New York City area. Hats off to Heather West for organizing the event and all others interested in starting an alumni club with Kathy Martin '71 recently completing a leadership role within the Alumni Association.

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Eleni Briki-Karayi ’91, Dean Marcus Jackson ’92, Kathy Martin ’71, Todd Masse ’91, Becky Metcalfe Carlson ’95 and LUAA President Wayne Jarvis ’95.
Distinguished Alumna
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Kathy Martin '71 recently completed a five-year term as LUAA President. Under her leadership, the Alumni Association made great progress bringing former Knights back onto Lynn's campus and holding regional alumni meetings across the country. For her efforts, the current Alumni Board presented her with a commemorative plaque in appreciation of her years of service.

Test your LU I.Q.!
What is the name of the Lynn University student-run newspaper?

Lynn University was founded in what year?
A) 1955 B) 1962 C) 1991 D) 1971

How many countries are represented by Lynn's current student body?
A) 73 B) 105 C) 61 D) 38

Lynn University athletic teams have won how many national championships?
A) 20 B) 11 C) 4 D) 16

Which famous television journalist is Dean of the Lynn College of International Communications?
A) Andrea Mitchell B) Walter Cronkite C) Irving R. Levine D) Brit Hume

What is the name of the student-run gourmet dining room on campus?
A) The Lynn Cafe B) Excalibur C) The Grille on Military

What percentage of Lynn graduates get a job in their chosen profession within six months of graduation?
A) 25% B) 40% C) 80% D) 50%

What is Lynn University's mascot?
A) Knight B) Bulldog C) Gator D) Trojan

Lynn's campus has how many lakes?
A) 4 B) 7 C) 3 D) 9

Last year, Lynn created an athletic team for which sport?
A) Football B) Gymnastics C) Rowing D) Ice Hockey

Bonus Question: What does the "E" stand for in President Donald E. Ross?
A) Edmond B) Ewen C) Edward D) Everett
Flash back to 1996. Another Bush was President of the United States, and Anton Pastuszak '96 was a high school freshman at Palm Beach Lakes High School in West Palm Beach, in danger of becoming a high school dropout.

Today, he is teaching other kids facing the same issues at the very same school. He was eventually sent to an alternative high school, where he discovered his potential recommended Pastuszak for CIS student. His impressive academic record and demonstrated personal growth during his high school led Lynn University to award him a four-year scholarship, as part of the institution's 12-year history of providing a scholarship each year to one deserving CIS student.

While at Lynn, Pastuszak became president of the student body and helped raise the Student Government Association to new heights. "I was given a chance that many people are not offered," he says. "I use these memories as a reminder of his life and the path he chose. He shares his story with his students so that they might be inspired to make decisions that positively affect their own lives."

McKinon sums it up perfectly. "Anton is a living testimony that you can have many opportunities, but it's up to the individual to make the most of his or her talent."

Anton Pastuszak '96 is in his classroom with the message that inspires him: "Why am I HERE?"

Anton Pastuszak, a four-year scholarship recipient, is now the head coach of the track team, for which he is leading an active fundraising effort to build a new running track so his students no longer have to practice on a baseball field.

Hanging from the chalk board in his classroom are Anton's LU cap and gown, and the words "Why am I here?" Antone uses these memories as a reminder of his life and the path he chose. He shares his story with his students so that they might be inspired to make decisions that positively affect their own lives.

Pastuszak says of his opportunity to attend Lynn, "I was given a chance that many people are not offered, and CIS helped me to recognize my potential." Pastuszak says his opportunity to attend Lynn, according to CIS Executive Director Liane Solomon Silber, "Morales' opportunities to attend Lynn University maintain one of the highest retention and graduation rates for CIS students nationwide, at 90%.

Following graduation in 1996, he worked as a substitute teacher at Gold Coast High and other secondary schools and became a CIS volunteer, all the while dreaming of a day when he could teach at Gold Coast full-time.

Last fall his dream came true, when Gold Coast's principal, Dorothy McKinon, hired Anton to teach students who are in the in-school suspension program. Now a journalism teacher and school newspaper advisor at Gold Coast, he is also the head coach of the track team, for which he is leading an active fundraising effort to build a new running track so his students no longer have to practice on a baseball field.
**Anton**

Anton is currently preparing for a 2-year Internet and teaching tennis at his home. He says he enjoys spending time chilling out at the beach. He has a son, Gabriel, 7, and his wife, Marissa, 29. They have been married for 8 years in October.

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**Barry**

Barry Backman's sister has been married for 7-1/2 years to a lovely Russian-Jewish woman, Alla. They have a daughter, Isabella Naomi, 61/2 years, who is the charm of his life. Barry is currently working in his family business selling flooring and doing a tremendous amount of creative artwork in marketing and advertising his business. He is also learning Russian.

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**James**

James Lessin cannot believe how big the school has become with all the new buildings. "It truly has become a college campus," he says.

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**Kim**

Kim (Wrightington) Workman and her husband, Paul Workman '81, are living in West Long Branch, New Jersey, and are expecting a 12-year-old daughter, Brittany. They miss Boca Raton!

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**Kaye**

Kaye (Hanna) Fink and her husband, Scott Cumings '82, have two children, Christine, 9 and Tyler, 7. Kaye currently teaches 4th grade school teacher.

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**Jane**

Jane (Farr) Cummings and her husband, Scott Cummings '82, have two children, Christine, 9 and Tyler, 7. They both look forward to the annual Holiday reception in the Cummings Room. "I have some great memories at the Colleges of Boca Raton - free and easy," he recalls.

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**Johnny**

Johnny Curnow is a business, developing clean bottom boards and changing prep as well as providing all the other underwaver services. He and his wife, Joanna Curnow, have two children, Christine, 9 and Tyler, 7. They both look forward to the annual Holiday reception in the Christine Room. "I have some great memories at the Colleges of Boca Raton - free and easy," he recalls.

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**Tom**

Tom Smart is living in the downtown area, business, bowling, golfing, and spending as much time as possible with his family. He is a devoted husband of 20 years and a father of two children, a son, Tyler, 13, and a daughter, Emily, 11.

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**Mimi**

Mimi (Najerlo) Ellis had a great time seeing fellow classmates at the last Lynn Holiday party. Anne (Hingman) Mostrom '92 was hoping to reunite with old Lynn roommate Mary Kayal '92, but time did not allow. Mimi writes, "Fernando Romero '90 and Carlos Mayne '91, where are you? Que Honda?"

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**Sean**

Sean Flaherty is a Senior Financial Advisor, Vice President of Investments, at Merrill Lynch in New York City. He and his wife, Katie, will be married for 8 years in October. Katie is the Executive Director of National Recruiting at CIBC World Markets. Sean says he spends most of his time planning surf trips to remote locations around the world and is currently preparing for a 2-week trip to Indonesia. He and his wife go to golf and spend time chilling out at the beach.

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**Michele**

Michele (Feldman) Ferguson and her husband, Michael '88 own a full service, interior design, furniture, accessories, window treatments, 29,000 sq. ft. showroom. They represent 10 brands of window treatments. Michele says she plans to devote time to staying home with her baby, Morgan (Elise), 5 months. Ellen says she plans to devote time to staying home with her baby while maintaining an increased interest in volunteering and in Lynn University activities. For the future, Ellen...
plans on utilizing her doctoral degree in order to "make a positive difference" in the lives of others.

1992

Annie (Dingman) Morrison and her husband are living in Park City, UT. Annie graduated from the University of Utah in 1996, and they have a 2-year-old daughter, Maya.

1993

Stephen Thompson Kosut recently moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he works as a software engineer for a local technology company.

Matthew Miller has been appointed as the new head of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

John J. Buckman is currently the executive director of a major international organization.

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Virginia Smith is a graduate student at Palm Beach Atlantic studying Mental Health Counseling.
"Beating BYU in the championship was great for the team and Lynn University. It reestablished Lynn University as the premier women's tennis program in the nation," said head coach Mike Perez. "The girls continually supported each other throughout the season and were so motivated and excited to win the title."

Led by the No. 1 doubles team of freshmen Monika Mastaliova and Marie Barbier, the Knights reeled off 10 straight victories to start the season. During that stretch, the Knights lost a total of just seven individual matches. At the West Florida Invitational, the Knights went 2-1 defeating Ouachita Baptist and the host Argonauts and losing to BYU-Hawaii. The Knights would meet all three of these teams in victory at No. 3. In singles action, the Knights the NCAA tournament. Following the tough loss claimed wins at Nos. 1, 4 and 6. Mastaliova's 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 comeback win at No. 1 sealed the going on a nine-match winning streak to claim championship. Kostricova won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 4, and Alves dominated at No. 6, winning 6-3, 6-0. After claiming the sixth championship in head coach Mike Perez's 12 years at the helm, the Knights Fighting Knights look to add more hardware to the University's 16th overall championship and fifth NCAA title, a streak which included wins at the Sunshine State Conference tournament over Florida Southern and Barry. The Knights, who lost to BYU-Hawaii earlier in the season and in last year's championship match, got revenge by ending the Seasiders' NCAA record 103-match winning streak with a 5-3 victory in the title match.

At the National Championships, the Knights blanked Lees-McRae and Abilene Christian 5-0 in the first and second rounds, respectively. In the semifinal, Lynn defeated host West Florida 5-2, which set the stage for a rematch of the top two teams in Division II. In the closest doubles match, freshman Maria Palacios and junior Maria Alves rallied from a 7-4 deficit and saved six match points for the crucial 9-7 victory at No. 3. In singles action, the Knights claimed wins at Nos. 1, 4 and 6. Mastaliova's 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 comeback win at No. 1 sealed the championship. Kostricova won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 4, and Alves dominated at No. 6, winning 6-3, 6-0. After claiming the sixth championship in head coach Mike Perez's 12 years at the helm, the Fighting Knights look to add more hardware to the trophy case in 2002.

Team Stats:

Mastaliova and Barbier combined for a team-best 18-2 doubles record.

Kostricova had an overall record of 12-2 playing mainly at No. 4. While Palacios registered an overall singles record of 12-2.

Alves tied Langerova for the most wins tallying an overall record of 16-3.
Darryl Matus

Fighting Knights and Head Coach Amy Alderman have waited little time becoming one of the best softball programs in the South. Lynn struggled to a 5-44 mark in its inaugural season, but just four years later went 36-15 to achieve the team's best record ever, rank nationally and advance to the NCAA South Regional. The Knights finished tied with Saint Leo for second place in the Sunshine State Conference and earned their first ever post-season berth. Six players were named All-SSC and three garnered All-South Region honors.

"We set the tone last season that nothing short of playing for a national championship was acceptable," said Alderman. "We are so proud of this team and what they accomplished, but our goal is still a national championship."

Coming into league play, the Knights had a 15-3 record, their best ever entering the conference slate. During conference play, the Knights split the season series with Tampa, Barry and Rollins, but it was the four wins over the 19-time defending champion Florida Southern Moccasins that catapulted the Knights into the South Regional in Huntsville, Alabama. Junior outfielder Jeannie Manz was named first team All-SSC and second team All-South Region. She concluded the season leading the club in batting average (.349), at-bats (175), runs (39), hits (61), doubles (14) and triples (3). She was also fourth in home runs (4) and runs batted in (22).

Sophomore pitcher Alana Klaus and senior first baseman Valerie Cardinale were tabbed second team All-SSC and All-South Region, while junior outfielder Tasha Caskie earned first team All-SSC honors and junior catcher Annemarie Cardinale were named second team.

Klaus, who received Most Improved Player honors, led the SSC in wins (20) and shutouts (15) while posting an ERA of 1.17. She was also second in the league in innings pitched (245.2) and third in strikeouts (223).

Cardinale, who earned Most Valuable Player honors along with Pookop, led the team in home runs (10) and was second in RBIs (39). Pookop was second on the club in batting average (.347), runs (32), hits (55), doubles (12) and home runs (7).

With the loss of only two seniors and the success of this past season, the Knights will look to take their experience and use it to capture the Sunshine State Conference championship and earn a second trip to the NCAA tournament.
Women's Basketball:
Knights Have Encouraging Season

Although the Lynn University women's basketball team finished with an overall record of 10-18, including 5-9 in the Sunshine State Conference, the team had an encouraging 2001 campaign. Junior guard Kerri Rulison was named first team All-SSC and second team All-Region South Region after scoring 17.0 points per game. She led the team in virtually every statistical category, including scoring with 17.1 points per game. Lynn head coach Celia Slater also reached a milestone posting her 100th career coaching win.

The Knights return all five starters for next year. Over the off-season, they're going to commit themselves to improving. "I'm really excited about the commitment we have right now, and it motivates me to work with the team everyday. It's great to be around young women who are winners and who are willing to think like champions," said Slater.

Men's Basketball:
Knights Post 8th Straight Winning Season

After missing the postseason last year for the first time since the inception of the program in 1983-84, the Lynn University men's basketball team embarked on a season of redemption. With a host of new players, which included the return of All-Region and All-SSC guard Kenny Anderson, the team seemed poised to make a run at the conference championship. Unfortunately, the team finished with an overall record of 17-10, including 9-6 in the Sunshine State Conference and was upset in the first round of the SSC tournament for the second consecutive season.

Coach Celia Slater won her 100th game during the 2000-2001 season.

Baseball:
Knights Climb The Conference Ladder

The Lynn University baseball team finished the 2001 season with an overall record of 29-23 and a fifth place finish in the Sunshine State Conference, the highest for the Knights since joining the league in 1997. The Knights also posted a school-best 10 wins in conference play this spring and reached a milestone with a 4-3 win over Rollins College on March 31, marking the 500th win in the baseball program's history. Senior center fielder Landon Thomas was named All-SSC honorable mention after leading the Knights with a .356 batting average. 49 runs scored, 74 hits and 18 stolen bases. Thomas, considered one of the top defensive outfielders in the nation, recorded an amazing 12 assists in center field. Rob Rizzo and Brian St. Louis both seniors, led the Knights' pitching staff. Rizzo posted a 8-4 record with a 3.88 earned run average. St. Louis was 5-4 and had a team-best 3.53 earned run average and 76 strikeouts.

Senior Bryant UF opened the season this season.

The Knights closed the season by winning four of their last five games, including taking two from nationally-ranked Florida Southern. With most of the starting infield returning, the Knights have a solid foundation in place for next season.

Men's Tennis: Knights Have Disappointing Season

Playing without a true number one player, the Fighting Knights struggled to a 10-11 mark this spring. Lynn won just four matches, all at number one singles, usually one of the Knights' strengths, and only five at number one doubles. The overall record may be a little deceiving, considering the strength of the Knights' schedule. Lynn posted a 4-2 mark against NCCAA Division I schools.

Pedro Musica and sophomore Raphael Almeida were a couple of bright spots for Coach Mike Perez. Musica was 12-4 at number four singles and teamed with Almeida to record a 13-7 doubles mark in the number two slot. Almeida finished the season with a 10-6 record at number three singles.

A trio of juniors also returns next year for their final collegiate season. Raigo Saluste, who missed much of the year with injuries, was 4-4 in singles play. Martin Carriola was forced into the number one spot most of the year and managed a 7-3 singles record, while Sergio Sancho posted an 8-4 mark at number five and sixth singles.

"If we can find a number one and let everyone else move down a spot in the lineup, we should be able to contend for a conference championship," concluded Coach Mike Perez.

Men's Golf:
Knights Place Third In Sunshine State Conference

The Lynn University men's golf team overcame a season of inconsistent play to finish third in the Sunshine State Conference Championship. The Knights finished behind Florida Southern and Rollins, two of the top-ranked teams in the nation.

Junior Boris Lautsch, who led the team with a 76.8 stroke average, was the Knights' top finisher in the conference championship, placing ninth overall. He opened the conference championship with a two-over-par 74, his best round of the season.

Senior Javier Correa was named the team's most valuable player. Correa posted a 77.6
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Men's Golf: Knights Tie for 2nd Place

Junior Courtney Krell capped a successful season with an invitation to play in the NCAA II national championship where she placed 36th overall. Krell, the team’s most valuable player, earned honorable mention All-America honors with her 62.0 stroke average.

As a team, the Fighting Knights ended the season in grand fashion, tying the nation’s top-ranked team for second place at the conference championship. Lynn and Florida Southern each shot a team score of 638 to finish behind Rollins College.

Women's Golf: Knights Tie for 2nd Place

Junior Kevin Samstag was the Knights’ top individual in each of the first three tournaments of the year. He finished the season with a 77.4 stroke average. Samstag took home the individual medalist honors at the Saint Leo Invitational with a one-under-par 71.

"With all but one player returning from this year’s squad," said Coach Eric Aube, "we are all looking forward to next season."

Rowing: Knights Continue To Grow

The Knights started the season on a positive note at the Florida Fall Freshman Regatta (FFFR), but the rowing program at Lynn University is still experiencing growing pains. Fielding a consistent roster is a challenge as many students realize just how demanding the sport truly is and drop off the team.

The men fielded two four-man shells for the FFFR race. The men’s B four finished fifth, while the men’s A four placed eighth. On the women’s side, the Fighting Knights placed fifth after suffering some equipment problems. Due to a lack of athletes, the women’s team would not compete again this year.

The men went on to compete at the Sunshine State Conference championships and the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships. The highlight of the season was the men’s novice four boat. After a last place finish at the SSC meet, the novice boat trimmed 36 seconds off their time and placed eighth at the Florida Intercollegiates.

"We have a great group of kids coming back next year," said Coach Kari Cordero. "We’ve come a long way in just two years and we will continue to build a successful program."
Room With A View

The Blue & White Club is stepping it up a notch...literally. Lynn's athletic boosters recently got their own room on the second level of bleachers in the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center gymnasium. In May, Tim McDulin, President of the Blue & White Club's Board of Directors and Director of Business Development at Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, presented the Blue & White Club with a check for $12,000 on behalf of Pepsi to finish the campaign for the honorary room. Initial funds were raised by Lynn supporters and Blue & White members.

The 460-square foot Blue & White Room is outfitted with a small catering kitchen and a boardroom complete with television, VCR and a prime view of action on the basketball court. It can accommodate table setups for 18 people or classroom-style for 30. The facility, which was completed in July, also includes a "wall of fame" recognizing the Board of Directors, significant members and Lynn University's outstanding athletes and athletic achievements.

Gettin' It Dunn

Soccer defender/midfielder Gareth Dunn '94 was named the Sunshine State Conference Male Scholar-Athlete for the 2000-2001 academic year by SSC Commissioner Don Landry in June. Rollins women's basketball player Jill Ilar was picked as the female scholar-athlete. With the honor, Dunn will receive a $1,000 scholarship from Publix Charities, Inc.

All the eight SSC Athletic Directors voted on the award winners, who were selected according to the following breakdown of criteria: 40% on grade point average (a 5.2 minimum GPA), 40% on athletic prominence (conference, regional and national) and 20% on service involvement within the school and community. Dunn, who is the fourth male soccer player and the first Lynn University student-athlete to win the award in the six years it has been presented, graduated from Lynn with a 3.92 grade point average with a degree in Graphic Design. He is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Business Administration with plans on becoming an architect.

A native of Sheffield, England, Dunn finished his stellar career with 17 goals and 15 assists for a total of 49 points. He was a four-time All-American as a defender and midfielder for the Fighting Knights and was named to the All-South Region team four times and was selected to the SSC All-Conference team three times. Lynn student-athletes were not eligible for awards their first year in the SSC, which was his freshman year. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America voted Dunn to its Academic All-America team as a junior and a senior. He was an Academic All-South Region all four years.

During his career at Lynn, Dunn focused his service to the community on working with area youth soccer players and conducting numerous clinics each year.

Field of Dreams

Former Lynn University baseball player Matt Bekoff '97 recently played shortstop for the Orioles in the HBO movie '91. The flick, starring Bill Crystal, depicts the life of former New York Yankees star Roger Maris. Bekoff was a senior on the 1997 Fighting Knights team that went 29-24. He hit .331 as the starting second baseman and led the nation in walks drawn with 72.

Since last time...

Kenny Anders '01, who returned from an ACL injury and played on a torn meniscus since December, ended one of the most spectacular basketball careers in school history, earning first team ABCS honors while leading the team in scoring (15.9 ppg). He finished his stellar career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,217 points eclipsing the old mark of 1,206 set by Arturo Sullivan (1994-95).

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Senior baseball left fielder Greg Maslar made his mark on the school record book. Maslar, became Lynn's version of Cal Ripken Jr. as he started all 211 games the Knights played during his four-year career. Maslar hit .303 and drove in 37 runs this season.

The Lynn University Fighting Knights had 55 student-athletes selected to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for the spring semester of the 2000-2001 school year. A record number of 16 student-athletes were selected for the spring sports that include men's and women's basketball, women's rowing, softball, golf, men's and women's tennis. To be eligible for the Commissioner's Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 for the semester.

The Blue & White Club Board of Directors filled several vacancies and announced five new Board members: Derek Acree, Dan Ahabler, Max Karyo, Steve Munchultz and Michael Watt. In addition, the Blue & White Club Board of Directors also elected Craig Manning, Kerry Moriney and Rebecca Cohen to the Board for the standard three-year term.

Sports Stance

Honors Convocation
Alumni reception at Gatsby's
Concert featuring alumni of the Conservatory of Music
Coffee with the President
Academic Fair
Faculty break-out sessions
Campus tours
Cookout
Calypso band
Golf cart parade
Putting contest
Football toss
Volleyball
Dunk booth
Alumni soccer game
Cocktails at the Historic Cornell Art Museum in Delray Beach
Sunday Brunch

We've got spirit—how 'bout you?

FAMILIES WEEKEND/ALUMNI HOMECOMING

October 26-28, 2001

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