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Dear Lynn Alumni,

As I write this, I can't help but look back on the great times I had at Alumni & Families Weekend when I was a student at Lynn. Homecoming was a time for parents to visit their student and a time for me to meet and network with alumni established in their respective fields. I remember attending the cookouts and participating in all kinds of events and festivities for students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Now, it's very interesting for me to be on the other side of Alumni & Families Weekend, as an alumnus, as a member of the staff, and particularly as the Director of Alumni Relations. I still look forward to meeting alumni, students and parents as they step foot on campus, but now from a slightly different perspective.

In this issue of the Lynn University Alumni Magazine, I hope you enjoy the special section, starting on page 5, dedicated to Alumni & Families Weekend 2003. From the first greetings on Friday evening to the farewell brunch on Sunday, I believe this Alumni & Families Weekend was the best in Lynn's history. As you will see in this issue, Alumni & Families Weekend 2003 featured some new events, such as a special international cookout, the grand opening of the Institute for Achievement and Learning with guest speaker, Jonathan Mooney, and a cocktail reception at the Museum of Art in downtown Boca Raton. But who could forget some of the famous Lynn traditions that still continue, including the Alumni Reception at Gatsby's, Coffee with the President, the famed golf cart parade, and, of course, the annual "War of the Ages" alumni soccer game.

For all of you who attended, thank you for keeping in close contact with your alma mater. You really do make a difference in the spirit and legacy of Lynn University. For those of you who couldn't attend, we missed you and hope you can join us Oct. 15-17, 2004!

Cheers,

Gareth Fowles, '99, '01
Director of Alumni Relations

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LU alumni make campus their professional home

Fighting Knight pride runs deep for more than 50 Lynn faculty and staff members who, after receiving one or more degrees from the university, chose to spend their professional careers at their alma mater.

"It's great to be able to give back to your alma mater," said Jodi Slingerland, '95, assistant manager of the Christine Room. "Lynn has provided me with a great opportunity. Once I started working at Lynn, I really gained an appreciation for working in education and helping students. Hospitality was my major, but as an employee of Lynn I've been able to give back to the university that has always been so good to me."

With degrees ranging from BAs to Ph.D.s, alumni from four decades are giving back to LU. Some alumni can be found standing on the other side of the podium as teachers in classrooms where they once sat as students. Other alumni are working in departments such as admissions, marketing and human resources. A few LU graduates, such as Greg Malfitano, '75, senior vice president for administration and student services, serve as part of the Lynn University management team, an influential group who determine in what Lynn will look like in the future, from new buildings to admission requirements, campus climate, and much more.

"I've taught at Lynn University since 1995, and I entered the Ph.D. program at Lynn in 1999," said Julia McNair, '02, visiting professor for the College of Arts and Sciences and tutor for the Institute for Achievement and Learning. Teaching during the day and going to school at night for four years, I struggled right beside my students racing deadlines, spending long hours in the library, trying to stay awake in class after studying until 4 a.m. and staring endlessly at the computer 24-7. They [the students] gave me moral support and understanding, like I always try to give them. When I walked across the stage to get my doctorate of philosophy in higher education in 2002, they cheered for me, the same way I cheer for them when they graduate. Now, I tell them in class, 'I've been where you are, and you will make it. We will help each other.' More than ever now, the students, faculty and administration at Lynn are like my family, and when I come to the Lynn campus every day, it's like coming home."

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Alumni athletic connection

Varsity Club, an exclusive new alumni organization, brings together former LU athletes, coaches, staff

Connecting generations ... reliving memories ... building traditions ... the Varsity Club was specially created to bring together those alumni who once participated on the field and/or contributed to LU athletics behind the scenes as a coach or member of the athletic staff. The new membership-based organization intends to bring LU alumni who share the common thread of athletics together to aid in the continuation of strong and competitive athletic programs at Lynn.

"Membership in the Varsity Club is an honor," said Jay Brandt, '99, '01, director of athletic development. "The club honors athletic accomplishments and will keep alumni involved with the intercollegiate athletic program at Lynn."

The Varsity Club is currently seeking members for its inaugural year. As a charter member of the Varsity Club, participants will receive a plaque to commemorate their charter membership, invitations to Varsity Club sponsored receptions, an invitation to the annual athletic banquet, access to the Varsity Club online membership directory, and entry to Lynn University athletic events.

Charter membership in the Varsity Club is $100. LU alumni may become members of the Varsity Club and the Blue & White Club (Team Member Level) for $200. For more information contact Jay Brandt at 561-237-7947 or e-mail at jbrandt@lynn.edu.

Mentoring with meaning

Alumni get the opportunity to mentor current students

The Office of Alumni Relations in conjunction with the Hannifan Center for Career Development & Internships recently introduced an Alumni Mentoring Program—a program that provides Lynn alumni the opportunity to help the next generation succeed in the workforce.

Through the mentoring program LU alumni will share their expertise in a particular field, as well as some stories of life’s successes and hardships that come with business.

"Mentoring is truly a selfless act with many personal rewards," said Dana Levy, director of the Hannifan Center for Career Development & Internships. "By successfully navigating a relationship with a mentor, a young person develops a shared sense of caring, respect, trust, and consequently, the belief that ‘I can.’"

To become a Lynn alumni mentor, log on to the alumni Web page at www.lynn.edu/alumni. Click on the “Career and Networking” button and locate the “Become a Mentor” link. Should you need additional information signing up to become a LU alumni mentor, please contact Gareth Fowles, director of alumni relations, at gfowles@lynn.edu.
Alumni & Families Weekend 2003

Alumni, prospective and current students, and their families, gathered on campus for a weekend of fun, friends and Fighting Knight spirit.

(Left to right) Kedra Koevele, '01, '02, Eric Shaw, '02, '03, and Laura Talb, '03, show their blue and white Fighting Knight spirit during homecoming, Oct. 24-26, 2003.
Some were here for the very first time to discover Lynn’s campus, as well as its diverse population of students, faculty and staff. Others were back in familiar territory remembering the “good ol’ days.” And some were experiencing homecoming “Lynn style” once again. Whether you were a prospective student checking out the university, an alumnus reuniting with old friends or a current student, Alumni & Families Weekend 2003 was a weekend full of fun in the sun and unparalleled Fighting Knight spirit.

The tradition of homecoming at Lynn continued on the weekend of Oct. 24, 2003, as more than 200 alumni and 300 families and prospective students came to campus to partake in events.

“The turnout was one of the best we’ve ever had,” said Paula de la Espriella, director of special events for the university. “We held several new events this year, which had great responses.”

The weekend kicked off with the grand opening of the Institute for Achievement and Learning, a center designed to connect with every Lynn student to ensure educational success and career fulfillment. As part of the ceremony, Jonathan Mooney, author of Learning Outside the Lines, gave a first-person account to students, faculty and staff about surviving college as a student with learning differences. Mooney, a recent graduate of Brown University, gave personal insights as he described his experiences as a dyslexic student with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Mooney’s lecture was funded by the Unicorn Children’s Foundation of Boca Raton.

Also on Friday, alumni gathered in droves as the tradition of kicking off Alumni & Families...
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Jakob Lorentzon, '96

Weekend with an alumni reception at Gatsby’s in Boca Raton continued. Approximately 200 alumni attended the event, which included hors d’oeuvres, open bar and raffle prizes. Jakob Lorentzon, '96, Petra Stankova, '96, and Michaela Peterova, '96, won the “long distance award,” traveling from the Czech Republic for the event.

"Being at Alumni & Families Weekend really meant a lot to us," said Lorentzon. "Petra and I came all the way from Prague to see old friends and teammates from Lynn’s tennis and soccer teams. It was fun to see everyone and we even talked about having another four years and reliving the entire Lynn college experience. Oh, to start as freshmen again!"
Saturday festivities started with “Coffee with the President and Academic Fair,” as university President, Donald E. Ross, along with members of the faculty took the time to meet parents. Coffee was followed by the annual men’s basketball intrasquad scrimmage, where Fighting Knight fans had their first opportunity to see the basketball team in action and meet the new men’s basketball head coach, Scott McMillin.

The morning also highlighted academic breakout sessions featuring: communications, where participants had the opportunity to sit on the other side of the camera and produce a newscast; hospitality, where resident chef instructor, Craig Schmantowsky, guided participants through a specially prepared culinary delight that they not only got to taste, but help prepare; and a special presentation on the nationally recognized Academic Adventure program that will travel to the Cayman Islands and Jamaica in January 2004.

“The academic breakout sessions were very interactive and hands-on, which turned out to be a tremendous success,” said de la Espriella. “In the Benjamin Olewine Culinary Kitchen it was standing-room only as parents helped make Bananas Foster and in communications parents and alumni were making a newscast in a packed studio.”

“As a mother of a freshman, I thought the weekend was a great experience,” said Gail Bernstein. “I had the opportunity to spend time with my son, as well as meet his friends, professors and administrators and see the university community come together. We had a very nice time and I’m happy that Brian [Bernstein, ‘07] is here at Lynn.”

In the afternoon the annual “War of the Ages” alumni soccer game between “old” alumni and “young” alumni soccer players was on once again. The “old” team won this annual showdown in a 4-2 victory, although it was a controversial win as the “old” team was playing 13 players against the “young” team who played the
What a fantastic weekend. It's always great to see old friends and meet new people.

Becky Carlsson, '95
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

The annual "War of the Ages" soccer match continued as the "old" soccer players took on the "young" soccer players. (Top row, left to right) Romeo Leisher, '03; Paul Newman, '87; Derek Backman, '98; Ferda Kavak, '88; Nandi Ramos, '88; Ivan McKinley, '01; Patrick Henning, '91; Lenin Steenkamp, '93; Darrin Karunas, '91; Tom Down, '83; Gus Pardo, '84; Shane Humble, '97; and Eric De Abreu. (Second row from the top, left to right) Stefano Papaleo, '96; Joey Repo, '02; Garreth Dunn, '00; Dustin Woods, '99; Matt Nelson, '00; Nathan Murray, '00; and Mike Cartwright, '99. (Second row from the bottom, left to right) John Thomson, '99; Gabriel DeJesus, '88; Michael Araujo, '88; Jamie Husband, '93; Shaun Exsteen, '93; Clitch DeGouveia, '89; Brent Menzir; Richard Cardoso, '91; Andrew Fenz, '90; and Miljce Donev, '95. (Bottom row, left to right) Richie White, '94; Dylan Kendrick, '99; Byron Warner, '98; Paul Muir, '99; Lee Dukes, '03; and Chris Karagianis, '02.
SAA puts on new fundraiser, “Fantasy Auction”

Going once ... Going twice ... SOLD! The Student Alumni Association (SAA) put on a new fundraiser this fall, a live auction called the “Fantasy Auction.” The live auction, literally, featured 18 eligible student bachelors and bachelorettes who were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The top bidder for the evening was George Deschamps, '07, who paid for a date with Lena Kassab, '06. The event took place on the stage in the dining hall, which had an additional runway for the participants to strut their stuff in front of a packed audience of approximately 350 bidders and onlookers. The auction took place on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Gift certificates to Mario's Italian Restaurant were awarded to the top 10 highest paying bidders to take their new dates to dinner. Two movie tickets to the Muvico Palace were provided to each contestant.

“The whole idea behind ‘Fantasy Auction’ was for students to have fun while raising money for the SAA,” said Bridget Fowles, '06, SAA president. “Everyone had a great time and the crowd support was excellent. It was a great event that will become an annual fundraiser.”

Approximately $3,200 was raised by the event. Proceeds from the “Fantasy Auction” will go to future SAA events.
On the 25th anniversary of his famed playoff homerun for the New York Yankees against the Boston Red Sox, Bucky Dent, remembered the moment with those who were in attendance at the annual Blue & White auction.

SAA helps with annual Blue & White Auction

The fifth annual Blue & White Auction, hosted by the Lynn University Blue & White Club at the Delray Beach Marriott, raised approximately $36,000 for athletics. Helping the cause was the Student Alumni Association (SAA).

Six members of the SAA Board served as the meet-and-greet committee for the auction, orchestrated the registration of more than 350 participants and aided in the checkout process for bid winners.

In attendance at the auction were the national championship Boynton Beach Little League team, baseball’s famed Pete Rose and the legendary Bucky Dent, who was at the auction on the 25th anniversary of his famed playoff homerun for the New York Yankees against the Boston Red Sox.

SAA continues to spread birthday cheer, relieve stress

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is making special deliveries all over campus. Sometimes it is to spread birthday joy, while other times it’s to relieve some of the stress associated with exams, loads of reading and adjusting to college life. The SAA is giving parents, friends and family members the opportunity to tell their Lynn student that they are supported by loved ones back home.

Parents can surprise their Lynn student with a decorated birthday cake, personalized note and complete birthday party celebration on their son’s or daughter’s special day so they can celebrate with their new roommate and friends. Parents may also choose to send their student a stress relief kit, which includes a stress relief ball, candy, highlighters, pencils, index cards and more. Thus far, the SAA has already surprised more than 40 students with a birthday cake and have sold more than 49 stress relief kits to be delivered during exam week.

“Our deliveries have been very well received,” said Cianna Ferrer, ’06, SAA member. “There has been lots of participation from parents and students have been welcoming their stress relief kits and birthday cakes with open arms.”

All of the proceeds from the sales of the birthday cake deliveries or the stress relief kits benefit the SAA.

If you would like to send a birthday celebration or a stress relief kit to a Lynn student, please contact Peggy Peterson at 561-237-7766. The price for a birthday cake is $25. The price for a stress relief kit is $35. The SAA needs approximately 10 business days notice prior to the delivery date.

Meet the current SAA members! (Back, left to right) John Indiveri, Kevin Van Bronsweyk, Tyler Breault, Chad Kleiner, Alejandro De Francisco, Richie Rockwell. (Middle, left to right) Laura Santos, Hallie Silverman, Cianna Ferrer, Bridget Fowles. (Front, left to right) Frank Marcelin, Anthony Peragine, Eric Shaw.
Mum's the Word

Novak speaks as part of Dively lecture series


Novak spoke to students, faculty and staff at a private lecture in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, and spoke again at a luncheon that was open to the public. Some of the topics Novak touched upon during the presentations included issues that have recently involved him.

Novak is the journalist who "outed" a CIA employee in a July 2003 newspaper column, based on information from the CIA and high-level administration officials. He stressed that "an anonymous source giving you information that is accurate and certifiable is the lifeblood of journalism." He said he would continue to refuse to reveal his sources because it would end his career. "It would destroy the bond between source and journalist," said Novak.

Novak also spoke briefly about the recall of former California Gov. Gray Davis, saying he supports the idea of recalls, referendums and term limits. During his presentation Novak said he believed Howard Dean is the best-equipped Democratic candidate, but has serious liabilities. Novak also added that "Tax cuts and victory in Iraq are the only things Bush can run on."

Novak has had his finger on the pulse of national politics since 1963, when he was chief congressional correspondent for the Wall Street Journal. He teamed up with the late Rowland Evans, Jr., (then congressional correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune) to write "Inside Report." Today, "Inside Report" is one of the longest-running syndicated columns in the nation. Over the last 40 years, Novak's hard news reporting has taken him to war zones, revolutions and conferences around the globe. The author of books on former presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, Novak hosts "The Novak Zone" on CNN; appears on and serves as co-executive producer of CNN's "Capital Gang," regularly co-hosts "Crossfire," and appears on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The Dively Frontiers series was established through a generous grant from the George S. Dively Foundation. This resource, the George S. Dively Visiting Professorship, enables Lynn University to bring dynamic individuals, whose achievements have contributed to world progress, to campus. Novak's presentation was also sponsored by the R.A. Ritter Foundation.

Future speakers, as part of the Dively series, are Harvard law professor and human rights activist, Alan Dershowitz, on Jan. 21, 2004, and television news anchor and prominent international journalist, Wolf Blitzer, on March 10, 2004. Tickets to the Dively luncheons are $50. All proceeds from the Dively events go to scholarships. For ticket information, call 561-237-7798.
What's cookin'?  

Chef Jean-Pierre's cooking school comes to Lynn

Renowned chef and former restaurant owner, Jean-Pierre Brehier, joined with Lynn University and began offering cooking lessons for LU students and the public at the state-of-the-art Benjamin Olewine Culinary Kitchen on campus. Chef Jean-Pierre’s Cooking School offers students the opportunity to enjoy a culinary education with classes that feature guest chefs, recreation and relaxation.

“I believe that cooking should be approached as a hobby,” said Brehier, who has a second cooking school in Fort Lauderdale. “Like playing golf or tennis, cooking gets better with practice in a kitchen every day. I want to expose people in Boca Raton to cooking as a hobby.”

Individual cooking classes for the cooking school started in October 2003, and a class series beginning in January 2004 has been scheduled. Prices for individual classes are $48 to $98 and $245 for a series of five classes, “Cooking 101.”

Brehier can be seen frequently as a guest chef on the “Today Show,” where he has appeared 22 times in the past three years, as well as appearances on “Larry King Live,” and the Lifetime Channel. The chef has hosted more than 100 National Public Broadcasting shows and has published two cookbooks. His latest book, Incredible Cuisine, was a best-selling cookbook for “Time Life.”

To see a complete listing of classes being offered at Lynn University, register for Chef Jean-Pierre’s Cooking School at Lynn, or learn more about Chef Jean-Pierre, visit www.ChefJP.com.

University conducts extensive campus-wide renovations, results in surge in on-campus living

Mom and dad have waved goodbye, suitcases are unpacked, and more than 950 students—the largest number in Lynn history—are living in Lynn University campus housing this academic year.

“Some double rooms had to be converted to triple occupancy to accommodate an increase of more than 50 students over last year,” said Gregory J. Malfitano, ’75, senior vice president for administration and student services.

Freiburger Residence Center, which houses 208 students, underwent a $3 million interior and exterior renovation. Built in 1965, the 46,202-square-foot building's rooms and bathrooms were gutted to the four concrete walls and rebuilt, new hurricane-resistant windows were installed, and rooms and hallways were carpeted. The exterior was resurfaced to add insulation and a modern appearance.

The university also doubled the size of the bookstore and remodeled the second floor of the Student Center, which has been renamed Knights’ Court, to include a performance stage, Internet access and an expanded café seating area and menu.

Thanks in part to a generous gift by the Class of 2003 and alumnus John Langan, ’81, the front of the Lynn Student Center has a new patio constructed of pavers and landscaping, and benches have been installed around a new tree planter. Two of the benches were given by student services staff members to honor Malfitano, alumnus, who has worked at Lynn for 30 years.

“The renovations and additions were driven by feedback we received from our students and faculty,” said Malfitano. “So far, reaction from parents and students has been really positive.”

From top to bottom, Freiburger Residence Center underwent a $3 million interior and exterior renovation before students arrived in the fall 2003.
Knight driving: New LU license plate available for purchase

We've all seen and read them as we drive around town. Sayings on license plates that advocate everything from "Save the Manatees," to "Keep Kids Drug Free," or even "Go Bass Fishing." They are the messages found on specialty license plates in Florida supporting a favorite cause or activity. But now alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of Lynn can support their favorite university.

On May 28, 2003, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his cabinet approved the designs for 16 (out of 21 submitted) new collegiate specialty plates, including the design for Lynn University, which became available in October 2003.

The specialty plate features a Fighting Knight in the midst of a south Florida wave and shows off the university's blue and white colors. The Lynn plate can be purchased through the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DMV) when renewing a Florida license plate. The specialty plate is the same price as a regular license plate plus $25, which goes to the institution, plus a $2 processing fee. Should you elect to have the Lynn plate before your tag expires, there is an additional $10 new plate fee.

"For the first time, people all over the state and even the country have the potential to see the Lynn name and learn about our university," said Kevin Ross, vice president of institutional advancement. "The Lynn license plate also provides an outlet for friends and neighbors of Lynn to show off their spirit and love for the university."

Learning has never been so much fun

The second annual Academic Adventure will depart the Port of Miami on Jan. 5, 2004

On Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, Carnival Cruise Line's Fun Ship, *Imagination*, will leave the Port of Miami with all first-year Lynn University students aboard for the second annual Academic Adventure—the ultimate field trip.

The Academic Adventure provides students with the opportunity to discover different cultures,
places and environments of the world. Academic Adventure 2004 will travel through the Western Caribbean to the islands of Grand Cayman and Jamaica on the five-day getaway. While on their journey, students will participate in planned educational excursions, where faculty, staff and experienced guides will accompany students as they swim with stingrays, climb the Dunn’s River Falls, or hike through the jungles and rainforests that they learned about in their First Year Experience classes. Students also participate in academic seminars and games during the days the ship is at sea.

Academic Adventure is a requirement for the class of 2007. Students receive academic credit for the successful completion of Academic Adventure. The cost for the trip is included as part of tuition for the 2003-2004 academic year. Approximately 650 students, faculty and staff will participate in Academic Adventure this year.

To see daily photos of this year’s Academic Adventure simply log on to www.lynnuniversity.edu/adventure and click on “Academic Adventure” during the week of Jan. 5-10, 2004.

Something fishy

Roger Berkowitz, president and CEO of Legal Sea Foods, speaks to Lynn hospitality management and business management majors

Roger Berkowitz, president and CEO of the nationally-known restaurant chain, Legal Sea Foods, gave hospitality management and business management majors something to chew on when it came to owning and/or operating a business.

“We made every mistake in the book and had to learn the hard way,” said Berkowitz. “We decided that quality came first. If fish costs increased, we had to charge more to customers, but add value.”

In response to customer demand the first Legal Sea Foods restaurant opened in 1968. There are currently 28 restaurants in the chain located on the east coast of the U.S.

A standing-room-only crowd gathered in the Henke Wing of the de Hoernle International Center on Monday, Sept. 29, 2003. Students took careful notes from the successful 51-year-old entrepreneur who shared tricks of the trade.

According to Berkowitz, you can’t compromise. If you need to charge more, then charge more. Berkowitz also told students that in business you need to stay aware of your surroundings and be willing to change as needed. Something that works today may not work in five years.

Other helpful business tips Berkowitz shared included: understand your business and take care of your guests first, as the return of guests is paramount; realize that you don’t have all the answers if you are the manager or owner, the more input you get, the better decisions you can make; be willing to do environmental analysis to determine and capitalize on core competencies; and don’t be unsure about compromising your position. According to Berkowitz, “it strengthens you, not the opposite.” Berkowitz also stated that “ethics are paramount and have to mean something. Everyone has to walk the talk.”
Playing in the BIG

Greg Brown, '03, '04, former catcher for Lynn's baseball team, signs contract with Florida Marlins

It was 10:30 p.m. when he received the most important phone call in his life. It was the phone call he had been waiting for since he was a kid playing Little League. It was a phone call that meant he would have the opportunity to live out a childhood dream. On the other end of the line was a representative from a pro-baseball team saying that they wanted Greg Brown, '03, '04, former catcher for Lynn University's baseball team, to wear their uniform and play for their team. Although not drafted, Brown signed a contract with the Florida Marlins on June 12, 2003. Marlins scout, Alex Mesa, had been watching Brown for two years and was the one who interrupted Brown's quiet night at home with the news.

"It's a dream come true," said Brown. "Growing up in south Florida, I've been a Marlins fan since the inception of the organization. It's my hometown team. When I got that phone call, it was a great moment and I knew that all of the hard work had paid off."

By 8:30 a.m next morning Brown was on a plane to Jamestown, N.Y., as the newest team member of the Jamestown Jammers, a minor league team in the New York Penn League.

According to Mesa, he really liked Brown's maturity and the manner in which Brown went about his business. Mesa also said that there is always a need for catchers in the organization, so the club decided to give Brown a chance.

Brown, a fifth year senior playing catcher for the Fighting Knights, was getting his MBA and as he puts it, "just chasing a dream." But after facing elbow surgery his sophomore year and it now being Brown's final LU baseball season, the starting catcher began to wonder if his dream of playing professionally would ever come true.

"I've questioned if that phone call would ever come many times," said Brown. "But you just keep pushing forward. Deep down I knew I would get my shot. I just knew I belonged there. Luckily
a scout saw something. I owe a lot to him, my coaches and my family. It's a great opportunity that very few get."

But just because Brown received the phone call of his dreams, many more challenges lie ahead.

"The competition is stiff," said Brown. "Everyone here is the best from their school or area. Now I have to prepare myself. I'm a 'blue collar' player. I'm not blessed with extraordinary talent. I'm just a hard worker and right now I'm focusing on

leagues

getting my body in shape and working on the physical side."

Brown's mom and longtime girlfriend have already witnessed his first hit in his new uniform. In fact, in his professional debut, Brown went 1-for-4 with a double.

"My goal is to be able to stick around long enough and open up some eyes," said Brown.

Brown will return to south Florida in March for spring training, which will take place in Jupiter, where the Jamestown Jammers practice.

"It couldn't happen to a better person," said Jay Brandt, '99, '01, Brown's former teammate. "Greg was always a solid baseball player, but more importantly, he is a good person who would do anything to help you. He has such strong values and beliefs and is simply a great role model.

"Greg has always been a leader, and playing with him for three years, I was able to see the extraordinary amount of leadership characteristics he possesses on and off the field," said Brandt. "I'm very happy for him."

First baseman, Zbacnik, who led the Lynn baseball team with a .365 batting average, made the decision to forego his senior year at LU after signing his contract.

"I am extremely happy that Greg and Billy are getting the opportunity to play professional ball," said Rudy Garbalosa, head baseball coach for LU. "They both worked hard and made the most of their skills."

So, break out the peanuts and Cracker Jacks and keep your eyes on the ball as you just may see one of your former classmates up at bat the next time you turn on your TV to catch a Marlins or Giants baseball game.

Double Play
Two Lynn baseball players sign professional baseball contracts

Be on the look out for not just one, but two former LU baseball players in the Big Leagues. Billy Zbacnik, '04, also signed a professional baseball contract over the summer (along with Greg Brown, '03, '04, see story left). Zbacnik signed with the San Francisco Giants on draft day.
Lynn true

Among the many Lynn true love stories that were submitted was this photo, which was mailed to the Office of Alumni Relations by Matthew Jaeger, ’90, the groom. The two met by a letter chronicling the courtship and wedding of Jaeger and his wife, Patty Rodriguez, ’92. The two met on Spanish River Beach in Boca Raton and were married in New Orleans on June 6, 2003.
Meet 13 couples who found their soul mates while studying at LU

Some call it fate. Others call it being lucky in love. Whether or not you believe in Cupid, there is no doubt that love is in the air at Lynn University. Rumor has it that hundreds of couples have found their true loves—their soul mates—while studying at LU.

We at the Lynn University Alumni Magazine wanted to know just how many Lynn lovebirds there were and get all of the mushy details as to where, when and how they met and then tied the knot. We wanted to know how many romances were born while standing in line at the dining hall or while sitting in Dr. Miller's management class. How many couples exchanged first glances in their communications class or fell in love at graduation just because their names started off with the same letter?

Several alumni wrote in to the Lynn University Alumni Magazine after seeing an ad in the last issue asking LU alumni to share their true love stories. We would like you to meet 13 couples who shared their Lynn true love stories.
First class love
Paula Pisani, '01, and Ryan Howard, '01

It was 1997 and the beginning of their freshman year. Free from parents, out of high school, single, and eager to flex their newly found independence and experience college life to the fullest, this dynamic duo never thought they would meet their soul mate in the first class they ever took at college.

Their first class was the required First Year Experience course, also known as Freshman Seminar, which started promptly at 8:30 a.m. According to Ryan Howard, '01, each person in the class had to introduce him or herself and share their experiences of the past summer. The two freshmen noticed each other and after class had a formal introduction.

"Who would have thought, the first day of college, at 8:30 a.m. freshman year, I would be standing before my future wife," said Ryan. "Dating Paula required about a month of 'courting' before we had our first official date. That night, over dinner at Mizner Park, we realized our Lynn University experience was going to be more than we could ever imagine."

Since meeting that very first day of college, the couple has been together ever since. Paula and Ryan married in Chicago on October 26, 2002, five years after meeting at Lynn. At the wedding were five close friends the couple had met while at Lynn, Rob Cullen, '02; Laura Thal, '02; Michelle Lemolo, '01; Kate Johnson, '02; and Stephanie Ross, '02.

"Lynn University not only gave us an education, it gave us each other," said Ryan. "We are forever grateful."

Ryan currently works for BYL Companies in sales and marketing and Paula is a media buyer at American Telecast Corporation.

"Tide" the knot
Betsy Rodriguez, '02, and Matthew Jaeger, '99

Betsy Rodriguez, '02, and Matthew Jaeger, '99, met in the fall of 1996 at Spanish River Beach while attending Lynn. Matthew was a business management major, living in the Lynn Residence
Hall at the time, and Betsy, a communications major, resided in de Hoernle. After meeting on the beaches of Boca, the two instantly became good friends.

The friendship continued to grow and on June 6, 2003, the two started dating. Betsy and Matthew were married in New Orleans in front of a crowd of more than 600 friends and family members, and with seven friends from LU in the wedding party.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in St. Barts prior to returning to Rockville, Md., where they now live. Betsy is employed by Sunrise Assisted Living in Gaithersberg, Md., as an activities coordinator, and Matthew is employed by Coakley Williams Construction as a project manager.

**Love is in the H-AIR**

*Kerry Garrett, ’91, and Brian Kushner, ’91*

In 1987, President Reagan was leading the country while Kerry Garrett, ’91, was meeting her leading man. It was freshman year for Kerry and Brian Kushner, ’91, when a friend, Bob Kagnoff, introduced the two for the first time. Kerry and Brian met again their sophomore year in a fashion marketing class. Brian later confessed that he sat behind Kerry to look at her beautiful hair.

Although friends at first, their relationship blossomed into more shortly after. According to Kerry, there was something very different about Brian.

“He seemed so mature and ambitious for a college guy, unlike every other guy I met at the time,” said Kerry. “He took me on actual ‘dates’ to dinner and the movies and was always considerate and doing sweet things, like washing my car.”

The couple got engaged during their senior year at Lynn and graduated together in 1991. In June 1992, Kerry and Brian were married in Ohio, prior to moving to New York so Brian could help run his family’s clothing business.

His heart was not in it, so he took a chance on his talent, strong business instincts and love of cars and started his own business back in Florida, Flagler Auto Brokers.

Now living in Sewalls Point/Jenson Beach, Kerry and Brian have two children, a son, Jordan, age 7, and a daughter, Kendall, age 4.

**Love: A roller coaster of a ride**

*Alejandra Carvajal, ’98, ’01, and Juan Galarraga, ’99*

A roller coaster ride could be considered a bumpy start for a relationship, but not for these two Lynn lovebirds. It was the fall of 1996 on a trip to Busch Gardens with a group of friends when Alejandra Carvajal’s, ’98, ’01, and Juan Galarraga’s, ’99, true love story began.

“Juan and I met through mutual friends and became instant friends,” said Alejandra. “But we were both dating other people when we went to Tampa, Fla. I thought he was attractive, but we were just friends at the time.”

In January 1997, the two officially became a couple. Alejandra graduated in May 1998, followed by Juan who graduated in December of the same year.

“Our fondest Lynn memory would be Juan’s graduation,” said Alejandra. “We were finalizing one part of our lives so that we could start the next phase together.”

It was Dec. 24, 1999, and as the couple was on their way to celebrate the holidays with both sets of parents for the first time all together. Juan had a very important question to ask Alejandra. On the way to the Crab House on Southwest 18th Street in Boca Raton, Juan stopped and took Alejandra’s hand by the lake near the restaurant. Juan pulled out a ring, got down on one knee and popped the big question.
Today the couple resides in Boca Raton. Juan manages the Target store in town. Alejandra returned to Lynn to get her MBA in 1999 and started working as a graduate assistant in the Office of Admissions. After culminating her studies Alejandra served as transfer coordinator for the Admissions Office and was recently promoted to associate director of admissions. Juan and Alejandra have been married for 2 1/2 years and are expecting their first baby in February 2004.

A groovy kind of love
Carmen Belen Pereyra Melgarejo, '76, and Joe Essaye, '74

It was the '70s, complete with bellbottoms, hip huggers, Carly Simon, peace signs, and talk of Watergate, when Carmen Belen Pereyra Melgarejo, '76, and Joe Essaye, '74, were introduced by a fellow classmate.

Wearing his '70s safari jacket, Joe picked up Carmen for their first official date in his Chevy Vega.

"Any woman who appreciates a man with a Vega must really be special," said Joe. From then on, their friendship evolved into more and the college sweethearts were engaged the following year.

Joe and Carmen were married in Peru on April 20, 1978. They now live in Boca Raton with their two sons, Joseph and Albert. Carmen is a group team leader for South Trust Bank, specializing in commercial lending to builders. Joe is a stockbroker for Ladenburg Thalman. Both Carmen and Joe have remained active with their alma mater throughout the years. Joe is currently serving on the Lynn University Alumni Board of Directors.

A true pick up
Keri Lief, '98, and Jim Baker, '99

It was to be a quick trip to the airport to pick up a friend. Jim Baker, '99, thought he would tag along with Tim Graziano, '97, and Billy Oliveri, '97, as they went to pick up Tim's girlfriend's roommate, Keri Lief, '98. But Jim got a lot more than he bargained for on this quick trip to the airport.

"I fell for her immediately, but it took her a little more time," said Jim. "We began hanging out, because Tim and I were best buddies and Keri and her roommate were close as well. So we just ended up in the same company all the time. It took a couple of months, but we began dating in May of 1997."

The Lynn lovebirds, Keri and Jim, started off as friends first, never really having a real first date as they always seemed to be "just together".

"We truly had a wonderful friendship even before we started dating," said Jim. "However, I do remember being very nervous when it would be just the two of us. I am a big guy from New York and in the Florida heat I would sweat, because of the nerves. Keri didn't have any idea I thought of her in that way (she had a boyfriend at the time) so she was much more relaxed."

According to Jim, the dynamic duo usually spent time in the Lynn dorm, Tim's apartment and regularly at Chili's restaurant. As a result some of the couple's most treasured Lynn memories are those with friends "just hanging around our friends at Chili's or the beach."
Jim and Keri were also athletes for LU. Keri played for Lynn's women's soccer team and Jim played baseball.

"Keri and I were fixtures at each other's games," said Jim. "And because Keri's season was a fall sport and mine took place in the spring, we both traveled all over the state to support one another." In the summer of 1998, Jim flew out to Texas to visit Keri and to pop the big question.

"Ironically, I proposed to Keri at the DFW airport," said Jim. "I was going to visit her and planned on proposing. When I got to Dallas I was so nervous I asked her to marry me right in the parking lot. I say it is ironic, because it wasn’t planned, but we had first met at an airport—the day I went with my group of close friends to pick her up, little did I know I would be picking up the girl of my dreams."

Today, Keri and Jim are both teachers. The two teach at the same middle school in Lewisville, Tex., a suburb of Dallas. Keri teaches special education and Jim teaches eighth grade U.S. history. Jim is also working on his master's degree in educational administration.

A perfect match
Sarah Reed, '02, and Michael Cartwright, '00

Gooaaaal ... These Lynn lovebirds met during preseason soccer training for LU. Sarah transferred to Lynn to play for the ladies soccer team in '99 as a sophomore. Michael was a senior playing on the men's soccer team. The two lived on the same floor of the dorm.

"I became good friends with Mike and his teammates and we would meet every night in their room, affectionately known as 'Club Deuce' and just hang out," said Sarah. "Finally one night, Mike asked me out on a date and we found out that we had a lot in common."

According to Michael, the couple's first official date was at Mizner Park for dinner and a movie.

"I was pretty nervous at first, but Sarah's personality helped me get over that," said Michael. "I remember, we had dinner before the movie and we had reversed the usual dating stereotypes. I barely touched my food, whereas Sarah finished her whole plate. I knew I had found a winner."

The couple's fondest Lynn memory was a hurricane party that Michael and his roommates threw when Hurricane Floyd was threatening to hit south Florida.

"Not that security wants to hear this, but we must have had more than 100 people come in and out of our room that night," said Michael. "Sarah and I still talk about what a fun night that was."

After many soccer games, lots of parties and the two soccer players graduating from Lynn, Michael went to London to celebrate Christmas 2002. While on his trip he proposed.

"I officially proposed to Sarah on Dec. 28, 2002," said Michael. "I flew to England to see her over Christmas and New Year's. We planned a trip to Leeds Castle, located just outside of London. It was cold and rainy that day, but we
still toured the castle grounds and got thoroughly soaked. All the while I had the ring with me and was looking for the perfect spot to pop the question. Finally, we made it to a secluded area in the castle gardens and I got down on a knee and presented the ring and asked her to be my wife. We were married here in the U.S., in Palm Harbor (in the Tampa Bay area) on July 26, 2003."

Michael and Sarah are currently living in Palm Harbor. Michael works as an online marketing specialist for the Home Shopping Network. Sarah is currently waiting for her work permit to be granted.

"I love Sarah more than anything in this world and feel that she is the best thing to ever happen to me," said Michael. "I am thankful that our time at Lynn brought us together from different parts of the world, because I truly think we were meant for each other."

Sweet September
Julie Panza, '97, and Shane Humble, '97

For some, good things happen in threes. For others, good things happen to those who wait. For Shane Humble, '97, and Julie Panza, '97, good things happen in September.

Julie and Shane met in September 1993. Over the next two years the two shared some classes and in September 1995 started dating.

"We dated for two years while at Lynn and shared a lot more than just classes in those two years, including friends, memories and an off campus apartment," said Shane.

After graduating together in 1997 their relationship continued to grow as the two grads entered the "real world." In September 1999 the two Lynn lovebirds exchanged vows.

Since the wedding, Julie went back to school at the Art Institute, where she earned a degree in residential design and has been working for a firm in the field ever since. Shane is currently a regional account executive for a drilling equipment manufacturer, where he covers the states east of the Mississippi.

In September 2003, the couple welcomed their first child, Tysen Durham Humble.

Language of love
Manuela Gravia, '00, '02, and Paul Muir, '99, '01

Thousands of miles separated these two, but it was Lynn that brought them together. Manuela Gravia, '00, '02, came to Lynn from Brazil to study in the U.S. Paul Muir, '99, came to Lynn from South Africa on a soccer scholarship to play the sport he loved.

"In the spring of 1997, I was introduced to Manuela by a mutual friend (Gareth Dunn), and the relationship blossomed from then on,"
said Paul. “In August 1999, I asked Manuela for her hand in marriage, but soon learned that with Latin women you have to get approval from the whole family, which meant convincing about 100 people that I was a nice ‘Gringo.’

According to Paul, the next challenge was to try and convince Manuela’s father that he was “Mr. Right,” despite not speaking a word of Portuguese.

“I spoke not a word of Portuguese and he didn’t speak any English,” said Paul. “Luckily for me I understood the international language of alcohol and I soon hit it off with the whole family.”

Now with the approval of his future “familia” it was time to make it official. In August 2001, Manuela and Paul were married.

“At the wedding were several Lynn alumni, faculty and staff members who Manuela and I had the pleasure of meeting while at Lynn,” said Paul. “It seems that Manuela can’t get enough of Lynn as she is currently working in the Office of Academic Affairs and I was lucky enough to be offered a position at Corporate Development International, which has close ties to Lynn University. Lynn University is not only the place Manuela and I met, it is the place where we fell in love and started our lives together.”

The love story for Angelina Felth, ’02, and Pierre Edstrom, ’01, began in 1998, in a life drawing class. The fashion design majors had their first date over coffee at Starbucks in Mizner Park.

Their friendship soon developed into more and Angelina and Pierre began to date. After Angelina graduated in 2002, Pierre proposed to her in Miami International Airport as they were headed to his home in Sweden.

Now, they are not only partners in love, but also in business. The two started their own clothing brand, called KARMA, where they design and redesign trendy clothing such as vintage denim, t-shirts and accessories for men and women. In the plans for the next year are a KARMA store opening, a wedding, and the arrival of their first-born child in January 2004.
Lynn loves
Becky Metallo, '95, and Jan Carlsson, '94

For this dynamic duo falling in love just came, well ... naturally.

Becky Metallo, '95, and Jan Carlsson, '94, both lived in what was then Wixted Residence Hall and became great friends.

"My first thought of Jan was that he was a really nice guy," said Becky. "He was a great friend. We didn't really have a first date. We were always hanging out as friends and then our friendship grew into something more."

After graduating from Lynn, Jan continued his education at the University of Miami, where he earned his MBA. It was Jan's graduation night for his graduate degree when he thought he would surprise Becky by popping the "big" question.

"I was sick in bed," said Becky. "Jan cooked me dinner and served me in bed. The ring was placed on the tray."

Becky and Jan were married shortly after in Boca Raton. The two have been married for six years now and have two children, Felicia and Damien. Jan works for Lynn Insurance and serves as a trustee for LU. Becky is the president of the LU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Love at first sight
Linda Lehman, '77, and Gerry Rittenberg, '76

He was the long hair, bell-bottom wearing guy who managed the Rathskeller, an on-campus, student pub in the mid '70s (the drinking age was 18 back then). The Rathskeller was the place to be and Gerry Rittenberg, '76, met the girl of his dreams while working the bar one night.

"I saw her and fell in love with her right away," said Gerry. "I knew who she was, but we had never officially met. She and her four high school friends whom she came to what was then Mary Mount with would hang out at the bar."

She was Linda Lehman, '77. It wasn't until Gerry interrupted her while she was on a date with another gentlemen that Linda and Gerry finally met one-on-one.

"When Linda and I finally met she was on a date with someone else," said Gerry. "It was at the Banana Boat (in Boynton Beach, Fla.) and when Linda tells the story she says that I 'rudely interrupted her' and her date, who wasn't happy about me cutting in. The next day I asked her out myself."

The couple's first official date was at Benihana. According to Gerry, he ate everything on his plate and Linda's too, as she only took a few bites and was "full."

It was only three months later when Gerry proposed. After Gerry's graduation Linda traveled to New York with the graduate. She met Gerry's mother, who started sizing up Linda's finger.

"I think I surprised her," said Gerry. "And, I don't think she gave me an answer right away. I remember my mom saying, 'We love Linda..."
so much that I want to give her my wedding ring." And that was exactly what Gerry did.

The two got married in Linda's hometown of Memphis, Tenn., on the Mississippi Steamboat. The judge who married the two lovebirds was the same judge who settled Elvis' estate. According to Gerry, there were many of their Lynn University classmates who drove up for the wedding.

Now it's 26 years later and Gerry and Linda are empty nesters, with two grown sons in college, Craig, age 20, and Garrett, 18. Additionally, Gerry is the Chief Executive Officer of Amscan, the largest supplier of party goods, located in New York.

In the name of love
Karolina Triska, '00, and Tom Trask, '00

These two met simply because their names fell close together in the alphabet. Karolina Triska, '00, always knew her name would be right after Tom Trask, '00, when it came to the roll call. The two first met in their marketing for non-profit organizations class taught by Dr. Eldon Bernstein, professor in the College of Business and Management, in their junior year.

"We only knew of each other because our last names were so similar," said Karolina. "In the spring of 1999, when Tom began classes at Lynn, we had three classes together and said a total of a dozen words to each other. After one very short conversation, we did not speak for an entire year.

"I remember how tall he was," said Karolina. "When he sat at the desk behind me. He would always wear sandals and his feet would stick out past me. I was too shy to look at or talk to him, but I could always see his feet."

It was their last semester of their senior year when Karolina and Tom would meet again. The two were team members for a class project, "The Shoe Game," for business policy class with Jim Matthews, a former LU professor in the College of Business and Management who has since retired.

"Our first date was at the Deerfield Beach Pier," said Karolina. "It was romantic. There were bright stars. Unfortunately, there were a few uninvited guests as well ... cockroaches everywhere! We ended up running from the pier, laughing. All the nervousness I felt at the beginning of the date was gone."

During graduation that May, the two sat next to each other because no one could come between Trask and Triska. According to both Karolina and Tom, their fondest memory at Lynn was that graduation day, sitting next to each other.

"I received the Business Award and he received the Osani Award (student most dedicated in pursuing a degree program)," said Karolina. "It was great. When I got called for my award we kissed and then again for his."

After graduation, Tom was accepted to Case Western in Cleveland for his MBA. Karolina stayed in Florida and attended Nova Southeastern University. But after a year and a half apart and a lot of frequent flyer miles, Tom proposed on Valentine's Day 2002. The couple was married on August 30, 2003, on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas.

Karolina and Tom currently live in Deerfield Beach, Fla., and are building a house in Lake Worth, Fla. Tom is a senior financial analyst at Office Depot Headquarters in Delray Beach, Fla. Karolina is the operations manager for Aceray, LLC, in Boca Raton. Karolina and Tom have a daughter, Alexandria, who is currently attending Quiet Waters Elementary.

"Tom is simply my best time, my sweetest laughter and my most peaceful sleep and still he finds ways to love me," said Karolina. "He will always have my hand to hold."
Riding up to 96 miles in a day on a bike can be a trying proposition on one's body and mind.

But there's magic along the stretch of highway that touches one's soul after biking through 45 countries in 348 days and the experience is one that changes a person's life forever.

Written by Jennifer Palumbo McFarland

**Day 1:** It's 4 a.m., cold and rainy on the first day of the millennium in Pasadena, Calif. With only an hour of sleep Judith Bradley, '94, frantically tries to fit all of her belongings for a yearlong trip into an 18" x 18" x 36" box, which will then be loaded onto a semi-truck. Nervous and excited with thoughts of what was yet to come, the first day of Bradley's dream to see the world had begun.

However, Bradley's idea of a "vacation" is probably very different from most. Bradley planned to see the world in a way that only a few people can; not by plane, train, cruise ship, or even in a Winnebago, but by pedaling herself around the world on a bicycle.

Bradley and 246 other bicyclists led the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day 2000. The 5.5-mile parade route was the beginning of a yearlong trip of a lifetime—a trip she had planned for six years. With more than 18,000 miles ahead of her, Bradley began pedaling.

"I originally signed up for the year 2000 tour in 1994," said Bradley. "I was apprehensive about registering for a bike ride six years in the future; 'Would I be physically fit enough to bike the distance?' 'Would the tour company still be in business?' 'Would I be able to put my life on hold for an entire year?' 'Would the world be a safe place to bike?' These were just a few of the questions that plagued my mind. However, I remained psyched for the trip, but didn't really talk about it to anyone."

The cost of the tour was $30,000 and every year for six years Bradley made payments to fulfill her dream. The tour included her bike and all meals except for lunch, as well as some accommodations in hotels and 196 days worth of camping as the group would pedal rain or shine, through snow and sleet. The plan was to travel the world by following the sun to keep warm throughout the year.

The journey took place in 12 stages. During the first stage the group traveled through Mexico, followed by Central America, South America, South Africa, Southern Europe, North America, Western Europe and the British Isles, Scandinavia, Northern Europe, Australia, Asia, and New Zealand.
Relatively early in the game, Bradley started having reservations about her grand undertaking. “It was in Mexico [stage one] when I started thinking ‘Why am I doing this?’” said Bradley. “I hadn’t had time to practice enough and I was incredibly sore. Other riders were leaving the tour to go home or find other means of transportation, while many others had serious accidents or injuries. Yet, we were up every day between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. in order to cover the distance required since the sun went down at 4 p.m.—it was winter in Mexico. It was necessary to keep a very fast pace to get to the end-of-day check-in before nightfall. The terrain was also very mountainous and the weather unbearably cold in the Baja. I caught a cold and got food poisoning. Some days it was difficult to keep something in my stomach let alone keep up with the group.”

But Bradley continues ...

It just seemed like the mountains never ended. At one point an inch of snow had accumulated on my bike bags and it was necessary to walk down the mountains due to icy conditions. We camped out at night, which didn’t allow us to ever get warm. I just never expected such cold weather.”

Cycling 12 to 14 hours a day and dealing with overwhelming weather conditions and rough terrain, Bradley started to experience something else that she wasn’t expecting—being homesick. “I was essentially riding with 246 strangers and that was emotionally draining,” said Bradley. “There was no way to simply call home and I was homesick. The riders on the tour gradually became like a big family. We laughed, played, rode, argued, and lived together for a year. Each person became a support person for the next. The number of people riding on tour changed from day to day as people left to go home, tour other places, rest for a few days, or take medical leave.”

Day 80: For Bradley, it’s one those mornings when you dread even seeing your bike, when your feet feel leaden and a day of daunting 3,000-foot mountains are still to come. Out of reach of cell phones, a swinging stock market, and cold calls during dinner from random sales people and yet at the very center of the universe, Bradley continues to turn the pedals. Now in Europe, Bradley has to deal with uncontrollable environmental elements and some elements of human nature such as feeling homesick. “It was March and we were in Greece,” said Bradley. “I just remember it being extraordinarily cold and the terrain was extremely mountainous.

To take her mind off things Bradley found a love for writing as she kept copious notes in a journal and developed a love for photography.

“As I rode I would take pictures of the people and the places we were traveling through,” said Bradley. “I also spent a good share of my time writing in my journal.”

On her journey, Bradley took more than 4,000 photos. Her album includes pictures of children in each country, interesting scenery, wild animals, and even photos of her on her bike.

And as the journey continues so does Bradley ...
Day 291: On a highway that seemed like hundreds of miles from anywhere, Bradley rides through the countryside of China. Hot Florida-type weather and terrain gave Bradley renewed spirits and drive as she traveled through her favorite part of her trip thus far.

“Every place has its own uniqueness,” said Bradley. “The Alps are amazing, Scandinavia and New Zealand Fjords are beautiful; there was just so much to take in and experience at every place. We had the opportunity to see the countryside and tour famous cities everywhere we went, but biking through China was probably my favorite destination overall. Their way of life is so different from ours and it was incredible to talk to regular, everyday people and see how they live.”

As part of her unique experience through Asia, Bradley traveled on a road in China that had never before been traveled by foreigners.

Younger children, who had never before seen an American, were a bit scared and taken aback.

“In China, people gathered on the streets and cheered as if we were rock stars,” said Bradley. “An English teacher brought his classes to meet us so that we could autograph their books and they could practice speaking English with native speakers. We were greeted with open arms.”

Waving goodbye to children in China, Bradley continues ...

Day 348: It is said that all good things must come to an end. On Dec. 13, 2000, after being away from her home, family and friends for almost a year, the time had come for Bradley to head home from New Zealand and back to the U.S.

Facing adversity on many occasions, including suffering through surgery for a hernia halfway through her journey, Bradley proved to herself she could accomplish just about anything she set her mind to.

Throughout the trip of her life, Bradley had 233 cycling days, 97 days of rain, 168 bed days, and 198 of days camping. She took 19 flights, 10 ferry rides, two trains, and one major bus ride to complete her journey around the world. Along the way she visited 45 countries in 348 days.

Now, Bradley still continues, but another quest ...

October 2003: Even though the journey may be over, Bradley’s experience lives on. Now three years later, and at the age of 61, Bradley resides in Lantana, and is writing a book about her biking adventure. The book will also feature the photos she took while on her worldwide journey. The book is titled One Year, One Trip, One World is scheduled to hit the shelves of bookstores nationwide in 2005. A portion of the proceeds generated by the book will go to charity.
It's hard not to get excited when you have ... a national championship trophy in the trophy case ... volleyball players smashing school and career records ... women's tennis competing for its seventh national title ... and the men's and women's basketball teams kicking off seasons with two new Lynn coaches.

Men's soccer team brings home NCAA national championship tile

Freshman Jackson lifts Lynn to 2-1 victory

Leon Jackson, '07, scored the first goal of his collegiate career on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003. Jackson's first goal just so happened to tally in the 80th minute to break a 1-1 deadlock and propel Lynn University to a 2-1 victory over Cal-Chico giving the Fighting Knights the 2003 Division II Men's Soccer National Championship.

The national title is LU's first in NCAA men's soccer and the school's 7th NCAA title of all time. The men's soccer program had previously claimed NAIA titles in 1987 and 1991, two of the 17 all-around national championships Lynn University owns. The victory also gave the Sunshine State Conference, the league LU joined in 1997, its 56th national title of all time.

"We rehearsed (the winning play) many times in training," said Jackson. "I was just in the right place at the right time. This is a dream come true, scoring my first goal and winning a national title."

Jackson, a defender, took a feed from junior Mark Dunkerley off a corner kick and knocked the ball past CSU-Chico (21-5-1) goalkeeper Dominik Jakubek to become the hero of the afternoon for the Knights.

"In the second half, we played like we were on a mission," said Shaun Pendleton, LU coach. "National championships are never easy to win and today was difficult, but that's how it should be. We talked all season about working as one and coming together and for the final 45 minutes that is what we did."

The game ended the careers of five LU players as Tom Davies, Ross Lumsden, Mark Melling, Fernando Villalobos and Garthfield Whyte all took the field in their blue and white uniforms for the final time.

The Knights finish the season with an 11-match winning streak and a 27-match unbeaten string. Lumsden, '04, was Defensive MVP of Final 4 and Andy Hirst, '06, was Offensive MVP of Final 4. Pendleton is now the only coach to win national titles in both NAIA and NCAA soccer.
Women's soccer team faces fierce competition

The Lynn women's soccer team wound up 7-10-1 in 2003, going 1-5-1 in Sunshine State Conference matches. Junior midfielder, Piper Seaman, was named to the SSC's All-League Second Team, making it the second season in a row that she picked up such honors. The Knights won their final 2003 conference match, beating Florida Tech by a score of 1-0. Close games were the order of the year as LU dropped four single-goal decisions in conference action. Kim Pyra, '06, led LU with five goals and two assists for 12 points while Angela Rossini, '04, capped her Lynn career by scoring four goals. Junior goalkeeper Maegan Vondal played in 16 matches between the pipes, compiling a 1.75 goals against average. The Knights bid farewell to four seniors at the end of the fall, saying goodbye to Ashley and Christin Jarson, Rossini and Hilary Greene.

LU volleyball celebrates school, career, player records

The Lynn women's volleyball team finished the second-most productive campaign in school history, going 16-21 overall and 3-11 in the Sunshine State Conference. Lynn Michele Newman, '04, and Shelby Vollmer, '05, were each selected to the SSC's All-Conference Second Team while freshman setter, Erica Hardy, was a unanimous choice on the league's All-Freshman team. Newman closes her career with her name firmly entrenched in the Fighting Knight record book, ranking first all-time in kills (1,227), attempts (3,193), block solos (56), and total blocks (177). Still with one season to play, Vollmer is already Lynn's leader in single-season (577) and career digs (1,172). Hardy, LU's starting setter from the day she arrived from Louisville, Ky., finished one set assist short of tying Zoraida Mata's school record of 1,262. Hardy, Vollmer and 11 other letter winners are slated to return next season as only Newman departs. The program is in the process of looking for a new leader as Nicole Evans, who directed the Knights for two seasons, resigned to pursue opportunities outside of collegiate athletics in her hometown of Sarasota.

Lynn's women's tennis team looks for seventh national title

The doubles team of seniors Marie Barbier and Monika Mastalirova won the Division II National Title at the ITA Small College Championships in October 2003. Mastalirova and Barbier downed Helena Bessovic and Brenda Magnetti of Ouachita Baptist, 7-6, 6-3, in the finals, avenging a defeat in the semifinals of this event last year. The win gives the senior pairing three straight tournament wins this fall.

Mike Perez, head coach, will now lead his men's and women's squads into the team competition season during the spring with his women's program looking for its seventh national title in the past 15 years.

Basketball coaches kick off inaugural Lynn seasons

The Lynn men's and women's basketball programs, under the direction of first-year leaders Scott McMillin for the men's team and Pam DeCosta for women's, look to kick off their inaugural Lynn seasons, but both face difficult and competitive pre-conference schedules.

The men's team has been slated to finish fifth in the Sunshine State Conference in the pre-season poll. The 6-foot-8 inside banger, Justin Wingard, '05, has attracted national recognition and attention and was recently named to the Division II Bulletin's Pre-Season Super 16, a listing of the top 16 D-2 players in America. As a sophomore in 2002-2003, the Winter Park, native averaged 13.1 points and 7.6 rebounds on his way to being named to the SSC's first team.
Class Notes
News, photos and happenings from alumni around the world who wrote in to alumni@lynn.edu

1966
Pat Penske has been married for 34 years, has four children and one grandson. Pat is an active member in her community through the Meals on Wheels program and serves on the board of directors at a small school for children with learning differences, RFB&D. Her husband is now retired, and as a result, the two are doing a lot of traveling.

1970
Sally (Manning) Henning teaches tennis in Dallas at T Bar M. Her daughter graduated from the University of Texas and her son is attending St. Edwards University in Austin, Tex.

1974
Joseph Essaye returned to the business world as a stockbroker, having joined the second oldest NYSE firm, Ladenburg Thalmann, located in Boca Raton. Joe and Carmen Essaye, '76, are involved with community service projects, as well as participating in Lynn University events. Joe is currently a member of the Lynn University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1984
Toshiyuki Ono and his wife are expecting their second child. The Ono family is currently in Japan.

1990
Dan Mathews is an attorney and Town Justice in Syracuse, N.Y. He and his wife, Jessica, are expecting their second child in February 2004.

1993
James Hannifan is founder and president of Advanced Geriatric Care Management. Hannifan has extensive experience in the health care field, having worked in long term and short term care facilities for the last nine years. Hannifan earned his Health Care Administration degree from Lynn and is a certified geriatric care manager and guardian.

1995
Danny Davidson is currently living in Hollywood, Calif., auditioning as an actor and bartending in Santa Monica, Calif.

Becky (Metallo) and Jan Carlsson, '94, had their second child, Damien Christian, on August 4, 2003. Becky and Jan, along with Damien and his big sister, Felicia, live in Boca Raton.
Candace (Canfield) Kelly, and her husband Scott, have two little girls, Kaylin, age 3, and Peyton, 11 months. Mary Moffett is enrolled at Florida Atlantic University’s College of Education for a master’s degree in educational psychology. Earle Moore is the manager of Miami International Airport’s parking facility.

1996

Marnie Danson moved to Marietta, Ga., in July 2002. Steven G. Lambersky, specializing in civil litigation and family law, opened a solo practice in Boca Raton. He was an associate at Obermeyer Rebman Maxwell & Hippell in Philadelphia. Lambersky received his bachelor’s from Lynn and earned his law degree from Nova Southeastern University. Risa Levosky works in the gerontology field, specializing in Alzheimer’s disease education and is on the staff of Boomer Times and Senior Life. Jakob Lorentzon moved to Prague after graduation and worked for the Swedish Trade Council and mobile operator Eurotel until 2000. He then moved to his homeland of Sweden for two years to work for Ericsson. Jakob is now back in the Czech Republic (since February 2003) and works as an account manager for a Los Angeles-based advertising agency, Symblaze, in Prague. Jakob finished his soccer career last year in Sweden.

1997

Evelyn Asher contributed to and edited “Bridge of Hope: A Collection of Inspirational Poems and Testimonies for Caregivers.” Evelyn is donating all proceeds of the 48-page caregiver anthology to Legacy Link’s CARE-NET, a caregiver outreach program currently funded by the Rosalynn Carter Institute. Evelyn is also earning her MBA online through Brenau University, where she holds a full-time position as office manager of the Learning Center serving students with learning disabilities.

Christine Richardson was the first women’s basketball player to be inducted into the LU Hall of Fame. Christine currently works for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County at the Levine/Slaughter Unit located in North Lauderdale.

1998

Greg Belkin, ‘98, was married in 2000. Him and his wife, Denise, had their first child, Taylor, who was born in May 2003. The happy threesome live in the Washington D.C. metro area. Duane Myhre worked in Japan for the past few years and is now working in Korea.

1999

Eric Koegel works for a major home building company. Rebecca (Rivett) Mainardi is completing her master’s degree in business administration at Florida Atlantic University and is employed as an aviation intermodal program manager for the Florida Department of Transportation. Rebecca was married to Tito Mainardi in April 2003.

2000

Mark Lee works in Perth, Australia, playing soccer in the WA Premier League.
Suzanne Sykes is a full-time art teacher at the secondary education level and is currently on maternity leave.

2001

Karlton Brown is currently in grad school pursuing an MBA in international business management and in hospitality.

2002

Susanne Babbington is single and works as a human resource assistant.

2003

Dave Gariepy is playing semi-pro baseball in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is also training to become a law enforcement officer.

Wendy Gordon is at Lynn University to pursue a MA.

Jonathan Nimerfroh does freelance photography (www.jdnphotography.net) in the Philadelphia area and working for a music entertainment company doing publicity (www.emmf2k3.com).

Janet Pitterson is pursuing a master's EPA degree from Lynn.

Christopher A. Schwartz was recently married to Sarah Manning. The newlyweds reside in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Laura Thal is currently working at Lynn University as an admissions counselor. At graduation, Laura had the opportunity to snap a photo with commencement guest speaker, Henry Winkler.

Angel Valchinov just received a full tuition scholarship to Boston University. She also had a Master Class with Midori (a world-class violinist), and was invited to play in a concert series in Connecticut.

Celebrating the lives of...

Andy Deckelbaum, also known as “Hurricane Andy,” passed away in October 2002.

Laura (Weiss) McCann passed away on August 17, 2002. Laura leaves behind her husband, Jim McCann, and two daughters, Michele, 10, and Megan, 6, who live in Davie, Fla.
Are you an executive of a major corporation? Are you an inventor of the latest item to revolutionize the world? Are you an entrepreneur, scientist, restaurant owner, designer, or professional athlete? Have you acted on the big screen or written a book that’s about to hit bookshelves or is already on the bestseller list?

If you have achieved success in whatever your endeavors have been since graduation, we want to know about it. We want to know what your company does, what you’ve invented, what business you own, what new research you’ve conducted, the name of your restaurant, and your newest designs. We want to know what role you played in the theater and the topic of your latest book. We want to know and so do your fellow Lynn alumni.

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Please provide a brief summary describing your success story at alumni@lynn.edu. Also, please include a daytime phone number so that we can call you to get the details for your success story, as well as your name, major and class year. Lastly, in the subject area of the e-mail, please write, “A Success Story.”

All stories must be submitted by March 1, 2004.
It's simply who we are, what we stand for, what we believe and what we do.

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**Commitment to Success.** We believe that individual potential is the starting point for education, and that discovering and developing that potential in each student is the pathway to success.

**Academic Quality.** We offer high quality academic programs that recognize the diversity of academic needs and the importance of innovative teaching, and that emphasize leadership as the gateway to personal and professional accomplishment.

**Personal Attention.** We recognize each student as an individual, not only in the classroom, but also in all aspects of university life.

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**Global Community.** We view the world as a global community, and we embrace and explore its diversity as a fundamental component of a Lynn education.