ARE YOU IN?
Lynn University launches its strategic plan and focuses on the future
Letters to the editor

I recently received LynnSights that was sent to my parents' home. I am a 1968 graduate of Marymount College and I was so happy to receive news about my old college.

When I attended Marymount, the area was very rural where the college is located. I played on the tennis team, volunteered in a reading program for the migrant workers that were housed a few away and often babysat for the polo players' families that came to Boca in the winter months. I was especially fond of the Osley family that came from Texas to play polo. My parents often wondered if I was majoring in "cloud formation" as I seemed to be a little too tan for an Ohioan!

I really had a wonderful experience at Marymount and I am so glad to see that Lynn University is flourishing. My nephew is currently a junior at American High School in Fort Lauderdale and I will be passing the LynnSights on to him to consider.

Thanks for taking the time and funds to mail to the Marymount grads! Mary Kathleen Whalen Ravannagh Dayton, Ohio

I enjoyed your new publication even though my children are very young and it will be years before they can enjoy Lynn University. My sister, however, is seriously considering applying to Lynn for her son's behalf. Would it be possible for you to include her in your free subscription list? It would be so great to have my nephew in Boca!

Mindly Data

Congratulations! As the mother of an editor, I should have extra credibility when I tell you that I think that your new magazine is great. Good features, easy to read. Long life to LynnSights.

Vivian Allen
Boca Raton

I'm the mom of a freshman in the music conservatory. Just wanted to let you know I think LynnSights is wonderful. I loved reading all the articles and the entire news magazine is so vivid and colorful.

Vickie Raschbottom

Thank you for your recent edition of your magazine, which I found most interesting. I must, however, disagree with the headline on your cover, "Donald and Helen Ross...35 years of vision and leadership at Lynn University."

I protested to the Sun-Sentinel also when they ran a similar article about the 35 years of Lynn University!

I have been in Florida since 1959 and Boca Raton since 1968. I remember Marymount (their graciousness and financial problems) and the College of Boca Raton. I am pleased that Lynn University now occupies their campus, but that does not mean "35 years...at Lynn University." Why must Lynn University exaggerate their tenure? Heather Jurist

Editor's Note: We're happy you asked. Lynn has an interesting lineage. As told in last issue's cover story, in 1974 Donald Ross came from Wilmington College (Del.) to purchase the library of the bankrupt, all-women's Marymount College in Boca Raton and ended up taking control of its operations. In 1974, the College of Boca Raton (CBR) was born out of Marymount's ashes. In 1991, in honor of the great admiration and friendship Donald and wife Helen shared with a major benefactor, Eugene Lynn and wife Christine, CBR was renamed Lynn University. Even through three names changes, the school, under the leadership of Donald Ross, maintained its mission to offer students an intensely individualized learning experience. Incidentally, Lynn's archivist Kathleen Cline was one of the original Marymount campus nuns. Hope this explains the "35 years at Lynn University."

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Lynn University's Boca Raton is a private university founded in 1961, which awards bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, and promotes the discovery and development of individual potential, talent and interest. The university currently ranks among the top 2.5% universities in the nation, making it a community that empowers students with a rich multidisciplinary education. Lynn offers more than 130 degree programs across the arts, sciences, business administration, health sciences, creative arts, education, law and public management.

We welcome your letters to the editor. Send your thoughts and comments to Joseph Staten at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431-5598 or e-mail to jbsatn@lynn.edu.

Donald E. Ross
President

Lynn University
Spring 2006
Message from the President

Lynn University and Boca Raton: two communitites - one purpose

As I complete the final semester of my tenure as president of Lynn University, I am often asked to reflect upon all that I have observed and experienced here in Boca Raton since 1971—the people I have met, the changes I have witnessed, the emotions I have felt.

Invariably, I am asked how I would like my tenure to be remembered. The immediate response most people expect from me, and perhaps most college presidents, would be a recitation of the growth of the university, the strength of its academic programs and the quality of its student body. These are all laudable accomplishments and I can easily say all of these apply to Lynn University.

But, here at Lynn there is something else I hope I have provided this institution and which I hope will continue long after I am gone. It is the sense of community that binds all of us on this campus and overflows into the community at large as we all endeavor to give back to others what has been given to us.

My good friend Gene Lynn used to say that people often forget how good it feels to give. He always enjoyed the opportunity to be of service to others. Our university has been blessed by having so many friends and benefactors. And not only individuals who can afford to give of their financial resources, but also those who give of their time and their talents as well—people who attend our various events and programs, those who serve on committees and advisory boards and individuals who provide support and mentoring to our students.

Likewise, the university has endeavored to instill in our students, our faculty and our staff the importance of giving back to the community.

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(Hence, our cover model wearing an "I'm in" button.)

With such an impressive record, I am confident this tradition of community service will continue long after I have retired. And, as one who will continue to be a part of this community, I can assure you I will be watching closely to be sure that it does.

Editor's Letter

Much has happened on campus since the last issue of LynnSights. For one thing, we joined our surrounding neighbors in battling down the proverbial hatchets in preparation for Hurricane Wilma's arrival last October.

We secured the safety of our students and held on tight. Greg Malfitano, senior vice president for administration, and Paul Turner, dean of students, along with the entire emergency management team, stayed on campus to manage all operations.

In Wilma's aftermath, and in usual good form, the Lynn community—students, employees and professional staff—band together to lend a communal helping hand to the crews undertaking the massive job of cutting downed trees, clearing debris, repairing roof damage, establishing hot shower facilities, and assuring hot meals were provided.

Power, or rather the restoration of it, was a different story. We waited for FPL to do whatever it does to "grids" to get us back in operation. Then the lights came on, the phones had dial tones, computers started grinding to life, and the campus was once again alive—sort with power saws but with student activity—two weeks later.

As if that wasn't enough campus excitement, in February COO Kevin Ross presented to the campus population, "Lynn 2020: Focusing on Our Future," the strategic plan that ushers Lynn University into the next stage of its development.

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In a nutshell, the plan is all about our students, i.e., better accommodating their needs by building a multi-purpose student center, new residence halls, new business school, and a performing arts center. We're adding more programs abroad in Latin America and Asia as well as curriculum to learn and see more of the world. We'll modernize our science labs and purchase the latest communications equipment.

And that's why we selected Koren Lang to grace this issue's cover. She personifies Lynn's commitment to, and focus on, the strategic plan's 51 initiatives to improve the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical lives of our students.

Recognized as Broward County's Volunteer of the Year (see story on page 7), the 21-year-old senior maintains a 3.6 Grade Point Average and spends her free time coaching special needs athletes. Why wouldn't we want our best for her?

As spring, the season of rebirth, touches upon us, the university ends one era and begins another. We hail our outgoing chief, President Donald E. Ross, and First Lady Helen L. Ross as they finish their 35-year term, and we position ourselves for a new beginning.
Endowment helps with international study

Yvonne Boice recently gifted Lynn University with $100,000 to establish the Academic International Travel Endowment at Lynn's College of Business and Management. The endowment will provide funds for studying abroad, a requirement for all Lynn students. Students select from a variety of faculty-led study tours that enrich their required on-campus courses, such as international finance and business procedures. While international study brings unequaled depth and dimension to students' education, it entails additional costs that can be prohibitive for some. The endowment will allow deserving students to apply for additional assistance to help defray travel costs.

This recent gift is in addition to an earlier gift made by Boice to fund scholarships to the Lynn University Conservatory of Music. Both gifts are very special to the students and Lynn University because they enhance the international programs at the university, and are in keeping with one of the priorities of the university's newly-launched strategic plan (see story pages 10-11) to offer additional scholarship support specific to studying abroad.

Boice, owner of Fugazy International Travel in Boca Raton, is an active community leader and supporter of numerous local nonprofits, and currently serves as chair of Lynn University's board of overseers. She has been an active supporter of Lynn's annual ball, serving as chair in 2005; is a life member of The Excelsibur Society of Lynn University and served on its board of directors as scholarship chair. "I am delighted to contribute to students' needs so they can encounter the many cultural experiences that traveling the world offers," says Boice.

Alumni give back to alma mater

Robert Guarini, a 1994 grad of Lynn's Liberal Arts program, is one of a growing number of young alumni who are stepping forward to support Lynn. Guarini, co-owner of seven Hampton Inns and one Hilton Garden Inn in the South Florida area, is a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors. His success in business, particularly the hospitality industry, has helped him to realize his ability to make a difference at, and give back to, his alma mater.

Guarini actively encourages other alumni to attend Lynn events and to get involved with the university on a financial level. He is an avid supporter of the Alumni Association Book Scholarship Fund, and has pledged $20,000, toward the College of Hospitality Management, the Alumni Association, Alumni and Families Weekend, and the annual Frank A. Robino Golf Classic that raises scholarship funds for Lynn athletics.

"I am honored to give back to my alma mater. Lynn University gave me a strong educational background and a valued liberal arts experience needed for success in business," says Guarini, "I am proud to see Lynn expanding its educational horizons."

Campus graced with 'timely' gift

A beautiful pedestal clock now graces the Lynn campus, thanks to a generous gift from the Class of 2006 and a matching gift from Christian Arakelian, BA '95, of Troy, N.Y. More than 250 of Lynn's 2005 graduates contributed more than $6,000 to the fund, with Arakelian matching their contribution dollar for dollar up to $2,000. Arakelian recently gave $3,000 for this year's 2006 gift, still to be determined by the graduating class. The class gift is a relatively new, but strong, tradition at Lynn. Previous gifts have funded other significant campus enhancements, including remodeled courtyards.

New fund supports faculty

Exceptional teaching must be nurtured, and this requires a continual commitment and investment by the university. Lynn values its superb teachers, and must build the financial resources to sustain its strong faculty. That is why the university has created The Fund for Faculty Enhancement. This permanent endowment will provide income for professors' salaries and professional development.

By supporting this fund, you will help Lynn attract and retain outstanding professors, while providing for international study grants, instructional training and additional professional development opportunities to our faculty.

For more information on The Fund for Faculty Enhancement, please contact Larry Cowan, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, at 561-237-7269.
Lynn University's Dively Frontiers in Globalization Luncheon Lecture Series again brought to campus a stellar lineup of speakers. Introduced by former NBC economics correspondent Irving R. Levine, dean emeritus of Lynn's Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, speakers addressed community members, students, faculty and staff.

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George F. Will launched this year's series in January. The conservative, syndicated columnist told the audience, "Conservatives have lost the message of limited government," and criticized President Bush for spending like a Democrat. Will is a former National Review editor, contributing editor of Newsweek, author of three books on political theory, and a best-selling collection of new and previously published writings on baseball.

Thirty-year veteran broadcast journalist, Emmy Award-winner and former White House correspondent Judy Woodruff visited campus in February. Woodruff served as anchor for several political television programs and documentaries, including "Inside Politics," "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," "Frontline" and "Today."

Security and terrorism specialist Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret.) was the March luncheon speaker. When McCaffrey retired from active military duty in 1996, he was the youngest and most highly decorated four-star general in the U.S. Army. He served as director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and is now a national security and terrorism analyst for NBC News. He also writes a column on national security issues for Armed Forces Journal.

Live at Lynn brings stars to campus

Libby Dodson’s Live at Lynn series brought to campus stars of Broadway, film and television. Produced by Jan McArt, director of theatre arts development at Lynn University, the performance series opened with Joan Wolfberg in the one-woman show, “Tea with Golda Meir.” This season’s lineup also featured Tony Award-winner Elizabeth Ashley in “Love Letters”; Donna McKechnie, Tony Award-winning star of “A Chorus Line,” sang and danced in “Gypsy in My Soul”; and Kelly Dow and Julie Davis, voted Best Jazz Artists by New Times Magazine, performed the music of the great jazz divas.

Jack Zink, theatre critic for the Sun-Sentinel and moderator of Lynn’s Spotlight On... seminars, presented David Berry with a Carbonell Award for his extensive participation in Lynn’s drama program. Berry, a business major and honors student, in the first to direct and produce a student production and is currently acting in one play while directing another.
There are some mysteries in the universe that seem to challenge our understanding and imagination. One such mystery is the dispensing of musical and artistic talent at birth to a few individuals, while not to others.

No criteria have been found for the selection of those "chosen." No one can explain why singers such as Pavarotti or Streisand, and instrumentalists like Yo-Yo Ma or Miles Davis, create their unique and captivating sounds. There is no scientific explanation why different musicians playing the same instruments can produce different quality of sounds.

While I would not dare to venture an opinion as to how these individuals are chosen, I do have an idea as to why they are chosen. They are a gift to satisfy an endemic need in the human spirit. From classical to jazz, rock to country, folk to new age, music fulfills a need that nothing else can equal. This is why we build concert halls, opera houses and music theaters.

What an extraordinary void there would be in churches, synagogues and in life if music did not exist. What would the film industry be without the appropriate scores to enhance the visual experience? The veracity of this point is clear when we consider that even during the "silent film" era, movies were accompanied by piano and other sound effects to enhance the experience.

While it is a mystery what criteria are used in choosing these individuals, there is no mystery as to the process for their development in fulfilling their calling. Once the particular talent has been identified, there needs to be excellent teaching, disciplined practice and an unshakeable tenacity to succeed.

As these chosen individuals develop, they reach a point where a specialized program of study becomes necessary. It is at this point that conservatories of music become imperative.

Every musician needs to understand that being "chosen" is not a free pass to success. The journey is arduous and requires commitment, patience, and a readiness to seize any and all opportunities to perform. I am often reminded of my father's counsel to me when viewing a "small opportunity." He said, "Do not despise the day of small beginnings." The wisdom embodied in this advice proved on numerous occasions to be a door opener for bigger and better things.

Lynn Conservatory of Music, with its superb, mature artists and outstanding academic faculty, looks forward to helping these "chosen talents" fulfill their destiny to become brilliant young performers who will be a blessing to the human spirit and the art form.

Jon Robertson enjoys a distinguished career as a pianist, conductor and academician. Already established as a brilliant concert pianist, he was awarded full scholarship six consecutive years to The Juilliard School of Music, where he earned B.M., M.S., and D.M.A. degrees in piano performance. Robertson became the conductor and music director of the Redlands Symphony Orchestra in fall 1982 and remains to the present. As guest conductor, Robertson has conducted orchestras nationally and internationally, among others, the San Francisco Symphony, the Beijing Central Philharmonic in China, the Cairo Symphony Orchestra in Egypt and was the principal guest conductor of the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra in Yerevan from 1995 to 1998. For 10 years, he served as chair of the department of music at University of California, Los Angeles.

Lisa Dandeo
Professor, fashion management program

'Must have' fashions

'Must have' accessories for spring.

- Big wooden bangle bracelets
- The "cuff" bracelet
- Big lens sunglasses (think Jackie O)
- Big saddle bag purse (the more room inside, the better)
- Wide leather belts in all colors
- The ever popular chain link belts (with lots and lots of stones)
- Pearls, pearls, and more pearls
- Long necklaces, in both gold and silver
- The wide wedge shoe (it's made its return)
- The ballet shoe, with the toe portion of the shoe a different color
- Big colorful and beaded wallets

In looking ahead to the color trends for fall, be sure your wardrobe contains the upcoming season's hottest colors.

- Simply Taupe
- Pale Khaki
- Apple Cinnamon
- Golden Ochre
- Mineral Red
- Frost Gray
- Veiver (muted forest green)
- Bijou Blue
- Purple Magic
- Red Mahogany

Lisa M. Dandeo partners with many of the major fashion houses to provide students with a mentoring internship experience. In addition, she has brought students to Paris and Milan for fashion study tours as well as to New York City and Los Angeles during Fashion Weeks to study the fashion industry. Her research on retail buyer behavior is published in the International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management, and she has made numerous national and international presentations. Dandeo received her Ph.D. in clothing, textiles and merchandising from Florida State University, where she was the recipient of two grants and named a 2000-2001 teaching associate by The Program for Instructional Excellence. She also was named Faculty Member of the Year by Lynn faculty in 2006.
Clothes encounters

By special invitation from the Chanel corporate offices in New York City, 20 students from the fashion management program volunteered to assist in producing a fashion show held at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach. The show, sponsored by Donald and Melania Trump, featured Chanel's Spring 2006 Collection, with proceeds benefitting the Boys Club of New York City.

Professor and students ‘raise the roof’

One day last December, Dr. Judith Adelson and her Sociology 110 students formed a caravan to Boynton Beach to assist in the construction of two homes sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

Hard hats, work gloves and tool belts were the fashion as some students hoisted roof trusses, worked with nail guns, and were plumber’s helpers, while others assisted with the mechanics of designing a driveway. All their efforts will be forever remembered by the future homeowners, who were on site with our Lynn students, forming a collaborative team in the building of their future home.

Students, staff make great strides

Last October, more than 50 Lynn faculty, staff and students gathered at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton to participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. While some took the 5K walk along A1A, others volunteered at water stations, registration and set up. The Lynn team raised more than $3,000 for the American Cancer Society.
Lynn students experience the world

The idea of taking students, faculty and staff on an expedition aboard a ship is not only intriguing, it can be downright daunting. But Lynn University leaders forged ahead with the bold concept, and in the 2002-03 academic year launched its Academic Adventure program—the only one of its kind.

“Our reasoning was, if we say we’re an international university, we need to take our students to see the world,” says Earlie Stein, Lynn’s senior vice president for enrollment management and an innovator of the program.

This year’s trip brought 580 students and 100 staff and faculty to the Ruins of Tulum in Mexico, Dunn’s River Falls and the historic Great House of Jamaica, and the natural marine bio-diverse universe of the Cayman Islands. To prepare academically for the trip, students are given a required list of reading materials as well as study questions related to the destinations. At the various ports of call, they participate in excursions designed to build on what they’ve learned about the area’s people, history and culture. Students continue learning and developing closer bonds through onboard academic games, including The Search for Human Treasure, The Academic Adventure College Bowl and Academic Survivor.

For parents and those not onboard, a Web site was created to follow along on the journey. Produced by the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, the site captured the sights, sounds and updates of the trip. A daily newsletter, Sea Pulse, was created on board the ship by a team headed by David Jaffe, dean of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication.

Study abroad broadens horizons

The Lynn University Study Abroad program offers students the opportunity to spend a summer, semester or full academic year at American College Dublin, Lynn’s sister school in Ireland. During the program, students earn Lynn University credits, meet other students and faculty from around the world, and enhance their education with unique cultural and social experiences.

As the sparkle in the Emerald Isle, Dublin offers students a wealth of historical, cultural and literary heritage to explore as well as a modern, thriving and fashionable city to enjoy. At the beginning of each term, students choose to participate in excursions designed to build on what they’ve learned about the area’s people, history and culture. Students continue learning and developing closer bonds through onboard academic games, including The Search for Human Treasure, The Academic Adventure College Bowl and Academic Survivor.

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Students visit the Mayan ruins in Tulum, Mexico

Academic Adventure has earned rave reviews—not only from students and parents, but also from professional circles, including an award last year from NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Learn more at www.lynn.edu/adventure.

Staff director of Holocaust museum speaks on campus

Jerry Fowler, the first staff director of the Committee on Conscience of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, spoke on “Combating Contemporary Genocide” to nearly 400 students, staff, faculty and members of the community in February. Previously, Fowler was legislative counsel for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, where he worked on a broad array of human rights issues. A graduate of Stanford Law School and Princeton University, Fowler has taught at two prominent law schools and has been a scholar-in-residence at Lynn University and American University. He is a retired U.S. Army officer and former special litigation counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice.
Ph.D. program accepting applications

The Ph.D. in Global Leadership degree program, with a specialization in corporate and organizational management, is currently accepting applications. Lynn University's Ph.D. program is designed for working adults. Its accelerated format of six eight-week terms per year, with classes on weekends and online, enable students to complete their doctorate degree in as little as three years while continuing their work, home and community responsibilities. For more information, log on to www.lynn.edu/phd or contact the office of admissions at 561-237-7916.

Lynn to offer master's in applied psychology

Lynn University is accepting applications for admission to its newest graduate degree program, the master of science in applied psychology.

The two-year program is designed for students with undergraduate degrees in psychology or a related field, who are seeking the training and necessary coursework to pursue professional and educational goals in the fields of psychology and counseling. Its primary objective is to inform students on the principles and techniques of psychology, research and counseling in order to prepare them for careers.

Classes are offered during the day, with students enrolling in three classes per semester.

For more information, visit www.lynn.edu/admission or call 561-237-7900.

Fall enrollment sets new records

Fall 2005 brought new enrollment records for Lynn University. Below are highlights based on comparisons to fall 2004:

- Applications increased by 22 percent.
- Undergraduate day enrollment grew by 9 percent to 2,013 students.
- Total enrollment grew by 10 percent to 2,761 students.
- The average SAT score of newly admitted students increased by 4 percent.
- The average GPA of newly admitted students climbed 4 percent.

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Faculty NEWS

Karen Casey-Acevedo, director of criminal justice programs, has been appointed to serve as the institutional liaison to the International Center for Leadership and Development (ICLAD), a state-of-the-art leadership academy being developed by the City of Boca Raton. ICLAD's mission is to provide a venue for public safety training for law enforcement professionals as well as professionals involved in general municipal services. In this role, she coordinates all institutional efforts to facilitate a multidimensional partnership with ICLAD.

Andrea Best, instructor in the English department, delivered a paper, "Gators, Traitors, and Shades: A Dip into the Dark Side of the Sunshine State as Revealed in Carl Hiaasen's Skinny Dip," at the Florida College English Association Conference in Daytona Beach recently. Also, her poem, "The Nose Knows," was published in Florida English Vol. 3.

Barbara Barry, professor of musicology in Lynn's Conservatory of Music, will be the visiting scholar at the Deer Valley Summer Chamber Music Institute, a project of the Muir String Quartet in residence at Boston University. She also will give the pre-concert series on Mozart at Tanglewood this summer as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth.

John Bennardo, a full-time instructor in Lynn's College of International Communication (CJC), wrote, produced, directed, edited and shot "Turning Point: A Woman's Drive to Self-Discovery." This 13-minute film was accepted into the inaugural Delray Beach Film Festival that took place in March. The film focuses on a single mother of five daughters who is succeeding in a pro career as a race car driver while also holding down a job as an executive pastry chef and taking advanced kick-karate classes. Bennardo used pieces of the film in its editing stages to show documentary film production class how the process works.
Following months of research, discussion and fine-tuning, Lynn University's strategic plan was approved by the board of trustees in October 2005. Titled "Lynn 2020: Focusing on Our Future," the plan will be used to guide the university's growth and development over the next 15 years.

"We've chosen the name 'Lynn 2020' because it describes not only our timeframe, but also the keen vision we are employing to shape Lynn University into one of the most innovative, international and individualized small universities in the United States," says Kevin M. Ross, Lynn's chief operating officer.


To draft Lynn's strategic plan, Keller conducted more than 52 formal interviews and more than 10 focus groups of individuals ranging from board members to students. He also studied data, finances and the facilities, and carried out planning sessions with Lynn's 21-person strategic planning committee comprising faculty, the university's management team and the deans.

The result is a plan that details Lynn's vision "to be recognized as one of the most innovative, international and individualized small universities in America." In order to fulfill this vision, Lynn must make strategic changes in five domains.

1. Lynn will recast, partially restructure and intensify the focus of its academic offerings.

2. The university will further improve the quality, geographical origins and financial aid of its students, enlarge its graduate and continuing education enrollments, and enhance the accommodations and services for undergraduates especially.

3. The institution will continue to improve the salaries, governance opportunities, workloads, teaching skills, and office and classroom facilities of the faculty.

4. Lynn will complete the construction of its campus and provide for better technological and scientific equipment.

5. The university will establish a new culture of widespread fund-raising and grant solicitation.

Each of the five priorities entails several initiatives—51 in total, a number of which are well under way. For example, the many recent improvements to the campus grounds and facilities support the second and fourth priorities; this work includes the remodeling of Trinity Hall and Christine's coffeehouse, expansion of the wireless network, creation of additional faculty offices, and enhancements to the athletics fields.

Another example tied to the second priority is the appointment last summer of Jim Hundrieser, a specialist in student involvement and retention, as Lynn's new vice president of student development. And more recently, Lynn has completed a student housing market study in preparation for building new residence halls—an initiative tied to the fourth priority.

Early in 2006, Lynn unveiled Lynn 2020 to the university community and launched a new planning, budgeting and accountability model called FOCUS, an acronym for Fulfilling Our Collective University Strategy. Using this model, the university's academic and administrative units each year will create a budget aligned with Lynn 2020's initiatives and priorities.

Because strong collaboration is vital to effective strategic planning, Lynn welcomes comments, suggestions and questions from all its constituencies, especially alumni, parents and friends. To provide input and learn more about Lynn 2020, please visit the Web site, www.lynn.edu/2020.
The strategic plan of the Year community gained support on Feb. 1. 1971, the strategic plan of Boca Under University students; 103; 102; its teams; 400 to degrees.
Boca’s ‘leading ladies’ walk the runway for scholarships

The Excalibur Society of Lynn University’s 13th annual Holiday Extravaganza—a treasured source of scholarship funds at Lynn University and one of the most anticipated dates during Boca Raton’s holiday season—drew nearly 200 shoppers to Boca West Country Club.

Serving as the event’s honorary chair was community leader Madelyn Savarick. Co-chairs for the second year in a row were Mary Ellen Courier and Lucille Matthews.

The Holiday Extravaganza raises thousands of scholarship dollars for non-traditional students returning to school to obtain degrees or advance careers, as well as to deserving incoming freshmen. Scholarship recipient Libby Barland addressed attendees. “I knew that if I was going to compete in the job market, I needed to update my skills,” she said. “Thanks to Lynn University’s Excalibur Society, I’m able to complete my dream of higher education.”

Barland is earning a master’s degree after finishing her bachelor’s at Lynn last year.

David Stern, a longtime supporter of the Holiday Extravaganza, donated two exquisite pieces of jewelry for the grand raffle prizes. The lucky winners of the jewelry were Liz Wilman and Millie E. Duvall. Participating vendors donated raffle prizes valued at $150 each, and ETOILE presented a runway fashion show with some of Boca’s leading ladies, including Christine Lynn, Annie Green, Arlette Baker, Mary Anna Fowler and Eva Friedel serving as models.

The true focus and drive of event organizers is in helping deserving individuals achieve a higher education at Lynn. Since its founding in 1992, the Excalibur Society has raised more than $500,000 in endowed funds. For information on membership, please call 561-237-7750.
Eat, think and be merry

Each year, The Excalibur Society hosts a luncheon lecture series for current and prospective members. Jose Lambiet, gossip columnist for the Palm Beach Post, spoke on Feb. 22; and Marsha Glines, dean of Lynn’s Institute for Achievement and Learning, addressed the group on March 22.

During a luncheon, Kuda Biza thanked The Excalibur Society for awarding him a scholarship and told the attendees he would not have the funds to pursue his education at Lynn without it. Biza, who hails from Zimbabwe, is a freshman in Lynn’s Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics.

Isabel Make, educator and professional lecturer, will speak on “What Your Doctor May Not Tell You,” on April 26. For more information on the luncheon series, call 561-237-7750.
Families ring in the holidays at third annual concert

More than 650 members of the community gathered at the Boca Raton Resort & Club last December for Lynn University’s third annual Family Holiday Concert.

The program featured performances of the season’s most beloved music by the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Albert-George Schram. The Lynn University Community Chorus, the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Carolers, the Saint Andrews School Chorale and All-American Singers provided a touch of magic to the performance.

“This magnificent event, while pleasing so many individuals, will provide an additional $50,000 in scholarships for the Lynn Conservatory of Music’s young musicians,” said Pam Coffey, president of the Friends of the Conservatory of Music.

Sponsored by the Friends, the holiday concert was chaired by Marlene and Arnold Goldstein along with Mary Ann and Paul Milhouse. Committee members assisting the Milhouses and the Goldsteins were Pam Coffey, Barbara Fox, Annie Green and Patricia ToppeI.

The Friends of the Conservatory of Music is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that promotes music performance education for exceptionally talented young musicians and assists in establishing a superior standard for music performance education worldwide. For further information about or to join The Friends of the Conservatory, please call 561-237-7766.

The Ross Family: Kevin, Helen, Don, Kristen with children Graham and Ainsley

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Annie Green with Pam, Jennifer and Scott Coffey

Emmy Coffey shares her wish list with Santa


Damian and Felicita Carlson with Santa

Arnold & Marlene Goldstein, Maestro Albert-George Schram, Mary Ann & Paul Milhouse

Christine Lynn and John Gallo with Santa

(right) Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra with Maestro Schram

(below left) Dmitriy Pogorelov, Milena Rudifer, Lynn's Conservatory of Music, Mayor Steve Abrams

(below right) H. Countess de Holand, Ilene Pogorelov, Mayor Steve Abrams

Following her encore performance last season, Milena Rudifer makes a return visit to the Lynn’s Conservatory of Music for an encore performance with the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra. For the third year in a row, the Rudifer family has sponsored this annual family concert as part of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music Concert Series.
Concert sells out... again

Following her sold-out recital last season, Viennese soprano Milena Rudolfia returned to Lynn's Conservatory of Music for an encore performance with the Lynn University Chamber Orchestra. For the second year in a row, the Chan family has sponsored this concert as part of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music Concert Series.

Conservatory student makes professional debut

Violinist Dmitry Pogorelov, who hails from Russia and is a conservatory student from the violin studio of Professor Sergiu Schwartz, made his professional debut performing in the renowned Flagler College concert series in St. Augustine recently. The concert was presented by the EMMA Concert Association, Flagler College, and Maxim Gershonoff Concert Artists Management. Pogorelov, accompanied by conservatory pianist Tao Liu, presented a challenging program of classic and virtuoso works by Beethoven, Bach, Kreisler, Sarasate, Ravel, and Bazzini, and received standing ovations from an enthusiastic audience packing the college auditorium.

Rust CD gets rave reviews

Roberta Rust, artist-faculty (piano) and professor of music at Lynn's Conservatory of Music, received a rave review of her new CD, "Piano Music of Villa-Lobos," from writer and music consultant Lawrence Budmen. This new disc was recorded at the University of Miami Gusman Concert Hall and features works by Brazilian composer Hector Villa-Lobos, one of the most prolific composers of the 20th century. For her salute to the Brazilian composer, Rust is said to have "some striking Villa-Lobos keyboard works in the often brilliant performances by [her] South Florida resident...and one of the area's most esteemed teachers." Budmen adds, "Roberta Rust is one of South Florida's greatest artistic treasures. She deserves to be heard in concert locally more often. This wonderful new recording is pure Miami: Brazilian music played by a South Florida artist in a prestigious UM venue under the supervision of the area's premier recording engineer. A total delight! Bravo!"

Lynn violinist receives critical acclaim

Gareth Johnson, a junior conservatory student in the violin studio of Professor Sergiu Schwartz, received rave reviews following his recital in the Frank Gorell Young Concert Artists series at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts recently. Reviewer Ken Keaton writes in the Palm Beach Daily News, "Johnson plays with an assurance and maturity rarely encountered before middle age..." Obviously, the audience enjoyed Johnson's performance as much as the reviewer as they demanded two encores. Johnson has performed with some of the nation's major orchestras and won the prestigious Texaco Sphinx Competition.
LYNNSIGHTS

Cheering the Home Team

Men's soccer reaches NCAA Division II semifinals

Lynn University's men's soccer team reached the NCAA Division II Semifinals for the fourth time in program history and the second time in three years. The Fighting Knights suffered a disappointing loss to the eventual National Champions, Fort Lewis, but ranked third in the nation in the final poll, led Division II in goals per game (4.21) and set an NCAA Tournament record for goals per game (5.5).

Scroggins headlines post-season awards

Paul Scroggins led a Lynn University men's soccer squad that garnered 11 individual post-season honors. Scroggins became the fourth different individual to be named First Team All-Americans for Lynn and seventh overall since 1996. Hailing from Bolden, England, Scroggins also earned First Team All-South Region for the first time in his career and was a First Team All-South State Conference selection for the second consecutive year. David Benn and Leon Jackson were also named to the All-South Region First Team as the Knights had three First Team All-Region selections for the fourth time in program history. And despite finishing second in the SSC, the Blue & White led all schools with seven All-Conference selections. Scroggins, Benn, Chris Knox, Carl Wallace and Lee Porter garnered First Team recognition while Leon Jackson was named to the Second Team and Liam Bull was an honorable mention. Porter was also the only freshman to earn First Team honors.

Women's soccer claims three all-conference honors

Midfielder Kim Pyra and defender Rebecca McCray earned First Team All-SSC honors while Bridget Penta was named to the Second Team as the Fighting Knights women's soccer team finished 9-9 overall and 4-4 in the SSC. Pyra enjoyed her finest season as a Fighting Knight, setting career-higths for goals (10) and points (26). McCray is also making a return to the All-Conference team after earning Honorable Mention last season. The final selection for LU made an improbable comeback to soccer. Penta returned two years ago from back surgery and became one of the team's big playmakers with five assists and 13 points.

Volleyball sees two earn post-season honors

Lynn University senior Theresa Daniels (Sunrise, Fla.) was named First Team All-Sunshine State Conference and Second Team All-South Region while Erin Lyngse (Boca Raton, Fla.) was named to the SSC All-Freshman team. The Fighting Knights finished 10-13 overall and 5-9 in the conference. Daniels is just the seventh player in program history to be listed among the All-SSC honorees and the first to earn a spot on the First Team while she also is the first-ever All-Region selection in school history. Daniels led the SSC in kills per game (4.51 p/g) and closed out her career second in LU history with 1,218 kills.

Fighting Knight Fans...

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Lynn german
Lynn grad inks professional contract

Lynn University graduate James Taylor signed a professional basketball contract with Australia’s West Sydney Razorbacks recently. The four-year men’s basketball letter-winner for the Fighting Knights helped the Lynn team return to the national spotlight. In his senior campaign, he guided Lynn to its second appearance in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament, eventually falling in the national semifinal game. In the 2004-2005 season, the Fighting Knights also captured their first-ever Sunshine State Conference regular season and tournament titles. Beginning his career by being named the SSC Freshman of the Year, Taylor was also named to the Division II Bulletin National All-Freshman team. The Haines City, Fla., native was also voted to the All-SSC teams his sophomore and senior seasons. Always a spark on the floor while in Blue & White, Taylor graduated from Lynn as the program’s all-time leading scorer with 1,406 career points.

Team plays 100 innings as fundraiser

In an effort to raise funds to help with repairs to the baseball field and purchase new equipment, Coach Rudy Garbalosa gave his team a real workout in January by having them play 100 innings in eight hours. He asked the 27 returning team members to supply 20 names and addresses of people to whom they would send personal solicitation letters. The team brought in nearly 800 people to pledge a donation to the baseball program. In addition, the general campus community was asked to sponsor a player at $35 per person donation for the 100 innings. The event, which raised more than $17,000 for the baseball team, also served as a team-building experience that strengthened morale. The money was put to good use immediately with the purchase of heavy-weight team jackets in anticipation of cold weather at a tournament in Tennessee in February. Senior Brandon Mann of New York, N.Y., appealed to his grandfather for funds. We found his plea to be so honest and amusing that we decided to print it in this issue of LynnSights.

Dear Grandma,

I am not going to lie this time. I need money. Anything will do. You can cheer as loud as you can. You can talk to me during the games. I love you. You are the greatest. Thanks for everything.

James Taylor

Lynn mourns the loss of tennis standout

Lynn University was deeply saddened by the death of Aivarus Balzekas, a standout member of the university’s tennis team. A native of Vilnius, Lithuania, Balzekas died Oct. 10, 2005, from injuries he sustained in a car accident two days prior.

In his first season with the Fighting Knights, Balzekas had control of the No. 1 singles’ position in the men’s tennis lineup. The 23-year old posted a 13-6 overall record and 3-2 SSC record. For his efforts, he earned All-SSC First Team and ITA All-American honors, becoming the 13th men’s player to do so in Lynn tennis history.

The university held a memorial service on Nov. 16, 2005, with members of the tennis teams and many Lynn University faculty, staff, fans and supporters in attendance. Balzekas’ parents traveled from Lithuania to be present at the service. Tennis athletes spoke in memory of Balzekas and presented his family with flowers, the Lithuanian flag, memory cards and wristbands, as well as a plaque honoring their son.

During the service, the Lithuanian national anthem was played and the new bench overlooking court #1 of the tennis complex was dedicated in Balzekas’ memory.

On the Internet site, Facebook (http://www.aivarusbalzekas.com), friends and family from all over the world have a place to remember Balzekas with photos, information and articles about his tennis career, as well as a forum for written messages and sharing thoughts.

Aivarus Balzekas
Memory Lane

Chris Papandreou, Shannon Viard and Vincent Vesce were among the more than 100 Lynn graduates from 1970-2004 who gathered at the trendy Providence in New York City for an alumni reception hosted by Lynn University's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. The event was part of Lynn on the Road, a series of cocktail receptions hosted around the country to keep alumni connected with each other. In addition to Lynn grads, the event attracted alums from Marymount College and College of Boca Raton, which both became known as Lynn University in 1991.

Belle of the Ball

Juliet Gerber-Voss, a junior majoring in communications with a concentration in advertising and public relations, was selected as one of the 2005 National Debutantes and was present at one of Washington, D.C.'s most prestigious events, the National Debutante Ball and Cotillion. This event was attended by ambassadors, and parties were also hosted at the Washington Club and the Australian Embassy. Military escorts were from West Point, The Citadel, United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy and the United States Coast Guard Academy. Cadet Second Class Daniel Beaudoin of the U.S. Air Force Academy (pictured) was Gerber-Voss's escort. The debutantes were sponsored and selected nationwide.

Executive course

David Gerrits chair of Lynn's 14th Annual Frank A. Robino Jr. Golf Classic, along with Lynn University's women's and men's golf teams, presented Donald and Helen Ross with two putters and one dozen custom golf balls marked "35" for their 35 years of vision and leadership. The gesture was a token of appreciation ahead of the Rosses' retirement as president and first lady of Lynn in July 2006. The tournament this year raised nearly $72,000 for athletic scholarships. Pictured left to right: Keir McNicoll, Hoyt McGarity, Donald Ross, David Gerrits, and Liz Whitehouse.

Plan for giving

Michael H. James has been named director of gift planning at Lynn University. He has 35 years' experience in hospital and university development and for the past 20 years, organized successful planned giving programs at Eastern Michigan University Foundation, Ypsilanti, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac and St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, Mich. He has completed specialized training in family wealth counseling and legacy planning, and helped found the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeaster Michigan and Leave a Legacy of Southeastern Michigan. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science from the University of Detroit. James and his wife, Diana, reside in Delray Beach.

At your service

Each year the Florida Restaurant Association Educational Foundation presents its Post-Secondary Hospitality Excellence Award to the most outstanding student from each of Florida's hospitality education programs. The 2006 award was given to Rich Pescatore (left), a senior in the College of Hospitality Management. Rich maintains a 3.75 GPA and will be pursuing an MBA at Lynn University this spring. He is pictured here being congratulated by Dr. James Downey, associate dean of the College of Hospitality Management.

Going, going, gone

Roxanna Trinka, president and CEO of Baseline Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. in Boca Raton, enthusiastically cast her bid on one of the more than 201 items at Lynn's Blue & White Auction that raised nearly $46,000 for athletic programming, field upkeep and equipment.

Into the air

Patrick Goss and Capt. Doug Veerman in Lynn's Burt (USAF) $61,000 each. The Force (USAF) upon graduation, attend pilot training at School of Aeronautics, the USAF last summer.
Into the wild blue yonder

Patrick Godfrey (right), pictured here being sworn in by Capt. Doug Vertrano, USAF, and Brian Collins, both students in Lynn's Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics, received Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) scholarships in the amount of $61,000 each. The pair contracted with the United States Air Force (USAF) and will be commissioned as second lieutenants upon graduation from Lynn University. Both are hoping to attend pilot training and later to fly USAF fighters. They join School of Aeronautics senior Mark Smith who contracted with the USAF last year and attended AFROTC field training this summer.

Making a difference

Helen Ross (right) was recently selected as Soroptimist of Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach's first-ever nominee for Soroptimist International's Making a Difference for Women Award. She is acknowledged for her lifelong involvement in education—establishing her high school's (Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.) first alumni chapter in Delaware; developing the master plan for New York Institute of Technology's campus in Long Island; co-founding, along with husband Donald, Wilmington College (Del.) and partnering with him to turn struggling Marymount College in Boca Raton into the thriving, dynamic, international university that Lynn is today. In 1978 Helen Ross founded Pinetree Camps to accommodate the children of Lynn faculty and staff. The camp started with 26 children and has grown to attract more than 3,000 to the Lynn campus each summer for its innovative programming. The Rosses established Dorado Academy in Puerto Rico in 1973 and in 1980 they founded American College Dublin in Ireland. Helen Ross is pictured here with Mary Perper, a long-standing supporter of Lynn University who garnered the Soroptimist Lifetime Achievement Award, and son Kevin Ross, COO of Lynn University.

Who's Lynn?

He is Kevin Wilkins is on track to graduate in 2006, but he's not waiting any time paving his way to a successful future. With support from the professors at Lynn University's Hammisian Center for Career Development and Internships, Kevin this month finishes a semester-long internships with the Presidential Personnel Office in Washington, D.C.

Kevin, a communications major and U.S. Marine, hopes to parlay his experience as a full-fledged staffer in the West Wing into a future career in politics, after pursuing a graduate degree in political science.

Competitive. A cut above. Forward-thinking. That's Kevin Wilkins, and that's Lynn University.
Lynn's Helping Hands

Lynn staff, faculty and deans volunteer their time as members of various community boards of directors.

RICHARD COHEN, professor in Lynn's Ross College of Education, serves on the board of the Unicorn Foundation that supports education and research for children with learning and communication disorders. He also serves on the board of the Florida Resource Center for Seniors and Families.

JOHN GALLO, vice president for endowment, serves on the boards of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, including its Golden Bell Foundation that provides grants for reading and math programs for public schools; Sunrise Rotary that raises funds for needed community projects; and the board of governors of West Boca Medical Center.

GREG MALFITANO, senior vice president for administration, serves on the board of the 100 Club, which offers financial support to members of the fire, police and sheriff departments who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, as well helping their families in time of need.

CHRISTINE CHILDERS, director of Lynn’s Hannifan Center for Career Development and Internships, serves on the advisory board of Gumbo Limbo, the environmental complex in Boca Raton that provides visitors a chance to walk along a tropical hardwood hammock boardwalk on the Intracoastal Waterway, view local marine life such as sea turtles and fish in saltwater and fresh water tanks, and learn about South Florida’s ecology through classes and field trips.

JOEY SHERLO, director of community relations, serves on the board of LEAH (League for Educational Awareness of the Holocaust), which, in keeping with Florida legislation for Holocaust and Character Education in the public schools, provides funding for teacher training, books, audiovisual and other educational resources toward helping to eliminate prejudice and hatred among our children.

EVELYN NELSON, executive director of student administrative services, serves on the advisory board for the South Florida Summerbridge Program at St. Andrews School in Boca Raton. This program, geared toward economically disadvantaged middle school students from local public schools, offers free year-round enrichment experiences that enhance and develop the skills needed to enter competitive college preparatory environments.

GORDON LEVY, intern­ship coordinator, serves on the Village of Palm Springs Beautification board that oversees and approves new construction/renovation landscape plans.

LAURIE LEVENE, vice president for business and finance, has served on the board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Florida for the past eight years, and is now its chair. The non-profit organization, which grants wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses in nine counties in South Florida, fulfills nearly 500 wishes per year.

For a complete list of all Lynn events, please visit our Web site, www.lynn.edu., and click on University Events.

LYNN HAPPENINGS

APRIL 15, SATURDAY
Men’s baseball teams up against Saint Leo in an SSC double-header, 12 p.m., on campus. Call 561-237-7281.

APRIL 19, FRIDAY
Bank of America presents the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Alberto-George Schram, 7:30 p.m., Spanish River Church in Boca Raton. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 22, SATURDAY
Men’s baseball plays Tampa in an SSC double-header, 12 p.m., on campus. Call 561-237-7281.

APRIL 25, TUESDAY
Conservatory of Music Student Recitals features Valentin Mansurov on violin at 3:30 p.m. and Simona Armbruster on piano at 7:30 p.m., on campus. Free. Reservations required. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 26, WEDNESDAY

Student Athlete Recognition Banquet inducts three Hall of Fame members and honors student-athletes for their academic and athletic achievements, 6 p.m., Boca Raton Marriott, Town Center. Tickets: $30. Call 561-237-7602.

APRIL 28, FRIDAY
Women’s softball plays Rollins, 1 p.m., on campus. Call 561-237-7281.

MAY 4, THURSDAY
The Dean’s Showcase presents various solo and chamber works performed by the Conservatory of Music’s finest student musicians, 7:30 p.m., on campus. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

MAY 7, SUNDAY
Student musicians salute the graduating Class of 2006 with a final serenade to patrons and those who have supported their pursuit of musical mastery, 4 p.m., on campus. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

MAY 10, WEDNESDAY
Commencement ceremony for students obtaining their master’s and doctorate degrees, 6:30 p.m. de Hoernle Center on campus.

MAY 12, FRIDAY

MAY 13, SATURDAY
Commencement ceremony for the undergraduate Class of 2006, 10 a.m., on campus.

MAY 20, SATURDAY
Jim & Bette Cumpton present pre-college student musicians competing for cash prizes and an opportunity to appear as soloist with the Lynn Philharmonia Orchestra, 2 p.m., on campus. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.