LEVINE COMES TO LYNN!

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LYNN WELCOMES IRVING R. LEVINE

After nearly half a century with NBC News, Chief Economics Correspondent Irving R. Levine retired on Nov. 1, 1995. Far from shedding his signature, how did he settle quietly into his golden years, Mr. Levine has accepted a new challenge — as dean of Lynn University’s growing School of International Studies and holder of the Chair in Public Policy. The University Community officially welcomed him during a press conference held Nov. 17.

“We are delighted that Mr. Levine is coming to Lynn University,” said President Don Ross. “Our students, in particular, are very excited about the opportunity to benefit from the vast experience and global outlook of such a prominent international figure.”

With a television broadcasting career that spans the globe, Mr. Levine is well equipped to help expand and shape our International Studies curriculum. Lynn currently offers undergraduate programs in international business, international relations and international communications, as well as a graduate program in international management.

LEVINE RESPONDS: Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

Q. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO COME TO LYNN UNIVERSITY?
A. Lynn is a leader in a vital arena — preparing students for citizenship and leadership in a global community. It is a model of where educational institutions must lead in the 21st century, and proof that some of the most important work in academia today is being done at smaller universities. I am particularly impressed with Lynn’s commitment to international education, the international composition of the student body (currently 33 states and 70 nations), and the fact that deans and professors teach in the classrooms. In short, Lynn’s focus is well suited to my background and I believe I can make a real contribution here.

Q. HOW DID YOU FIRST LEARN ABOUT LYNN UNIVERSITY?
A. It was a serendipitous meeting in 1991. I was a passenger aboard a ship on which a Lynn-sponsored group was traveling on an educational cruise to Russia and Scandinavia. I was intrigued by what I learned of Lynn on that trip and impressed with the University’s administration. Since then I have visited the campus regularly and spoken on several occasions. Most recently, I spoke at the economic symposium held in Ireland that was sponsored by the University and American College Dublin, Lynn’s campus in Ireland.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS THE HOLDER OF THE CHAIR IN PUBLIC POLICY?
A. I will be bridging the academic world with those of business and government. Entrepreneurship is central to Lynn University’s success. As chairholder, I will teach classes, present public programs, and pursue activities that foster academic exchange on this basic principle: encouraging strong, healthy business enterprises.

Q. WHEN DO YOU START?
A. Because I have a number of speaking engagements left on my calendar, I’ll be easing into my new position gradually. I will be on campus as needed during the spring ’96 semester, and should be taking on a fuller schedule with the start of the 1996-97 academic year.
ASSAFS HONORED AT DEDICATION OF SENSORMATIC WING

The afternoon of Nov. 15 was brisk and clear — providing the perfect atmosphere to dedicate the Sensormatic Wing of the Assaf Academic Center. Nearly 150 members of the Lynn University Community came together to honor Ron Assaf, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sensormatic Electronics Corp., his wife Kathy, and their company.

Robert Vanourek, who recently moved to Boca Raton as Sensormatic’s new President and Chief Operating Officer, spoke at the event. Observing that good leadership entails serving, he remarked that true leaders care more about their followers than their visibility.

“With a proud history of 30 years as a leader in the community and the founder of a new industry, Sensormatic has proven itself to be a good servant of the people it has chosen to lead,” said Mr. Vanourek. He described Ron and Kathy as people who “genuinely give from their heart and soul whatever they have — they are constantly doing something for someone else.”

Students, faculty, staff and friends of Lynn University came together to dedicate the Sensormatic Wing of the Assaf Academic Center.

Above: Sensormatic’s new President and Chief Operating Officer Robert Vanourek with Countess Henrietta de Henschel and Kathy Assaf

Left: Ron and Kathy Assaf with Helen and Don Foss

Referring to Lynn University as “the miracle on Military Trail,” Boca Raton Mayor Carol Hanam said, “You certainly have come a long way.”

Lynn Library Dedication Slated for February 1

The long-anticipated event is at hand! On Feb. 1, the Lynn University Community will gather to dedicate the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library. The new 59,000-sq.-ft. library will house a growing collection of up to 200,000 volumes and will accommodate powerful electronic information retrieval technologies for the 21st century. A special feature of the new library is an after-hours study lounge provided for students through the kindness of Harold and Mary Perper.
DIVELY FOUNDATION
ENDOWS VISITING PROFESSORSHIP AT LYNN

The Geo. S. Dively Foundation has established an endowment to fund the George S. Dively Visiting Professorship at Lynn University. Foundation Chairman Michael Dively (son of the late George Dively) announced the endowment on Oct. 13, 1995, during the opening of Lynn’s 1995-96 Frontiers in Globalization luncheon lecture series.

According to Michael Dively, the Foundation chose to fund the visiting professorship at Lynn University for several reasons: George Dively’s love of Boca Raton, his interest in higher education, his belief in the importance of a global perspective, and his admiration of long-range planning.

“My dad would like President Ross and would be impressed with the capacity Lynn University has for envisioning its future and translating that vision into action,” said Michael Dively. He voiced his expectations that the Dively Visiting Professorship would provide “a wonderful opportunity for students — as well as the community — to interact with international business and political leaders.”

Each year, a prominent international figure will be chosen as the Dively Visiting Professor. In addition to speaking at the Frontiers series, the Visiting Professor will share experiences with Lynn University faculty and students.

The Professorship is named for George S. Dively, a businessman and electrical engineer who built Harris Corp. of Melbourne, Fla., into a multi-billion dollar electronics and communications company. Our thanks go out to Michael Dively and Juliette Dively for believing in Lynn University.

FIRST DIVELY PROFESSOR OPENS FRONTIERS SERIES

Irish political leader Ruairi Quinn, Dublin’s Minister of Finance, spoke at the Oct. 13 Frontiers luncheon as the first Dively Visiting Professor.

Mr. Quinn reviewed recent developments in the European Union (EU), providing a brief history of its evolution as well as a glimpse of its potential future. Describing the EU as currently comprising 15 member states and 373 million people, he projected that it would have 20 members and a single currency by the year 2010.

Among the issues he raised, Mr. Quinn pointed to nationalism as the greatest challenge facing the EU and the world. Observing that global governments must deal both with diversity and the human need for national identity, he said, “History shows how virulent that conflict can be.”

In closing his remarks, Mr. Quinn commended Lynn University, saying, “An institution such as Lynn University, represented by 70 countries and 35 states, removes ignorance and fear that brought on the kind of civil wars we’ve had in Europe.

As part of his role as the Dively Visiting Professor, Mr. Quinn met and spoke with groups of Lynn students.

Ruairi Quinn (center) receives the honorary doctorate of humane letters from President Ross and Lynn Trustee Roy Osborne.

Education and enlightenment lead to the permanent annihilation of hate, ignorance, fear and violence.”