Students learn about wellness, health at fair

By MATTHEW BERNSTEIN
News Editor

Recognizing wellness as a necessity in one’s life was the theme of the Wellness Fair held Feb. 18. More than 200 students, staff and visitors stopped by the Student Center Auditorium to visit the exhibits.

According to organizer Tina Tucci, a counselor at Lynn, there are six dimensions of wellness: occupational, intellectual, spiritual, social, physical and emotional. "It is important that the different areas become part of your daily life," Tucci said, "because each of these affects each other and determines your over all wellness status."

More than 25 organizations participated including Weight Watchers, Boca Raton Community Hospital, the American Lung Association, and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Staff from Boca Raton Community Hospital offered free blood tests and emphasized the importance of taking blood pressure regularly. According to the nurse who monitored the program high blood pressure is called the silent killer. "These programs were instrumental in stressing the importance of wellness," said Jo Ann Aycock, a Lynn University staff member. "It certainly helps to call attention to what can be achieved by implementing a wellness program."

Personnel from the American Institute of Massage Therapy encouraged the visitors to try a massage at their booth. A professional gave neck rubs to demonstrate how a person can feel better emotionally, physically and socially after having a massage.

Nytricha Smith, a student who attended the Wellness Fair, received a massage and said that she was "impressed by the relaxation" she experienced in her neck muscles. "I was happy with the response from the community and hope for a bigger and better program next year," Tucci said.
**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Lynn loses freshman student in tragic automobile accident**

Shannon Leigh Briggs died in an automobile accident, Feb. 13. She was a 19-year-old freshman from Long Island, New York, who lived on campus in Freiburger Hall.

That night she was driving on Powerline Road when she lost control of the car, flipping it over. She was taken to Delray Medical Center where she passed away. Two passengers in the car survived.

Two services were held: one in New York and the other at Lynn. "Shannon's death was a very tragic accident," said Associate Dean for Student Services Jim Hundrieser. "We will miss her energetic smile and warm personality."

Ms. Briggs had many friends at Lynn. "I will always remember her smile," sophomore Jackie Helm said. Ms. Briggs is survived by her mother, her father, a brother and a sister.

**Lyths receive Rotary award**

By SHELBIE CASEY  
Feature Editor

Because of their philanthropic leadership in the Boca Raton community, Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn were presented the first Opal Award, Jan. 16. The Rotary Club honored the Lynn's for their outstanding leadership, generosity, and commitment to servicing others.

LUTF taped the event and helped the Rotary Club produce a video for the evening's ceremony.

Aline Kokis works on the yearbook. Photo by Monique Chong

Kokis is finalist for Florida College Student of the Year

Aline Kokis, junior was named one of 13 honorable mention winners for the Florida College Student of the Year Award. Selections were based on campus activities, academic achievements, and community service.

Kokis maintains a 4.0 AGPA and is a member of Lynn Student Admissions Ambassadors, yearbook staffer, Resident Assistant, vice president of the Multicultural Club and president of the Hospitality Club.

**HELPING HANDS**

Three collegiates assist in clean up after Central Florida tornado disaster

By SCOTT ALBANO  
Special to The Pulse

Disaster strikes when least expected and often causes drastic changes in the lives of many and their loved ones. Central Florida experienced devastating tornados on Feb. 22. In a span of a few minutes, 42 people lost their lives, 70 families lost all their possessions and 480 families suffered damages to their homes.

Three International Communications students traveled to Central Florida. "It was a terrible thing that happened to these families, and I was glad to be able to help in any way I could," sophomore Thomas Fiore said. "These people lost everything and being able to find some of their belongings and giving them hope, makes me feel very good."

More than 1300 relief workers answered phones, cleaned up debris in west Orange and Osceola counties, collected food and clothing, distributed food to the victims and workers, and sorted valuables found at the destruction sites.

People from all over Florida donated money to the Red Cross to help in the disaster relief. The $2 million donated provided 350 families with financial aid or living quarters. Disney and Indi Race League both gave over $100,000. Burger King bought up its kitchen from McDonalds contributed over 1,000 quarters with cheese. The Olive Gareen worked on site with the Red Cross to prepare and serve pasta and meatballs. Zepherhills provided water for both volunteers and victims. With all of these donations, nearly 150,000 meals were distributed. Operation Toy Box, an organization that obtains toys for kids, provided 98,000 for the smallest victims.

The Red Cross also helped people all over the United States with locating family and friends in the areas that lost power and phone lines. "When people affected by a disaster can't contact their family members right away, the families sometimes think the worst has happened," said Rod Hickey, officer of Disaster Welfare Inquiries for the Red Cross. "When we can let them know that their family is okay and will be contacted them, we can actually hear relief in their voices."

This service set at ease 2,400 families from the east to the west coast.

The disaster relief will not be complete until every family is back to normal. "Even though these tornados struck a while back, there is still a lot of work to be done," said freshman Giovanni Velez. "Hopefully people will realize this and help in any way they can."

**Judiciary Board rules on violation of student code**

Qualified students make application to become members

By MATTHEW BERNSTEIN  
News Editor

Judicial Board members sit as a body to hear cases that involve violations of the Lynn University student code.

Some of the frequent violations that the five members rule on include visitation, underage consumption of alcohol and sanitary code violations. The facts leading to a violation are presented to the board to determine whether or not a rule has been broken. If an infraction has occurred, a discipline is given out accordingly.

Some past sanctions include writing a paper on what the student did wrong such as an apology letter, residence hall probation, counseling, and helping Residence Assistants with posters and signs.

The J-Board meets once a week on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Lynn dorm. Only board members, the advisor and the defendant attend. Usually only one or two cases are heard each time, and sometimes none are heard.

Any qualified student may apply to be a member of the Judicial Board. Requirements include being at least a second semester freshman and having an AGPA over 2.5. Any student wishing to become a member may obtain an application from Judicial Coordinator Jason McVay or Matthew Bernstein in Residence Life Office.

Feedback from the students has been positive regarding the Judicial Board. "The board has contributed to a better overall atmosphere at Lynn," McVay said. "We are always looking for more board members."

Current board members include Chairperson Matthew Bernstein, Secretary Glenda Pacheco, and members Andrea Brunetti, Carolyn Grant, Tony Hamner, Katric McMillan, Katy Schull. Alternates are Bianca Sampao and Josh Kelman.

**Families Weekend welcomes parents**

From Page 1 continue with a coffee where the families can meet and talk with Lynn University President, Dr. Donald E. Ross.

Later, at 11 a.m., the Informal Gatherings begin. At this time the deans and their staffs of the College of Education/TAP, School of Hospitality, and School of Business and International Relations will speak with the families and students.

At 12:30 p.m. the Fashion Show and Luncheon take place in the Green Center presented by the fashion major students "We have worked really hard on this, and I am really looking forward to watching it all unfold," said sophomore Sari Neuer, a fashion major and member of the promotions committee for the show.

Sunday morning families are invited to a Liturgy in Langden Chapel at 10 a.m. Afterwards everyone is invited to a Sunday Brunch, which will close the events of Families Weekend.

Throughout the three days everyone is welcome to sunbathe or swim in the pool at McCuster Sports Complex and take advantage of the athletic and exercise facilities available on campus.
New facility construction begins in May

By MATT LANGLOIS
Staff Writer

When the doors of the Lynn Library opened for the first time in January of 1996 only two floors were completed. The third floor has been considered the mystery floor for two years now. What will it be? When will the third floor be able to be used? These questions can now be answered.

Construction of a new International Communications Center will begin on the third floor of the library in the spring allowing students to gain hands-on experience with the latest technology.

"The new center incorporates academics into real life experience," said Director of Telecommunications Dawn Donnelly. "It enables the students to work with professionals on projects that will help them enter the job market."

Nearly $6 million is the price tag for both construction and the equipment for the communications center. Financing is provided by a challenge grant and additional benefactors. The challenge grant of $1 million was provided by the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn. The grant challenges others to donate money towards the construction of the center.

According to John Gallo, the Vice President of Development, some have already taken that challenge. The Gordon and Mary Henke Foundation have donated $350,000 towards the construction of the communications center.

The new center incorporates academics into real life experience.

Dawn Donnelly, Director

Students anticipate the opening of the center by the fall semester of 1998. "Experience in the field, practical subjects, and a mixture of theory and practice will allow students to give their best in the real world," said Andrea Brunstein, a junior graphic design major.

Adapting to the future needs of communication students, the center will include a film studio, audio room, editing rooms, props, class rooms, a news room, sound booth, multimedia and multiple offices. The center will be used for communication classes, as well as a home for both The Pulse and LUTF.

The center will be completed in three phases. Phase one will begin in May and is scheduled to be completed by September 1998. The construction of the walls, new studio, mobile center, offices, edit room and sound room will take place initially.

Phase two will consist of the 3D graphics, Avid editing suites, multimedia and classroom outfitting. The final phase includes the main studio and the control rooms. The dates have not yet been set for the last two phases of construction.

Communications is essential for success in the business world, and Lynn University is providing students with the hands-on training and knowledge to lead them into the 21st century.

Leaders sail into campus life; learn to work with classmates

April banquet culminates the year's activities

By ALEX FLIPSE
Staff Writer

Students Achieving in Leadership (S.A.I.L.) is a boon to student leaders on campus, according to Associate Dean for Student Services Jim Hundreiser, "You'll learn more about leadership skills," he said, "and it looks good on a resume."

The S.A.I.L. program, which started in 1995, is a year-long program that is divided into two tracks. The first is designed for incoming students without much leadership experience and starts with the Emerging Leaders Retreat. Here they learn about leadership possibilities at the university, and participate in developmental games.

"I was glad to participate because it allowed me to meet new people," freshman Lindsay Harris said. "The speakers came and talked about the activities on campus. I was glad to learn about them."

The second track is for established campus leaders and starts in the fall with Executive Board Training, where students learn meeting procedures and organizational skills.

Each semester includes four planned meetings which are free to the students accepted into the program.

Katherine Schull is involved in the the radio station, J-Board and a sorority. "I really liked the overnight retreat because of the group activities," the sophomore said, "especially the Have and Have Nots game." More than 30 students attended the event.

Culminating the year's activities is the Leadership Banquet. Students who have attended at least three of the four retreats during the semester will receive a certificate at the event and will be eligible to be on the S.A.I.L. planning committee for the next year.
Take part in college activities; run for office, attend sports

Are you bored? Can't find anything to do? There is no better time than now to get involved!

With the elections for student government right around the corner and all the sports events Lynn has to offer, there is no reason to have nothing to do.

Student Government elections will be held in April. Two regular elections are held every academic year. Candidates running for a position in Student Government must go through an application process before being placed onto the ballot. This is a way to become involved and create changes that you feel are necessary. If running for office is not your thing, then turn to the sports teams for excitement.

Lynn sports program has been expanding by adding new sports such as volleyball and softball, as well as being a top school for such sports as basketball and soccer for both men and women. Watching the Lynn sports not only shows your school spirit but also builds the moral of the team.

So the next time you think you have nothing to do, consider what the school provides you for free. Make your years at Lynn the best years of your life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spend college time intelligently; party wisely

Dear Editor:

Last week I was having lunch in the cafeteria when I overheard two students talking about their previous night when they went to a nightclub here in Boca.

One was saying to the other: "Oh, my God, I was so trashed, I can’t remember anything." The other friend was laughing, saying that he had five shots of tequila and two of vodka and then puked three times.

It was a weird conversation. It seemed as if they were in a contest to show who drank more and finally survived on their way back home.

I know that college time is a great opportunity to meet new people, get involved in campus activities and be open-minded. However, I believe that being open-minded doesn’t mean being aloof from reality, to experiment with drugs and alcohol just because it is college. In fact, I’ve seen a lot of students thinking this way: "I am drinking because everybody else is drinking; otherwise, I wouldn’t drink." Where are people’s individual personalities and opinions? Is that idea of ‘going with the flow’ cool and authentic?

The choice is here for everybody and it is up to us to discern between what we think is good or harmful during four years of college. Why would anyone want to repeat this experience of being trashed, not remembering the evening and puking three times? With the opportunity to study and live away from home, more than ever we need to be responsible for our behavior. Let’s make the most of these four years of college. This is a positive and constructive time in our lives.

Andrea Brunstein
Senior, Graphic Arts Major

Unseen art exhibit

Dear Editor,

I am a student here at Lynn and I am really interested in the art gallery inside the Green Building. I read about it in last month’s edition of The Pulse and wanted to see it but I couldn’t because it was locked. I was just wondering why you have this exhibit if we are not able to enjoy it?

Tanya Cambio
Senior, Communications Major

Editor’s Note: According to Tom Heffeman, the north door should be open. The south door which has an alarm will not be open for security reasons.

Breakfast Club serves more than eggs!

Presidents of all the organizations on campus meet each month for the President’s Breakfast Club to talk about what is happening in each group. We discuss past programs as well as future ones.

Kristen Morez started the meetings during the 1996-97 school year, and we decided to continue them. These formal meetings are held every third Monday of the month in the Christian Room.

At each meeting we have a guest speaker, usually someone from inside the campus. In the past President Donald Ross spoke about the campus and what was going on in the President’s Council. Vice President for Administration and Student Services, Greg Malfijano, has attended several meetings to discuss future plans for the university.

Other officials who have come to the Breakfast Club include Dean of Administration, Tom Heffeman discussing improvements on campus; Director of Career Development, Louise Sumbermeier, speaking about career placement; and Director of Resident Life, Todd Maxey, explaining the new changes within the residence halls.

Last month I took a new approach in conducting the meetings. Because of the suggestions of the other presidents, we decided not to have a guest speaker but to use that time to discuss problems within each organization and what we can do to solve them. This idea went over very well mainly because students were not intimidated by the presence of the faculty members who usually attend.

Breakfast Club is an informational meeting open to all the presidents and chairpeople. Because of these meetings, the leaders can return to their organizations and discuss what is happening with other organizations as well as other programs on the Lynn campus.

If your group is not represented, please call me at 997-5507, ext. 316 to make arrangements to attend the last meeting of the year.

Lori Brunner
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Many cultures perform for Multicultural Week

By NICOLE JARDIN
Staff Writer

Flamenco, Cuban, African, and Irish professional dance and musical groups filled the campus with their unique colors and sounds during Multi-Cultural Week, March 10-13. The week’s events began with the energetic Flamenco dancers on Tuesday and culminated with International Day on Friday, when many international students presented and exposed other students to their cultures and countries.

On Tuesday evening, the international students hosted their own version of Jeopardy; The Brain Drain. “The questions were really hard, but everyone had fun and the European Block won in the end,” said Deanna Canesko, Vice President of The Multi-Cultural Club.

“Even though the questions were really difficult, we were all laughing and having a really good time,” said Mariuche Harth, a sophomore from Brazil, who participated.

On Wednesday, a Cuban and African dance group entertained the students during lunch. “The whole performance was very colorful,” said Stuart Koslofski, a freshman majoring in International Business. “The dance was well choreographed and the dancers were energetic and full of life.”

“The performance definitely showed the African influence in Cuba,” said Lindsay Harris, a freshman majoring in International Relations.

During lunch, Afro-Cuban dancers perform in the Student Center Auditorium. Photos by Monique Chong

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Spring breakers invade Bahamas

By LORI BRUNNER
Staff Writer

Where does a student from Florida go for spring break? Some stay at school and hit the beach, some travel to Florida and some hit the Bahamas.

In March, Student Activities coordinated a trip to the Bahamas for eight students which included airfare, hotel accommodations for seven nights, 14 meals, and transportation to and from the hotel.

“The best parts of the trip were the beaches, club scene atmosphere, and the casinos,” said senior Josh Meitin. World Wide Class Travel, a Boston travel agency, provided free admissions to all the hot night spots and planned day activities for everyone in the group.

The travelers stayed at the Colony Club Resort in Nassau and spent their first night out at the Rock and Roll Cafe. Since one of the managers of this club was a graduate of Lynn University, additional benefits were given to the eight students.

Most of the days were spent on the beaches of Nassau and Paradise Island. Students sunned themselves all day and danced all night.

During Spring Break, Shanna Sgrignvoli, and Emily Zizzi catch some rays on the beach at Cocktails and Dreams in downtown Nassau.

Photo by Stephanie Carulli

During International Day, students visit booth of different countries.

Knights soon to star in first Planet Music

By NATALIE SMITH
Staff Writer

“This is a new innovative music program that is hoping to fill the gap that other programs don’t fill,” said newly-hired veejay Brenton Le-Grand of the upcoming Planet Music station.

The MTV-like program will feature five, one-hour shows a week, including Pop, Dance, Alternative, Hip Hop/Rap, and Country. They will begin to air this summer statewide and, in approximately 18 months, will be broadcast from satellites internationally to a projected half billion radio receivers.

Two of the five paid veejays chosen to host shows were Lynn students: Brenton Le-Grand and Sean “Buzz” Gilhooley. The others are local radio personalities Jason Davis from 103.1 “The BUZZ” and Cindy (no last name) from 103.3 “The Planet.”

Brenton, from Sydney, Australia will host the Top 40 Countdown and Pop Hits on his show tentatively titled, “Fusion.”

“IT’s going to be a lot of feel good music,” said Brenton. Buzz, from Connecticut will travel from club to club to host a dance segment. Both are juniors majoring in International Communications.

Planet Music and Entertainment Inc., based in Jupiter, is producing this venture. Personnel will be working with the producer of the Look Who’s Talking movies.

“I’m excited to have a chance to be a part of something that could be huge, limitless,” Gilhooley said. “We’re looking forward to rocking it. I just hope we don’t suck.”
Aeronautics majors use new flight simulator

Aviation Management program becomes Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics

By SHELBIE CASEY
Feature Editor

The Burton D. Morgan Foundation has presented Lynn University with a gift up to one million dollars. The gift will be used in stages during the next four years to provide Lynn’s aviation program with the most thorough and innovative equipment.

“Lynn University’s goal is to expand and strengthen the existing Aviation Management program to become a world-class aeronautics school. The Burton D. Morgan Foundation gift will enable Lynn to achieve that goal,” Dr. Ross said.

The first addition is a high-tech aeronautic simulator, also known as a “Virtual pilot” was unveiled on Feb. 17. Students are already using the simulator to gain experience.

“The simulator is like flying a single engine airplane. It’s very accurate and the graphics are great,” said aviation student, Aldo Torre. “You can change the settings so you can experience flying in lightning storms, rain, and strong winds.”

In recognition of the donation, the Aviation Management program has been named The Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics. Students have already been using the simulator to further their knowledge about aviation.

Seminar explains Lynn procedures to transfers

More than 70 students enroll in Boca College from other institutions

By SHELBIE CASEY
Feature Editor

More than 800 students registered for spring classes during orientation. Many students transferred from different countries as well as other parts of the United States. All new transfer students entering Lynn are required to complete a seminar designed to orient them to their new university.

During the one-week program, students learn about the specific policies, procedures, programs and services available at Lynn. “I live in the dorms and I learned all of the policies that you wouldn’t know unless someone told you,” said Fabiola Almerini, who transferred from Miami Dade.

Campus safety and security was discussed in the first of five, 30-minute seminars. Dean of Students Paul Turner discussed the drug and alcohol policy, security and safety including visiting hours, returning to campus after 3 a.m. with a LU identification card and the “Safe Ride” program for student who need a ride back to the campus for any reason.

On day two, students toured the library to learn the technology and resources available. Information concerning counseling, the health center, financial aid and career counseling was presented on the third day.

“The best thing that helped me was knowing who to go to for help with classes,” said Jose Arana, who transferred form the University of Miami. “I went to the academic advising center after learning what it was about.”

On the fourth day, Registrar Maria Garcia informed the students about the procedures for drop/add, withdrawals and major schedule changes. Other school officials spoke about Lynn’s honesty policy, academic counseling, and the CLEP testing and available tours.

On the last day, Associate Dean of Student Services Jim Hundreiser and staff spoke about intramurals, student and Greek organizations.

The seminars helped students to get acquainted with their new school. "Ursula De La Jara, 23, transferred from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. "I think the transfer seminar was very beneficial," she said. "Because of it I feel very comfortable here now."
Road to the Tin Cup
Coach Abrue links young players together to seek future national title

By BEN TUBBS
Sports Editor

Last season Lynn University’s men’s golf team struggled to achieve what goals it had set early on. Finishing 12th in the Sun Coast Conference and failing to advance to the national tournament left supporters and the golf team far from satisfied.

This season Lynn’s three strongest golfers from last season, sophomore and South African native Wicus Potgieter, senior Scott Simmons and enior Steven Burns, are returning in full swing.

In the first tournament of the 1998 season, the Emerald Coast Collegiate at the Moors Golf Club in Milton Florida, the Knights struggled finishing 15th out of 18 teams and shooting a team average of 631 strokes.

“The guys and I basically haven’t played since September/October, and it’s going to take some time, this was a little wake-up call,” said individual average leader (76.0) Wicus Potgieter after the loss. “It’s not the end of the world.”

He also said that the golf team is young consisting of four freshmen and himself, a sophomore.

This year is, in many ways, a building year and that next year Lynn will be in contention for the national championship.

Eric Abrue has been a head coach at Lynn for 13 years, the first seven as the head coach of soccer and the last six as the coach of golf. He has also recently won the NAIA Coach of the Year award.

“ar are a very talented team,” said Coach Abrue about his team. He then went on to say, “But they are not playing to the level of their expectation.”

March 9-10 the men had their second match of the year, the Northwood Invitational at the West Palm Beach Country Club in West Palm Beach Florida. The Knights moved up a notch finishing sixth out of 16 teams and pulled it together with a team average of 615 strokes, 15 strokes better than their previous tournament. The men’s golf team expects to reach the south regional finals, and if not this year then next year to compete in the national tournament.

Softball gains new coach, begins season

By CARLOS LABRADOR
Special to The Pulse

The Lynn women’s softball team got the coach it was looking for only two days before the inaugural game. Lindy Binns was chosen because of her strong coaching background and recommendations.

“She is a great person and is also willing to give us extra help,” said player Kimberly Gardner.

The team consists of two seniors, one sophomore, and the rest freshmen. Natasha Mathis is majoring in sports management and has played softball for 15 years. The freshman began playing in Mississippi, and in high school, she was a four-year varsity player. During the summers she played on traveling tournament teams.

Mathis says Lynn is a “great university. Not only do the teachers work with the students individually, but you are known as a person not a number,” she said. Hitting is her weak point, and to improve, she is practicing and concentrating on the major points of hitting.

Freshman Kimberly Gardner, from Miami, says that good time-management is important and one has to love what she is doing and stay focused. Her goal with softball is to work hard and improve her throwing.

Some of the tougher games have been against Florida Southern and Saint Leo. Upcoming games are with Clearwater, Eckard, Rollins, Barry, and Tampa.

Sports fans, where have you all gone?

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aspect of these highly impressive athletic achievements is that not many students know about them.

Given these example in Lynn recent successful athletic achievements lead me to ask this bold question to Lynn University executives and students: Where are the fans?

I have been to the majority of the men’s basketball home games, as well as many soccer and baseball events, along with my bleacher-creature companion Mike Stren, better known as Big Worm in most circles, and it seems that fan support is minimal to say the least.

On more than one occasion the other team’s fans and/or players have out cheered Lynn supporters during moments of the game and it is embarrassing to the very limited true fans of this school.

I do not have an answer to this question, but I do have a few suggestions to possibly increase student involvement.

Lynn needs to think bigger to attract our stereotypical student. Advertising - we need more of it. I can’t remember how many times I have said to a friend, “Are you going to the game tonight?” and the average response is, “There’s a game today?” - meaning the message is not getting sent.

(Listen-Sender-Receiver).

The radio station, for example, needs to be utilized in its entirety. It’s school funded and therefore it must be free. Announce the games and events on air, play the station at lunch the most popular meal of the day, and start playing it outside.

The primary reason for lack of support is that students are ill informed. Also start putting up eye-catching posters and bulletins. Cover two big sources of media information on this campus: radio and flyers.

If students don’t want to come to watch, then start having more promotions and/or half-time entertainment. Three-point contests or soccer shoot-out prizes given out would fill a few more seats.

For example, Midnight Madness with the three-point shot for a trip to the Bahamas, and the last regular season home game of the year with the free pizza and soda night, drew more fans into the gym than I have ever seen in there for the entire collegiate year.

With a small school of under 1,700 enrollment, it is easy to understand the lack of support among students, but it is indeed hard to accept. Lynn is a young university. Sports are especially helping this university gain acceptance and recognition. On behalf of most supporters I say, Lynn athletics, keep doing what you’re doing - WINNING.
Tennis teams travel during Spring Break

By BRENTON LE-GRAND
Staff Writer

While most students were on spring break, many of the Lynn University athletes were required to stay on campus for competitions. These athletics included basketball, baseball and tennis.

Currently the women's tennis team is ranked number one nationally, and they have an 8-0 record. The men's team is fourth nationally, and has a record of 5-2. Both teams are gearing up for the upcoming regional and national tournaments.

On March 5-8 the tennis teams traveled to Jacksonville and Savannah, Georgia competing in dual-team matches. Both men's and women's teams were unbeaten which increased their hopes for a national championship this season.

The first match for the men's team was Northwood University, a top-ranked team from Michigan. Lynn won, 6-3 after three hours of playing. "Jordan Huffer really came up big today," said Michael Perez, head tennis coach. Huffer, who needed to win his singles to put the match out of reach, rallied to defeat his opponent 6-3 and 7-6. This win put the team to five points which automatically clinches the win.

"Different people have to step up at different times," said Perez who has coached Lynn since the start of the tennis program. This is his tenth year as the head coach, and he is in charge of both the men's and women's teams.

The second match for the men, and only match for the women, were against Ferris State University, Michigan. The women's team won convincingly with a 5-0 win, while the men had to battle it out until the final match coming back to win, 5-4.

The men's winners included No. 1 singles Fabio Massetta, No. 2 doubles Troy Stone and Jordan Huffer.

"It was a good win for the team," Masserta said. "We have proved that we have a lot of pride." Massetta is an experienced player from Switzerland who has only lost once this whole season April 3, the men's team takes on Barry University at home. Barry is ranked number two nationally, and this match is a definite measuring stick for the Knights. If they can win this match they will automatically receive a bid into the National Tournament.

Speed skater Bonnie Blair continues Olympic work

By MEGAN AUSTRUP
Special to The Pulse

Former U.S. Olympic speed skater, Bonnie Blair, continues to be a forceful voice for women's speed skating.

At age 2, Blair was on skates, and by the age of 16 she was competing internationally. She is considered one of the top 10 Winter Olympic athletes of all time and has won more Olympic gold medals than any other American woman.

During the XVIII Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, Blair's involvement with the games went beyond just speed skating.

She worked closely with the U.S. Olympic Committee on the Athletes Support Committee, a program that helps athletes apply for money to meet training, travel and equipment expenses.

"Having financial support relieves the stress of the athlete," Blair said. Some of her time was also spent with the Uniform Committee deciding the attire for the athletes while participating in the Olympics.

In addition, Blair was one of five athletes to represent the skaters on the Board of Directors. "Being a member of the Board for Speed Skating America gives me a chance to make sure speed skating is going in the right direction," she said.

Through the U.S. Olympic Committee and her celebrity status, she has sponsorship deals with companies such as AT&T, Xerox and Visa. Many sponsors are Olympic Committee orientated that work closely with the athletes and organizers which gives Blair a chance to build a strong relationship with the sponsors.

"I think it is very important because if it weren't for corporate America, athletes wouldn't be where they are," Blair said.

Funding for most athletes in the games comes from their country's government. That is why Blair says it is important to keep the athlete's ties close to sponsorship because of their contribution to the games.

Blair's Olympic career spanned a decade (1984-94) when she dominated women's speed skating. With her third consecutive gold in the 500 meter in Lillehammer, Blair became the first American to win three consecutive gold medals in any Winter Olympic event. She also won the 1,000 meter in Lillehammer and entered the 1,500 meter where she came in fourth place.

Where have all the sports fans gone?

Lynn University sports have provided great action, drama and success in the short time I have been a student at this institution. The jump to NCAA division II from the NAIA division last year was a large step for the athletic program as well as for the over-all exposure for this University.

Lynn won 11 national championships while still in the NAIA and has currently won two national championships: women's golf and women's tennis. Several Lynn coaches have been selected as "coach of the year" in the NAIA division including women's soccer coach Jim Blankenship, men's soccer coach Shaun Pendleton, women's golf coach Gregg Cox, women's tennis coach Mike Perez and Eric de Abreu men's golf coach.

At the beginning of the 1997-98 season, the men's basketball team were ranked second in NCAA division II, in the fall issue of Street and Smith's College Basketball Preview. At the end of this season the men's team finished in the "Sweet 16" after a great (22-7) season in NCAA division II tournament.

Head coach Jeff Price passed the 100-win mark during the away game against Saint Leo in his fifth season at Lynn. This great achievement was helped by Coach Price's 22-wins-a-season average.

Lynn's soccer teams had a great fall with the men finishing ranked second in the NCAA division II tournament finals and the women finishing third. We have two national champion teams at Lynn: women's soccer and women's golf. The upsetting See Sports Fans on Page 7