BSU lists activities in February

- Movies, speakers, multicultural dinner, beach clean up, party fill month

By DAVID GILL
Staff Writer

To celebrate Black History Month, the members of the Black Student Union have planned a list of events for all students throughout February.

"In America, Black History is only recognized during this month, although we realize that blacks contributed more than can possibly be learned within so short of a period of time," said BSU President Nytricha Smith.

The activities begin on Feb. 1 with a movie, The Wood. The following week, students will have the opportunity to hear Bill Nix speak about the differences that blacks can make in the new millennium.

"The power of Black History Month not only focuses on the accomplishments of our ancestors but also on our leaders of today," said freshman Gina Pratt.

The following Thursday, the annual BSU talent show will take place in a location that is to be announced.

Feb. 15, Bob Harris is coming to the campus to deliver the speech: "Killing the Dream: MLK & Civil Rights."

Two days later, students will have the opportunity to participate in the multicultural dinner. The next event held will be a poetry reading, giving students the chance to express their creative abilities and talents.

Finally towards the end of February, BSU will hold a beach clean up and party.

According to fire officials, the damage to the patio on the third of the library was caused by a cigarette not properly extinguished. No one was injured.

Fire damages library patio

By HILARY HUNTER
Co-Editor

SIMON VAINRUB
News Editor

While students were not in class on the Martin Luther King holiday, a small fire broke out in the Eugene M. and Christine E0. Lynn Library.

The fire took place on the third floor in one of the patios used for leisure where students and staff can take a break. "The fire was contained to only the patio area on the third floor," said Deputy Chief Tom Wood, Boca Raton Fire Department. There were no reported injuries.

According to the Dean of Administration, Thomas Hofferman, the fire was caused by someone putting out their cigarette between the gaps in the floor, underneath the patio, which is referred to as the paved. The extent of the damages was the concrete block on the patio’s floor.

Security guards, making their regular evening rounds, discovered the fire and alerted the Boca Raton Fire Department by pulling See LIBRARY FIRE on page 2.

Homecoming brings alumni to campus

- More than $800 can be won by students who participate in games

By DAVID GILL
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again when students celebrate homecoming week. This year there is $500 on the line to be won by the winning team. Second place will receive $250 and third place earns $75.

Students need to have teams compiled of six members; and each person can only participate on one team.

The events begin Tuesday, Feb. 22, with the annual window painting on either a residence hall or building that the judges assign. This event tests the creativity and school spirit of the team.

The following day each team must have six members; and each person can only participate on one team.

The next day, Friday, is when the teams gather for the final event, a golf cart parade. This event tests the creative minds of everyone in the organization. The members must build a raft that will carry two people across one of the designated ponds.

At the end of the competition, a party will be held at the Sheraton at 8 p.m. where students and alumni can let their hair down and dance. "For the first time in Lynn history an undergraduate has had the opportunity to sit with alumni and make sure they can be involved in the events as well," said Kari Gonska, SGA vice president.

On Saturday, Feb. 26 all of the teams will gather for the final event, a golf cart parade. Each team decorates its golf cart in accordance with the judges' rules. Immediately following a BBQ will take place and a steel drum band will entertain, rewarding all of the participants for their hard work during the course of the week. The winners will be announced at noon during the picnic, and three teams walk off with money in their pockets.

To end the week, a brunch will be held on Sunday to honor alumni.
New final exam policy spreads out dates

By SHARON HARRINGTON
Staff Writer

In an effort to avoid some students having several exams on one day, the Vice President for Academic Affairs announced a mandatory exam schedule for the spring term.

"The history is that the exams have been administered largely at the discretion of the professor," said Vice President Kathleen Check-Milby. "However, the university has always provided a suggested final exam schedule."

The exams will be administered according to a firmer schedule as to when the course is offered by both day and time.

Other universities use similar schedules.

"It was changed to ensure that students would be taking exams over a broader time period so that they would not be faced with taking several finals on one day," said Check-Milby.

"I think that having a new schedule for finals will really help," said sophomore Michelle Heiney. "I usually have several exams on the same day, which makes it a lot harder to study, but hopefully this semester will be different."

All teachers are asked to follow the new schedule by listing their final exam period in their syllabus.

Academic Probation reaches new heights

- Dean says increased number of students, raised standards are cause

By SIMON VAINRUB
News Editor

Students who have a GPA under 2.0 are placed on academic probation. Currently 154 students are on probation, which is less than 9 percent of the student body.

According to the Dean of Students, Paul Turner, there are two reasons for the high number. "The number is not a huge difference from the previous periods because we have a larger number of students and the standards of probation were raised," he said. "This impacted 13 extra students."

One hundred twenty-two students are on probation for the first time, 17 for the second and 15 for the third. Third time offenders are dismissed with the option to return.

Students who are on probation must raise their grades to 2.0, meet with their academic advisor on a regular basis and demonstrate an effort to improve. Otherwise, they may be dismissed from the university, Turner points out.

"A key to academic difficulty is lack of attendance in class," Turner said. "Beyond that, students need to understand there are resources, advisors and mentors to provide more assistance."

Students on probation may not participate in intercollegiate sports or serve in the SGA. They may join activities that don't affect their academic performance.

Personnel in the Advising Center and the Academic Resource Center may help raise student's grades. The Advancement Program (TAP) program is available for students who want to pay for it.

"The fire alarm. The fire department took only four minutes to arrive. The fire alarm did not go off on its own, because the fire had very little flames due to the high wind. There was much more smoke than flames," said Kevin Ross, associate dean of the School of Communications.

The fire's smoldering smell reached the first floor before the building was evacuated and the fire department arrived. The Academic Resource Center's English tutor, Anthony Dupee recalled the chemical smell, which induced panic in many of the students and staff.

"As I started to smell chemicals burning, the security guard ran in to the ARC and said 'Get out of here, what's wrong with you?'" he said.

Although work has begun to restore the patio, estimated damages are still not available. An independent contractor is needed because of the specialized construction of the area.

To ensure that a fire will not happen again, students and staff are no longer permitted to smoke on the third floor patio of the library. People wanting to smoke must now go to the outside of the first floor of the library.

Boca Raton's Fire Department has been working on this case. "The Boca Raton Fire Department has been very supportive," said Heffernan. "They have done a wonderful job working with the university."
WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES
INS requirements affect international students

By HILLARY HUNTER
Co-Editor

Graduation is right around the corner. In order to make sure international students are aware of the requirements to work in the United States, International Student Affairs is holding Optional Practical Training sessions.

OPT is designed to provide students with F-1 status an opportunity to gain employment experience in their chosen profession for a maximum of one year.


Intensive English Program helps international students learn the language during classes, extracurricular trips

By LANCE LANDIS
Staff Writer

Approximately 300 international students are enrolled for the spring term. Sixty are involved in the Intensive English Studies program.

I.E.S. helps students understand the English language and the culture of the United States through off-campus activities.

During the fall term, I.E.S. participants went to the Palm Beach County Court House to learn about the United States legal structure.

This semester, the students went to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando. They also traveled to Miami for a cruise.

Recently I.E.S. participants had a picnic at Deerfield Island Park. In February, they plan on attending a play at the Caldwell Theatre located in Boca Raton.

I.E.S. is non-credit course. However, if students who chose to take the TOEFL exam and score 470 - 499 may be eligible to be a part-time student for up to six credits. Ten out of the 60 students are considered part-time.

If they score above 500, they may be considered a full-time student which is offered as the Intensive Bridge Program. Currently five students are enrolled in I.B.P.

Six teachers specialize in the I.E.S. program. Classes are small with a maximum of 15 students in each. Small classes make it easier for students to receive one-on-one instruction.

"The International Center is here for all international students," said Ivy Gato, International Student Advisor. "The staff is here to help you with any questions or concerns that you may have while studying at Lynn University.

For additional information, visit the Office of International Center or contact Sheila Sheppard-Sciarrà, Assistant Director at extension 7079 or Ivy Gato at 7076.

TYPICAL FOODS
- Arepas are corn patties stuffed with “queso blanco” (white cheese) or carne mechada (string beef)
- Cachapas are fresh corn pancakes with white cheese and butter
- Pabellon consists of string beef, plantains, rice and beans

Devastated country needs help

1999 was an unforgettable year for Venezuelans. They were struck by a devastating rain that destroyed mainly the coast of Caplan’s country. "It’s a shame to see such a beautiful country partly destroyed. Luckily we have foreign countries helping us, even though our president sometimes neglects help due to political alliances," he said. Venezuelans will never forget this tragedy which hasn’t yet stopped. Last week there was more rain and earthquakes. "We should all help," he said. "The Red Cross has a hotline that everyone should call."

The hotline to help Venezuela is 1-800 HELP NOW.

Ambassador speaks to MOAS delegates

By DAVID DEAULMERIE
Staff Writer

Insightful and interesting - two words repeated over and over by Model Organization of American States (MOAS), students who participated in the Public Business Forum. This corporate meeting was held in December in Palm Beach.

United States Ambassador, Leslie Alexander was the guest speaker. Ambassador Alexander discussed understanding the true root of conflict, recognizing humanity and the importance of leadership. He said these topics, which are seemingly unrelated to each other, are crucial for the development of a global community.

"Leslie Alexander was very bold and inspiring," said MOAS Treasurer Roger Colon. "He brought awareness to his role in international politics."

The secretary of the MOAS, Maribel Rodriguez would like to hear the ambassador again. "There is a possibility that the ambassador will give a speech at Lynn to talk about the Foreign Service and diplomacy," she said.

Students established contacts with business people and corporate representatives. Both Rodriguez and Colon said that many businesses are interested in sponsoring clubs at Lynn.

Money is an issue for MOAS members because they need funds for their week-long trip to Washington, D.C. in April where delegates will defend Bolivia on a mock diplomatic convention, similar to the United Nations.

INTERNATIONAL POSTCARD
Caplan enjoys Florida climate

By PAOLA MARCANTE
International Editor

Christopher Caplan, 23, is a senior hospitality major. He chose Lynn because of the location and climate. "Florida is the only place in the United States where the climate is the most similar to Venezuela," he said.

VENEZUELA FACTS
- Capital: Caracas
- Continent: South America
- Population: 21,051,000
- Language: Spanish
- Currency: Bolivar
- President: Hugo Chavez
- Government: Democracy

Christopher Caplan is a senior majoring in Hospitality. Photo by PAOLA MARCANTE

English
What’s up?
Thank you
Friend
Hitchhike
Cool
Cigarettes
The beach
Spanish
Que pasa?
Gracias
Pana
pedir la cola
Chevere
Cigarrillo
La playa
LU completes education of conservatory musicians

By CARISSA BOEHM

Co-Editor

The sound of music is what is heard just west of the university. Within the past year, the Harid Conservatory of Music at Lynn University has created more avenues for students to learn academics and music.

Sixty students, from ages 18-27 are enrolled in the four-year undergraduate program. They are from the United States and other countries around the world.

Between 400-500 students audition for the 20 available slots each year. According to Abram Kreger, marketing and sales manager, the students are accepted to the conservatory based on their talent and their “greatest promise for a professional performance level of playing.” He said these qualities are important in the selection process because the program is tuition free.

While at the conservatory, students have only one instrument they chose for themselves. “The violin is the most personal instrument,” said sophomore Ying Chai from China. “You can use it to express your own ideas.”

In addition to this instrument, all students are required to take basic keyboard study. The digital keyboards that they use allow the student to hear only themselves playing through a headset and allow the instructors to hear any student of choice through their own headset.

The music students attend core classes at Lynn and do not live on the conservatory campus. Although their tuition is free, their room and board is not. The students live on the Lynn campus and can either pay their own costs, obtain work-study or receive financial aid to pay for their living expenses.

These students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in their required music classes. A 2.5 GPA is required for Lynn core classes. “We have more academics,” said senior Emi Hayashi from Japan, “I think it’s good to study not just for music.”

This joining of the conservatory and the university has opened many doors to students and staff of both establishments. Lynn students and staff can now attend selected Harid concerts for free. Students and staff of the conservatory can participate in Lynn campus activities and happenings. One example of the two of these schools joining forces was the music presentation at Mr. Lynn’s funeral.

The conservatory itself is a bi-level structure with 24 practice rooms. The entire facility is five acres. It also contains a conservatory of dance, which is not affiliated with the conservatory of music.

The conservatory of dance is a high school program unlike the music school’s college program. The students in this program live at the conservatory. This part of the conservatory is only a vocational school. Therefore, the students attend their necessary required classes in the morning at Spanish River High School.

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Part time Student Trainer needed

Part time work involving in-home teaching for a four-year-old boy. The work involves teaching the child preschool and cognitive skills.

Qualifications: students should have

- A desire to work with a child, with rewards that include the satisfaction of seeing the child perform better
- Preferably have an exposure to working with young children
- Reliable, positive attitude and earnestness with the work

Training: In implementing this program will be provided in addition to ongoing assistance.

Location: Next to the Boynton Beach Mall in Boynton Beach

Working Hours & Pay: 2-hour sessions. Exact hours and payment to be discussed

Contact us at: (561) 733-8283

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FEBRUARY

1. The Wood, 8 p.m. Lecture Hall
   Baseball vs Northwood at 2:30 p.m.
   Harid: Student Spotlight, 7:30 p.m.

2. BSU Theatrical Play, TBA
   Harid: Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m.

3. SAB: Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.,
   Student Center

4. Baseball vs Savannah State, Friday 2:30 p.m.,
   Saturday 1 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.
   Harid: Free Concert, 7:30 p.m.

5. Basketball vs Eckert
   Women, 5:30 p.m.

6. SAB: Night at Boomers, 8 p.m.
   Baseball vs Florida Memorial, 2:30 p.m.

9. BSU Speaker: BILL NIX, 10 a.m.

10. BSU: Talent Show

11. DAVID ROJHAN: comic, mind-reader, 8 p.m.
    Softball vs Warner Southern, 2:30 p.m.

12. Softball vs Nova Southeastern, 1 p.m.
    Harid Philharmonia, 7:30 p.m., Olympic Heights

13. SAB: Ocean Boat Trip, 9 a.m., 5 p.m.
    The Cove, Deerfield Beach

14. BOB HARRIS: Killing the Dream
    MLK and Civil Rights, 7 p.m., Auditorium

15. NHL Hockey: Panthers, 8 p.m., FL Lauderdale
    Basketball vs Rolling, 5:30 (w), 7:30 (m)
    Harid: Discovering Great Music, 7:30 p.m.

16. Multicultural Dinner
Frontiers in Globalization

Dershowitz speaks about rights

By DANIEL S. SULLIVAN
Special to The Pulse

He has been called America's greatest lawyer of last resort. Loathed as much as loved, Alan Dershowitz reigns as one of the valiant defenders of America's judicial process.

On Jan. 13, the Dively Frontiers in Globalization speaking series presented Alan Dershowitz to the Lynn University community. A Harvard law professor for 36 years, Dershowitz spent the morning speaking to students in the International Center.

Topics discussed ranged from the infamous O.J. Simpson trial to the fate of young Elian Gonzalez, with rights as the central theme of the presentation.

According to Dershowitz, the public is always professing their rights, claiming that they have a right to do this, to say that, and claiming that these rights are documented in the Bill of Rights. "Our constitution does not create any affirmative rights," he said.

Following the student presentation, Dershowitz spent the afternoon at a luncheon with Excalibur Society members. He spoke about the importance of criminal defense lawyers to the system of justice that exists in American society.

Dershowitz told an amusing story of citizens passing him on the street. One of the citizens told him that he loved him for representing a certain defendant while the other citizen told him he hated him.

The point he was emphasizing was that in his line of work it's not sanguine of individuals to love him or hate him because the next week he may be representing the anti-thesis of that person's views.

"The presentation gave me a new perspective on what our judicial system means," said senior Lara Murdock.

SGA spring activities fill calendar; off-campus mailing due in February

I want to welcome everyone back for spring semester. I'm definitely pleased to see all those familiar faces, and at the same time so many new ones.

When we first returned to school, I sat down with my executive board and other faculty to discuss what we could do to make this semester as successful as the first. I can tell you one thing, the events planned for the remainder of the year seem pretty exciting and definitely jam-packed. Also after speaking with the athletic faculty coordinators it's clear that sporting events are going to take on a whole new level of excitement, due to some creative and strategic planning.

Let's make sure we're getting out to those games to show our support to all of Lynn's athletes.

Back to the topic of Student Government. The monthly mailer should be going out the first week of February. Hopefully this will bring more unity between on-and off-campus students. We are constantly making strides in this direction, but the fact remains that a university can not be fully complete until everyone takes a small part in every day campus life, and that doesn't just mean going to class. I'm sure some will still argue that there is not enough events to please them. A survey will be distributed randomly in hopes to better resolve these problems.

We had a rather nice showing of people at the Activities Fair inquiring into the number of organizations and clubs from which to choose. If for some reason you missed the fair, you can always come upstairs to student activities, and we can help steer you in the right direction.

On the same note, if you have a problem concerning the quality of school life, there is almost always someone in the Student Government Office or we can be reached at 237-7157. If you see me around campus, don't hesitate to stop and let me know what is on your mind. We have less than a semester to go, let's try to make it a great one.
Recent fires bring attention to safety measures in dorms

The fire that killed students at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and the fire on the third floor balcony of the Lynn Library remind us that safety is a number one concern at the university.

Because of the number of false fire alarms at Seton Hall, many residents there said they did not take the alarm seriously. When students at Lynn hear the fire alarm, they are required to leave their rooms.

Students are reminded they are not allowed to have some electrical appliances such as hot plates, coffee makers and microwave ovens in the dorms. Also candles (even unlit) and incense are forbidden. No smoking is allowed in the dorm rooms.

During the monthly health and safety inspections, the RAs and Residence Hall Directors confiscate illegal appliances and issue warnings to students. Future offenses may result in referral to the Judicial Board.

Our dorms are equipped with alarms and operating sprinklers. Emergency exit escape plans are on each room door like in a hotel. So students should not worry excessively and understand that these policies are for their safety.

Heed the warnings; fire can kill.

Lynn mourns loss of Campagnani

Senior Ricardo Campagnani died Jan. 12 as a result from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in his home country of Panama, Jan. 9.

The 23-year-old marketing major planned on working with his father in Panama after graduation. Spending time with his friends and going to the beach were two of his hobbies.

A memorial service will be Feb. 2 in the Lynn chapel.

We share our grief with his family. He will be missed by the entire Lynn University family.

Library director responds to article

Dear Editor,

In his story about student concerns, which appeared on page 2 of the December 1999 issue of The Pulse, Simon Vainrub introduced many issues that require thoughtful analysis and discussion by the Lynn community.

Simon’s concerns center on recreational books and videos, library hours, and technology problems. As library director, I welcome the opportunity to discuss these and any other concerns students have through SGA and other forums.

This academic year has been very challenging for students and staff as Lynn University experiences a vitality that few independent schools have. Library services and collections are continuously evolving to meet the changing needs of students and faculty within this dynamic institution. The library is guided in this evolution by its mission statement, which clearly emphasizes an academic focus for our collection.

The Lynn University Library Collection Development Policy, which is a general plan for library development, allows an ancillary role of providing materials for leisure reading and enjoyment. Mr. Vainrub presents a fine list of books and videos that he would like to include in the library’s collection. The library welcomes such requests for materials. We also encourage students to read for pleasure, as well as research. These are two very significant activities that frequently become one. We would like every student to see the library as a place to go for this kind of fun.

Lynn University’s library hours are consistent with those at other universities. The library also provides a 24 hour study room known as the Perper Lounge. Even so, we need to accommodate the study habits and research needs of a diverse community of learners. Therefore, Lynn University Library is moving toward virtual 24 hour access by providing increasing amounts of electronic information where and when students need it. This year, for instance, we created a large collection of electronic resources that is accessible through the library web-site. We are currently looking into the feasibility of providing e-books over the web.

The Academic Resources Center, which complements library services, but is not within the library administration, is clear evidence that Lynn University is responding to the technology needs of our students. Wherever technology is the centerpiece of operation, as in the ARC and the Library, there are continuous technical (i.e. computer) problems that seem insurmountable, but are usually quickly resolved by Information Technology staff members.

I encourage all students to participate in the annual user satisfaction survey the library will conduct next spring. We use the results of this and other user survey data to measure our performance and plan the future of Lynn Library. Previous surveys have consistently shown that students have high regard for library staff and services; they also indicate the need for improving the library’s curricular resources. We are making very good progress in revitalizing the library collection and will continue to improve services to meet student needs.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Kuhn, Library Director

Scene from home

Senior Andrea Brunstein majoring in Graphic Design took this picture of the Guanabara Bay in Rio de Janeiro during the winter break spent at her home in Brazil. The beautiful sunset is one of Rio’s tourist attractions at this time of year. The northern and southern hemispheres have opposite seasons.
When the lights go out... It still isn't very funny

By ALEXANDER FLIPSE
Staff Writer

First rule of Oscar season: the brighter the picture, the darker the negative.

HUH?!? Oscar films? What could they possibly have to do with Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo?? Before you take a guess at what I've been smoking, consider this:

Winter is always the season for the "prestige films." It won't be long before the committee for the Academy Awards decides which films should be nominated for an Oscar, so the movie studios like to release their Oscar contenders as close to voting time as they can. This is because the studios feel that the Oscar voters have a short memory.

They must also feel that the voters are total snobs, because out of all the Oscar-worthy films this season, you won't find a single Comedy. Apparently, if you want your movie to be nominated for an award, it had better be a tearjerker.

Indeed, winter is always a dry season for Comedy movies. So it comes as no surprise to me that this bottom-feeder of a movie about a fish-tank cleaner turned Gigolo has managed to swim its way into the ranks of the highest grossing films of the season. To put it in simpler terms, Deuce is the most successful comedy movie in theaters right now because, as I'm writing this, it's the only comedy movie in theaters right now.

I wish I thought of stretching out before going to see this movie. I checked my watch so many times during Deuce that I almost pulled a muscle. Seven other people were in the theater with me, and not even the teenagers laughed. I think the most entertained movie-goer was a toddler that some misguided couple brought to the movies with them. Fortunately, the kid seemed far from traumatized as he watched this movie. Even he got so bored after the first twenty minutes that he shook out of his stroller when his parents weren't watching and entertained himself with the pretty lights that lined the theater floor aisle.

The "plot" of the movie goes like this: the title character (played by Rob Schneider, of course) is a typical down-on-his-luck loser who cleans aquariums for a living. After getting fired from his usual gig, Deuce meets successful gigolo Antoine Laconite (The Mummy's Oded Fehr, nicely suave in a limited role). After Deuce helps Antoine care for a sick fish, Antoine hastily decides that Deuce is trustworthy enough to care for his $6,000,000 fish tank while being out of the country "on business." Just barely after Antoine's plane leaves, Deuce completely trashes the upscale bachelor pad in a fish tank tank incident. What a shock!

In another unsurprising twist, Deuce answers a few phone calls from Antoine's oddball clients. Soon after, Antoine's "male madam" T.J. (stand-up comic Eddie Griffin from UPN's "Malcom and Eddie") steps in to help Deuce find some "she-johns" to service. I'll admit that Griffin was well cast for the role, even if his constant use of gender-bending adjectives ("he-bitch," "man-jina") gets old after awhile. Of course, it doesn't get nearly as old as some of his other jokes:

at one point, Deuce declares, "I'm gonna get the rest of the money the old-fashioned way."

T.J. replies, "Your gonna steal it?"

The film is also loaded with lame sight gags that poke fun of The Matrix, and all kinds of human deformities like obesity. Tourette's syndrome, narcolepsy, blindness, etc. Now, I have nothing against toilet humor. I'm a big South Park fan, and I thought American Pie was hilarious. But if every other joke involves fecal matter, the movie runs out of steam. The movie kills its own jokes by repeating them too often. I think that the only truly funny part of the movie was the title: Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo does roll off the tongue in an irresponsible, adolescent sort of way, although I've never heard of a female gigolo before.

By the time the movie finally ended, I never felt as awkward walking out of a movie theater as I did when a friend pressured me to see Showgirls. I just kept my head tilted downward and walked quickly, hoping I wouldn't run into anyone I know.

This movie is utterly unwatchable. Still plan on seeing it? Well, to quote T.J., "Don't make me he-bitch man slap you!"

It's time to legalize gay marriages

Four years ago a nurse, a few lawyers and a pair of Christmas-tree farmers demanded that the state of Vermont treat their relationships no different than those of heterosexuals. On Dec. 20, 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court recognized their basic human rights and ordered the legislature to either give gay couples marriage licenses or the same benefits through domestic partnerships.

Marriage is more than the state saying "yes, your relationship exists."

According to the ACLU, gay marriage would provide the right to: "visit a partner or a partner's child in a hospital; inherit from your partner if she or he doesn't have a valid will; obtain joint health, home and auto insurance policies; enter joint rental agreements; make medical decisions on a partner's behalf in event of illness; take bereavement or sick leave to care for a partner or a partner's child; choose a final resting place for a deceased partner; obtain wrongful death benefits for a surviving partner and children; get an equitable division of property in a divorce; have joint child custody, visitation, adoption and foster care; determine child custody and support in a divorce; have a spouse covered under Social Security and Medicare; file joint tax returns; obtain veterans' discounts on medical care, education and home loans; apply for immigration and residency for partners from other countries and obtain domestic violence protective orders."

These are not "special rights" there's nothing "special" about it. Now, if there was a bill that says "gay's should pay less taxes," then that would certainly be special and wrong. This is simply giving people equal rights which is why domestic partnerships are not good enough. They only give a few rights which makes them second-class marriages. Are gay's second class citizens? Well, they don't pay second-class taxes, so why should they get second-class rights?

What I know is that the Declaration of Independence says, "All men are created equal." Thus all men (and women) are entitled to equal rights. Those politicians who have come out against gay marriage are nothing more than cowards unable to take a stand for justice and equality. As for some of the other opposition to this issue, they either don't get it or act out of plain old bigotry.

If you want to fight for equality, visit the ACLU web site (www.aclu.org) or the Human Rights Campaign (www.hrc.org) and they can tell you how to help.

Other than that, you could encourage university officials to extend marriage benefits to all the domestic partners of school employees.

Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo
Rated R for nudity, vulgarity, and sexual content.

Directed by Mike Mitchell.
Written by Harris Goldberg and Rob Schneider.
Produced by Sid Ganis and Barry Bernardi.

Rob Schneider (Deuce Bigalow)
William Forsythe (Detective Chuck Fowler)
Eddie Griffin (T.J. Hicks)
Arja Barerekit (Kate)
Oded Fehr (Antoine Laconite)

Marc Blitzstein: Hank Azaria
Olive Stanton: Emily Watson
Diego Rivera: Ruben Blades
Nelson Rockefeller: John Cusack
Tommy Crickshaw: Bill Murray
Margherita Sarfatti: Susan Sarandon

Touchstone presents a film written and directed by Tim Robbins.

Cradle Will Rock

Marc Blitzstein: Hank Azaria
Olive Stanton: Emily Watson
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Nelson Rockefeller: John Cusack
Tommy Crickshaw: Bill Murray
Margherita Sarfatti: Susan Sarandon

Touchstone presents a film written and directed by Tim Robbins.

It's too dark but this movie is too good to be missed, very well written, nice cinematography, great characters. The perfect movie to take a date, your parents, to see by yourself or with cultured friends.

Historical, funny movie is fun to watch!

Seems like red propaganda but it isn't

By SIMON VAINRUB
NEWS EDITOR

Tim Robbins and Woody Allen are possibly two of the few American directors who can bring so many fabulous stars to a film. The movie was truly wonderful, very historical, extremely funny, and had the kind of diversity that I like. The movie is about the Federal Theater, a place that provided plays to the poor and was financed by the government. This was during the depression, a time of great poverty, long lines and red scare that regardless of how many lives it destroyed, it did save the country from godless communism.

The theater world is full of funny nut-cases, left-wingers and all kinds of radicals. The other side of that are the rich who patronize the arts. A bunch of people who either know about art or simply want to appear cultured. The movie does explore how the rich sometimes impose their values on the artist making the art mainstream and boring. The main plot of the movie is a play that Marc Blitzstein wrote called The Cradle Will Rock which is about the exploited workers who fight against a greedy establishment that pays them low wages and makes them work too hard.

John Cusak is the only attractive man in this movie while Susan Sarandon looks quite pretty with that hair style and the fascinating imitation of an Italian accent that one could listen to for hours.

As for the other actors Ruben Blades is too fat, Bill Murray too old and Hank Azaria

Simon Vainrub
Commentary

Cradle Will Rock
Lady Cagers start season with best record; Barry breaks seven-game winning streak

By VALERIE SMITH
Staff Writer

The ladies are continuing their fight to the top with a 10-6 record.

"This is the best season the women have had in a couple of years," said sports information director Jeff Schaly.

The ladies have been playing two games a week and have been practicing four days a week.

During the winter break, the Lady Knights won the DoubleTree Shoot-Out by defeating Eckerd College, 70-64. Senior Avia Lee was named Most Valuable Player after scoring 20 points and grabbing seven rebounds in the final game.

Michele Newman earned All-Tournament honors, Mandi Mitchell was 4-for-6 from 3-point range and Kelli Raulison had eight rebounds in the game.

The women notched their first Sunshine State Conference victory with a win over Eckerd College. Freshman center Newman led the team in scoring with 14 points.

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Sports Editor

Jump Start

Both the men's and women's basketball teams have soared through the first half of their regular season.

The men went on a 10 game win streak and broke into the national ranking for the first time peaking at No. 15 in the NCAA Division II polls and second in the Sunshine State Conference.

Credit coach Russo and company for significantly making a mark in the program in their first year at Lynn. The team's winning reputation and tradition of success are hard qualities to maintain, and Russo stepped up to the plate and has set a winning pace for the rest of the season and for seasons to come.

The women's team is also enjoying success. The Lady Knights posted a seven-game win streak and have topped out the month of January with a fourth place ranking in the conference.

Both teams also boast key players who are making their own mark nationally.

Wayne Copeland was leading the nation in steals, and Darian Bryant was fourth in the nation with blocked shots. Freshman Mandi Mitchell is lighting up the net with her sixth in the nation 3-point field goal percentage.

Final Round

After the basketball programs get off to a flying start, it will be interesting to see how the men's golf team does this season due to a major loss to one of its key players, Wicus Potgieter.

Potgieter, the team's captain and number one player, will not be returning this semester to complete the remainder of the golf season. The four-year starter decided to leave school and begin his business career.

How the golf team will respond remains unseen as the team is still in the tryout process for positions, but will have to see how this significant move will affect the entire team's season.

Knights try to find answer on the hardwood

By MIKE PASSAFIUME
Staff Writer

After going through the conference portion of the schedule with a 11-1 record, the men's basketball team has fallen on hard times since beginning Sunshine State Conference play.

As the squad does some soul searching, conference opponents are relishing the uncertainty.

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"This is a whole new ball game, everybody in the conference starts out 0-0," said Russo. "We're going to win our fair share of games, but don't look to go through this conference without losing a couple along the way."

Taking his words to heart, the Knights faced Barry University in the conference opener.

Predicted and expected to beat a depleted team, Lynn found itself in a difficult predicament. After Barry, the Knights' next three games would be against teams that had a combined record of 46-3.

Making sure they got the conference season off on the right foot, the Knights took control of the game from the opening tip and were able to start their first conference victory by the score of 78-49.

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Barry breaks seven-game winning streak

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Our play was good enough to beat Barry tonight, but it won't get the job done against the top teams that we'll face," Russo said.

Getting by Barry was one thing, now it was time to face Eckerd College. Known as pushovers in the past, this year's team was at 11-2. The Knights found themselves with a four point lead with just over a minute to go. Unfortunately with five seconds remaining, the men trailed for the first time during the night and fell victim to Eckerd 67-68.

"We've got to get over this one pretty fast and show that it was a fluke because on Wednesday, without a doubt, will be our toughest challenge of the season when (Florida) Southern comes here," Russo said.

Southern came to Lynn ranked second in the country at 16-0, 2-0 in the conference. Lynn came 12-2, 1-1 in conference and number 24 in the country.

Before a packed house, Lynn came out of the gates and played inspired defense and held a 30-26 halftime lead. The second half was just the opposite. Instead, it was the Moe's defense that clamped down and held the Knights' momentum.

Still, Lynn crawled back from a 10-point deficit with five minutes remaining to cut it to 3, but that wouldn't be the closest the team would get in dropping another one, 55-60.