How Safe Are We?

Gun Brought On Campus
By RENEN KATZ

In this post-9/11 society just how safe is our campus? To find out, The Pulse put Lynn to the test.

The test: a non-student comes on to campus carrying a concealed handgun. It is important to note that during this test, at no time was the weapon loaded. The first exercise involved our-would be attacker "Mark" (not his real name) who walked around campus and interacted with students and staff. In real life, Mark works for a private company that tests security measures for many types of business buildings, personal homes, schools, and government buildings.

For two hours, Mark asked directions and questions from people on campus. Only at one point, a female student may have noticed the gun as a large bulge sticking out from his pants under his shirt. Mark reported she stared, then answered his question and walked away.

After putting students and staff to the test, we tried our security force. He went on his way with the gun in his waistband of his pants. The gun, concealed by a shirt over his pants, he walked up to the security booth, and asked for directions. With two security guards inside, he was given directions without even a suspicious look or question from either of the guards.

"I would give those guys a failing grade," he said later. "Almost every employee at Wackenhut Corporation is either ex-military or law enforcement, and being how I looked, they should have questioned me on: number one, what business I had on this campus and two, who I was. If I was the university I would re-evaluate who the school goes to for security."

Cross Cultural Communication

Does this sentence sound familiar to you? For many international students it does. Some international students have been fortunate enough to have professors who understand that English is their second language, but there are others who simply don’t care.

"Many of my professors don’t understand that I try to translate my thoughts perfectly, but I always make a mistake and, instead of helping me improve, they are so mediocre that they say it is fine," said one disillusioned international student who wished to remain anonymous.

If this happens when an international student is trying to communicate verbally imagine how it is when it comes to putting some thoughts in paper.

"A lot has to do with motivation," said Prof. Philip Fishman of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Many international students may be highly motivated, but lose

Knights Snubbed From Post-Season Play Near Perfect Season Ends

By SARA QUATROCKY

Despite an overall record of 16-1,6-1 in the Sunshine State Conference, and a season ending ranking of fifth in the National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association (NSCAA) national poll, the Knights were left searching for answers as to why, with a better record than those at the top, they were not in the one or two spot.

According to tradition, the association officials could substitute another team, but they did not.

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A Pub On Campus

Students Like The Idea, But What Does Administration Think?

By GABE PREMINGER

 Lynn seems to lack a sense of unity and spirit that many other schools possess. There is a definite gap between on- and off-campus students that is maybe due to an apparent lack of on-campus student activities. A solution to this problem could be a positive place for students to ‘hang out’ with each other in surroundings they find enjoyable.

Last spring our neighbors, Florida Atlantic University (FAU), found themselves in a similar predicament and decided to do something about it. FAU followed in the footsteps of their sister school University of Central Florida (UCF) and opened a Whackadoos Pub and Grub on campus. Whackadoos is a student center of sorts, serving food and drinks, including beer. The Pub and Grub is home to video games, several pool tables and an occasional live band.

“This is not a bar. Even though it is a place to get a beer and a burger we try to be more of a student center. We offer quality food at college prices,” says Mark Ger dus, general manager of Whackadoos.

The Pub is open to anyone who seeks fun, friends and eats. Ger dus rents the space from the university and runs his operation around the school, but it is a privately owned company, though he informed me other campus pubs in the country are student and school run.

A campus pub could create revenue for the school, provide a constant student activity/hang out, provide students with a cheaper alternative to eating out and add to school spirit and tradition. So where is Lynn’s Whackadoos? It’s certainly not above the cafeteria. Nor is it anywhere on campus. Lynn students would crave this pub and it is not such a shot in the dark. But who am I anyway? I’m just another student who moved off campus because there was nothing to do.

Seasons Greetings From The Staff

With finals just around the corner and the semester coming to a close, we’d like to thank you for reading The Pulse. We know how hard it is to do, considering all the “studying” and “homework” you must have, not to mention the important howls at Fridays and Deluxe.

We want you to share your thoughts and feeling with us. If you read or see something you like or dislike, stop us on campus and let us know. Send us an email at thepulse@lynnuniversity.edu, or give us a call at 561-237-7153 ext. 3. Except for Benjamin, none of us bite. But if you’re still scared then you can always write a letter to the editor.

Inside this edition we have inserted an application for the staff positions. We would like anyone who is interested to participate in The Pulse. Anyone interested, please fill out the inserted application or apply online at www.lynn.edu/pulse.

In closing, we wish you all luck with your finals, have a fun and safe winter break and we’ll see you back in the spring!
Campus Humor

You Know You It’s The Holidays At Lynn If…
By JODI COHEN

The gated communities around Boca drape Christmas lights on their palm trees.
• You bought your own Christmas/Hanukkah gift at Town Center.
• The blonde next door is fighting with her “daddy” because she wants a CLK and he already got her a new BMW.
• You call Saks for a personal shopper because you’re too busy “studying” for finals.
• You buy your parents presents with their credit card.
• The closest thing you have to a Christmas tree is the green air freshener in your car.

Angry Steve

More Of The Things That Bother Me
By ANGRY STEVE

Last month’s segment was just the tip of the iceberg. This issue I’m really going to get nasty. I’m going to bring you deeper into my anger. Let’s see if you can handle it.

Problem: Boca Girls. The girls on this campus are beautiful, sexy, and take good care of themselves, but you need two Platinum Credit cards to date them. They walk around with their thousand-dollar outfits and $900 dollar Gucci purses. They wear their JLO look alike glasses and all drive expensive cars like a Benz, or the new Hummer, which is perfect for Beamer bashing.

Solution: Get the #5! out of Boca. You’re not going to find a girl in this town that won’t bankrupt you. There are some good girls here but their probably from somewhere else and they change quickly.

Problem: Followers. People now-a-days try to be like somebody else. They spend too much time reading the tabloids about how celebrities live their lives. Or they are victims of the next fashion craze.

Solution: Get a life. Go soul searching and find yourself. If you like wearing a Spandex shirt, a fishing hat, parachute pants, and cowboy boots to match, so be it. It’s better than looking like everyone else.

Benjamin’s Bloated Bag Of Opinion

Get Off The Road You…
By BENJAMIN JOSLIN

I don’t like people very much. I, of course, try to treat everybody with respect and kindness, but people in general annoy me to no end.

Perhaps, I’m just being arrogant but it seems stupidity is the one thing all human beings share in common. And its not just harmless stupidity either, it’s the kind that results in incredibly inconsiderate acts.

Like what, you ask? Like driving.

I have lived in countries where driving is like walking into a war zone. Traffic rules are a suggestion, rather than law in many of these places. And yet, I have never seen such incredibly inconsiderate people like they have in Florida. The unwritten rule that the more expensive your car, the less traffic rules you have to obey, has become such a common sentiment that I’m tempted to buy a big rig just so I can rear end some of these fools in their extravagant and wasteful luxury cars.

Forty-five miles per hour means 45 mph for everybody. That includes the snobs in the Porsches and the frat boys in the Beamers. And a fire lane is meant for fire trucks, not for lazy people to park in. If I burn to death in my classroom because some punk was too lazy to park a few rows back, I promise I’ll be coming back to life to haunt you.

And lastly, the next person to speed up so I can’t change lanes is meant for fire trucks, not laughing or at least chuckling at your acts.

Chances are if you’re not laughing or at least chuckling right now, your one of these idiots I’m talking about. Have a good day.
Lack of understanding
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Many international students may be highly motivated, but lose their drive because of the way a professor expresses his/herself about the student’s work.

According to David Suarez, a junior at the Conservatory of Music, “Professors lack a cultural understanding of other languages.”

A school that has students from 74 countries should offer seminars to its staff about how to develop effective cross-cultural communication. According to Dr. Kathleen Cheek-Melby, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Lynn, “offers a Professional Development Day in which in the past international issues regarding study abroad programs have been discussed.”

Dr. Kathleen Cheek-Melby was surprised that international students were having these kinds of problems and encouraged them to make appointments with her to discuss their concerns in-depth.

According to Prof. Fishman, he “always makes himself available to students after class, but it is really an individual issue.”

Max Bucher of the Dominican Republic said, “I have been lucky in the three years that I have attended Lynn because professors have always been willing to help, but the first thing I do is let them know is that English is my second language.”

This is an example that international students should follow, so maybe professors can be more understanding.

“Lynn offers free tutoring for all students who are struggling in certain topics like English and Public Speaking among others,” said Dr. Pauline Peterson who oversees the tutoring program, located in the third floor of the International Building.

According to Dr. Peterson, “Lynn has a writing lab on the second floor of the E.M. Lynn Residence Hall, where students can take their papers when they are done and someone will assist them in fixing any grammatical errors.”

Lynn needs more professors who truly understand how to have an effective cross-cultural communication with the students and the international students need to take more advantage of the tools that Lynn offers.

The Cost of College

Private Education Vs. Public Education

By LOURDES CARRERA

Searching for the right college or university can be one of the most stressful experiences. Private or public education is the big question in the mind of many students. According to the College Board, during the past year the cost of attending a public university averaged $3,754 per year for in-state residents, while private universities averaged $17,123 per year.

The cost is projected to go higher by 2019. A four-year public education is expected to cost more than $86,000, while private education is expected to rise to more than $227,000. While a big campus, many activity groups, large classrooms and a large selection of majors might be the perfect environment for some students; small classes, hands-on training, personalized attention and a closer relationship with teachers are some of the advantages of a private institution.

We looked at four private and public schools around the South Florida area, and found the difference in tuition to be significant. The price to pay for some of these advantages doesn’t come cheap.

We must consider that most private institutions tuition are paid by semester, while public ones are paid by year.

Education for international students or out-state students doesn’t come cheap either. The tuition fee for these students can be as high as five times the regular tuition cost.

Remember most school also have extra fees for registration, telecommunication access, labs, activities, etc. In most cases, freshmen must spend their first year on-campus. This adds a room and board fee of an average of $4,500 for private institutions, or $4,000 for public institutions.

That might explain why so many international students choose a private university. Most private institutions have the same tuition fee for everybody.
World Headlines
International News Briefs

By SELYMAR COLON
LATIN AMERICA

Exiled Peru's Ex-President Eyes Return
The Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Alberto Fujimori said Tuesday that he wants to return to Peru, two years after he fled to Japan to avoid a ten-year prison sentence for corruption. He fled to Japan in November 2000 to escape a corruption scandal that ended his decade-long rule.

Fujimori has also been charged with corruption and murder for sanctioning two massacres of suspected rebel supporters. Peru has repeatedly demanded that Japan extradite Fujimori. But Tokyo, which once strongly supported Fujimori, says it can't turn him over to Peru because he is a Japanese citizen. Fujimori was born in Peru but is the son of Japanese immigrants.

Fujimori's Internet message is not the first time he has suggested he might return to Peru. Though many Peruvians dislike Fujimori, others remember him as the man who helped defeat leftist guerrillas, end hyperinflation and attract foreign investment.

Student Comment:
"The Japanese government should send Fujimori back to Peru because he needs to pay for what he has done."
- Diego Nicolini, Peru

EUROPE
U.S. And Germany Still Estranged
By John Vinocur, International Herald Tribune

Berlin - More than two months after the fact, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's go-it-alone decision to quarantine Germany from active involvement in a possible American-led strike against Iraq has left a strong sense of estrangement between the United States and a key European NATO pillar.

Officially, at least, the U.S. defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, who described the relationship as "poisoned" a month ago, smilingly upgraded it this month to "unpoisoned" - without further elaboration.

For the Americans, according to an administration source, the German question is not about a "campaign phenomenon." Instead, it's about how Schroeder's decision has come to magnify wide concern about Germany's direction, the strength of nationalist currents in German society, and the effects of the country's faltered attempts to reform its struggling economy and social system on an eventual German leadership role in Europe.

For people close to the chancellor, Schroeder's current preoccupation has very little to do with Iraq. In the midst of a near disastrous start to his second term - ordering tax increases when he promised during the election campaign that there would be none, thus masking the depth of a nose-diving economy - the defense of German interests now involves stopping a new spurt in unemployment rather than dueling with the United States.

The problem with the Bush administration remained that a political issue had become a personal one, the adviser said. The suggestion was that the root of the issue was "alleged" remarks by Social Democrat politicians around the chancellor, likening Bush's tactics to Hitler's or to a Roman emperor who subdued the German tribes.

With the United States particularly interested in providing a payback for Turkey in exchange for its eventual role in a strike on Iraq, the Schroeder government has been increasingly supportive of Turkey's American-backed effort to secure a fixed date for its entry into the European Union. The German effort has been so explicit, skimming over Turkey's human rights record, that former Chancellor Helmut Kohl complained that Schroeder and Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer were "using the situation to comply to American wishes."

Student Comment:
"What Germany is doing is right, because if more and more countries get involved the war will be bigger and what my generation wants is peace, not war."
- Kenny Koegler, Germany.

The World Beat
The International Top 10 Tunes

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"The guy next to me said the food was good"

"Nice little place to go to watch the game"

**BOCA NIGHTLIFE**
Places To Go To And Not To Go

By ADAM LOPEZ

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<td>Decent just like any other bar.</td>
<td>Get the chicken nachos.</td>
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We made improvements in every department of the game from the previous year.

The biggest question is where we went wrong, but no one will give us the answer," Head Coach Shaun Pendleton explained. "We have tried to contact the regional and national offices to get our answers and everyone is sworn to secrecy." The Knights lone loss came on Oct. 15 at Barry right after they had topped the national poll. The conference match-up ended with a stunning Buccaneer goal in overtime handing the Knights a 2-3 loss. It was the only game the Knights surrendered more than one goal. The Knights defense allowed only nine goals this season, while compiling 10 shutouts, with six coming against SSC teams. Lynn's opponents were held to only 7.2 shots per game.

The goalkeeper duty was split between freshmen. Kevin Street played in 11 games, shutting out opponents three times. Giving up only four goals in nine games, Matt Gascoigne recorded four shutouts.

The tournament for whatever reason," Pendleton said. "It's disappointing that our seniors will never know how far they could have gone." Although the season ended on a sour note, the Knights were consoled with several awards. Freshman Chris Karagianis, juniors Mark Melling and Ross Lumsden, and senior Lee Dukes were named to the first team All-SSC team. Second team honors went to sophomore Mark Dunkerley and junior Fernando Villalobos. Karaagianis was also selected as the SSC Freshman of the Year. He was second in the conference with a total of 15 goals in 17 games, surpassing all SSC players with seven game-winning goals.

"I am very happy for the guys who were honored, but I believe that there are more guys who are well deserving of at least an honorable mention," Pendleton noted.

Just in a system that this year did not favor the best team, the Knights one loss of the season turned into a near perfect season.

"It's frustrating that we are left with no answers to our questions and even more frustrating to have the final decision played out in someone's office, not on the field, like it should be," Pendleton said. "As a team though, we have dealt with the situation maturely, knowing that next year we will have the chance to rectify the situation on the field."

Knights win Lynn Pepsi Classic

Men's Bball Team Beats No. 15 Washburn For Title

The men's basketball team won their own Ninth Annual Lynn Pepsi Classic Tournament over the Thanksgiving holiday. The Knights downed Washburn University from Topeka, Kansas, the No. 15 team in the country, 78-53 in the championship game on Nov. 30.

Controlling the game from the tip-off, the Knights had four players in double figures in the victory. As a team they shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, and improved to 54.5 percent in the second half to clinch the win.

Justin Wingard led all scorers with 17 points and grabbed six rebounds. Coming off the bench, Cedric Bennett recorded a double-double, hitting 15 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

James Taylor and Austin Faber added 14 and 12 points, respectively. Faber knocked down four 3-pointers, and dished out six assists.

The Knights came from behind in their first game against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez on Nov. 29 after going into halftime trailing by 13 points. They took over in the second half to win 75-59. Taylor led the team with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Akil Lewis was 5-8 from the field, racking up 13.

Taylor was named Tournament MVP, and Bennett and Faber were named to the All-Tournament team.
Holiday Gift Guide

KENNETH COLE
Mens watch, tahoe
$125

SEPHORA
Fiorucci “Loves You”
$24-$51

ARMANI EXCHANGE
Wrist Cuff, black, scarlet
$28

ARMANI EXCHANGE
Card Holder, black, khaki, steel
$35

SEPHORA
Lip Gloss
$23

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH
Bratton Messenger, red, navy, green, yellow
$79.50

FUNKRIDGE.COM
Body Detergent, OTHER FUN
SELECTIONS: Sexy Mama, Sassy, Pimp Daddy, Stud, and many others
$5

NOKIA 8390 (AT&T)
W/ plan $49.99
W/O plan $249.99

COACH
Ergo Retro Small Zip, saddle
$198

COACH
Water Slim Card Case, black, british tan, mahogany
$48

SUNGLASS HUT
Ralph Lauren Ignition Flash Wrap
$79.95

Creative Gifts For Your Special Someone