What are you doing to live out Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy?

Eria Blackche, freshman
New Orleans, LA
"I live out his legacy every day as a student at Lynn University, promoting diversity and unity. I try to treat everyone with respect and dignity."

Christina Campione, senior
Boston, MA
"I don’t discriminate towards anyone. I see people for who they are and not where they are from. I believe everyone is equal in all religions and races."

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On Friday, Jan. 14 the Lynn University community was given the opportunity to hear from CNN’s Anderson Cooper. The CNN anchor was the featured speaker in Friday’s Dively Frontiers in Globalization lecture series. He is a tall man with titanium grey hair and a cunning and jocular demeanor. He is 38 years old and a 1989 graduate of Yale with a degree in Liberal Arts.

The lecture commenced with a bit of humor and quickly progressed into a most interesting exchange of topics ranging from the recent devastation from the Tsunami to the advice Cooper’s mother gave him as to what career path he should follow.

Cooper, son of the famous heiress and designer Gloria Vanderbilt, is very impressive in his verbal articulation and lucidity when describing stories from his past.

One extremely interesting point in the exchange was when Cooper
Continued CNN Anchor

indicated that he enjoyed being a witness to historical events. This explains why he is seen reporting from various locations on the scenes of major news events. Two weeks ago he was in Asia covering the tsunami devastation, while during the hurricanes he was here in eastern Florida. He also indicated that this week he will be covering the Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC.

The CNN anchor shed light on how he got started as a professional journalist. He said he was a freelance journalist and traveled to war zones armed with his home video camera.

He recalled the time he was in Sarajevo and narrowly missed being part of a violent battle zone taking place on the streets. He said he was on a street known as Snipers Alley and his taxicab ran out of gas.

He jokingly said, "What a way to die, running out of gas."

Aside from discussing his own career -- Cooper also told about the lives of two other broadcast journalists. When asked by a student in the audience about his thoughts on the Dan Rather scandal, (the CBS use of fraudulent documents pertaining to President Bush's military service), he responded "You have to go down with your ship."

Cooper did make one comment which some might find debatable. He indicated there should be less Anne Coulter in the media.

In addition to his responsibilities at CNN, Cooper writes for Details magazine and CBS's 60 Minutes.

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Tsunami Hits My Home Country

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by Juliette Schohn

A little after 9:30 A.M. on a peaceful and sunny Sunday morning, panic, terror, pain and grief suddenly settled on the beautiful islands of Phuket and Ko Phi Phi, in Thailand, as a massive killer tidal wave struck in deadly fury, leaving nothing but chaos and devastation.

As I am sitting here writing this, I hope the souls of all our dear friends, acquaintances, and every other person who passed away in the tsunami tragedy, now float above the turquoise water and the clear skies of the Andaman Sea, in Southeast Asia, and watch over the survivors and those they left behind.

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Having lived in Thailand 11 years, from the age of 6 to 17, this country represented home for me, and I have, through the years, grown very much attached to it.

Halfway around the world, this eccentric country is a very special and unique place with a lot to offer, from the busy and humming streets of the restless capital city, Bangkok, to the Buddhist temples and customs of calmer northern rural Thailand, to the beautiful exotic beaches in the South, to its delicious food, its year-round favorable climate, its great shopping, and finally,
not to forget, the friendly and welcoming nature of its wonderful people.
Phuket and Ko Phi Phi are such familiar places for me. Having lain on those beaches and bathed in those seas so many times, it is hard to imagine and even harder to accept, the extent of the destruction and the wreckage, ruins, and death, that now replace the beauty and charm of those enchanting places.

The pictures below show the devastation on the island of Phuket. This one-year-old luxurious 5-star hotel, the Sofitel Khao Lak, Phuket, designed by my father, was utterly destroyed and 300 lives were lost.

**Before the Tsunami**

![Before the Tsunami Image](image1)

**After The Tsunami**

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If poetry is your passion, then you want to be on campus this weekend, as Lynn will be home to the Palm Beach Poetry Festival. Several well known National poets, like Billy Collins, Thomas Lux, Sharon Olds, and Patricia Smith will be the main attraction at the event. This poetry filled weekend will be jam-packed with workshops, panel discussions, and readings.

The festival kicks of on Friday at 7:30p.m. at the Green Center, with a panel discussion, and with events all through Saturday, will come to a close on Sunday at 9:30p.m., with a book signing in the green center as well. For a more detailed schedule, visit the festival's website.

A very important person who will be in the center of all the poetry will be Dr. Jeffery Morgan, who is an established poet himself. He will be reading some of his writings, and of course, contributing to the workshops and discussion panels.

He said, "This is a rare opportunity for students, faculty, and the entire South Florida community to experience four of the greatest living American poets. I hope that we will have close to a packed house and that this festival will help promote Lynn University as a beacon for the literary arts."

Lynn Students will also be taking part in the event, as we have four students who will be reading their poetry, and it was a Lynn Student who designed the poster.

So come out this weekend, and don't miss the poetry action!
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to give you the reader a quick rundown of what to expect from the teams this year.

Men's and women's golf opens their season in the middle of February. The men look to be a strong force in the SSC as they have already compiled a 19-2 record in four fall events.
Meanwhile, the women have had three tournaments during the fall. They finished 1st, 9th and 3rd respectively. They will be led by Sophomore Natasha Morgan, who was named 2004 SSC Freshman of the year.

Men's and women's tennis start in early February. The men last year finished 14-11 overall with a 4-2 conference record. They open the season ranked 16th. The women are coming off an unbelievable 24-2 season including advancing to the national finals. LU has three ranked players including Victoria Weltz, who is ranked third nationally. The women open up the season ranked 3rd overall.

There will be a new face patrolling the dugout this year for LU softball in Thomas Macera. He inherits a team that finished 10-11 in SSC play but 35-19 overall. They will be led this season by Aimee Murch, who finished last season 23-9 and composed a 23-9 record with a 0.69 ERA striking out 309 in 229 innings.

Finally, Baseball kicks off in early spring as well. Last year, the team finished the season 23-31 (7-14 in SSC play). Having lost All-American Beau McMillian to the Florida Marlins shouldn't hurt as John Zagaria should fill in nicely. Zagaria led the team and conference last year with a .383 batting average.

So whether you love the sound of bats, racquets or clubs hitting the ball, all you need to do is to stay on campus and help cheer on your fighting knights in action.