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their seats in a ballroom and prepared for their three-course meal. For dinner, attendees enjoyed fresh caesar salad and a main course selection of either chicken or beef.

During dinner, there was a live band, "Higher Ground," playing that brought students to their feet following dinner. At one point in the evening, student Aaron Barnes was brought up on stage to play the drums for one song.

"It was awesome being up there," said the Boston native who has been playing the drums since he was seven-years-old. "I haven't had a rush like that in a long time."

At midnight, the event was over and students were on their way back to school or headed up to their rooms that they rented for the night. The gala was a complete success. There was a whopping 175 tickets sold, compared to last year's 60 tickets, and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"Because Lynn University does not have a Homecoming dance this is the perfect substitution. A night where the students can socialize, dance and have fun!" said Jennifer Herzog, Student Activities Director. Herzog added, "We hope to see you next year."
Second Annual Project Runway at Lynn

November 29, 2007 - 7 p.m.

Student Designers competed for $1,000 prizes in each of the five unique design categories: Black Dress, Cultural Fusion, Garden Party, Vintage Rage and After 8.

For the first time models also competed for the 'Top Model' award and a contract with Boca Models.

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CALLING ALL BEACH BUMS

By ASHLEA EVANS  
Staff Writer

If you go to any ordinary university you will most likely find the usual clubs and organizations. However, Lynn is no ordinary university. Lynn caters to people of all walks of life; Lynn even celebrates the calling of beach bums.

Brooks Alexander, Communication major, started the “Beach Bum Club” to get students out of the resident halls and to share his passion for nature and the ocean.

“The Beach Bum Club is a gathering of anyone and everyone,” said Alexander. “We want to get you out of school and into the beach scene. We will be having monthly picnics, barbecues, snorkeling, surfing, skim boarding and an ultimate sand castle build off.”

Additionally, members will get discounts at local surf shops. The club also plans to do a beach clean up and a trip to Key West. Membership to the club is free.

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and everyone is welcome to get involved and lend a helping hand.

"The Beach Bum Club is the organization that came to rock Lynn University," said Armando Castillo, one of the beach bummers. "It is a new club that will continue to grow as the time goes on."

The club has 42 members and is always looking for more to join. They meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights Court.

Why not take a break from all the end of semester stress and enjoy some sun on your back and sand in your toes? You may just find your calling.

DAREDEVIL EVEL KNIEVEL DIES

By DANA STEINER
Staff Writer

Motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel died at the age of 69. His death was confirmed by his granddaughter, Krysten Knievel. Knievel had not been in good health for years and suffered from diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis. He had undergone a liver transplant in 1999 after nearly dying of hepatitis C, likely contracted through a blood transfusion after one of his bone-shattering spills. He also suffered two strokes in recent years.

"I cannot believe that he died of natural causes," said Matthew Stern, junior. "I was shocked when I heard he had passed away. We lost an American icon."

Immortalized in the Washington’s Smithsonian Institution as “America’s Legendary Daredevil,” Knievel was best known for a failed 1974 attempt to jump Snake River Canyon on a rocket-powered cycle and a spectacular crash at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas. He suffered nearly 40 broken bones before he retired in 1980. Although he lost some popularity in the 1980s, Knievel always had fans. In later years, he still made a decent living selling his autographs and endorsing products. Also thousands came to Montana, every year as his legend was celebrated during the “Evel Knievel Days” festival.

"I was not a fan of Evel Knievel," said Stern. "But, I absolutely feel sad for Knievel’s family. It is extremely sad that he has passed, but he had a great life."

His death came just two days after it was announced that he and rapper Kanye West had settled a federal lawsuit over the use of Knievel’s trademarked image in a popular West music video.

DO THE PATRIOTS DESERVE AN ASTERISK?

By CHRIS EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Legendary Hall of Fame Coach Don Shula suggests that if the New England Patriots go undefeated than an asterisk should be placed next to their name in the record books due to the fact that Bill Belichick got caught cheating in the Spygate scandal.

Shula is the only coach in the history of the NFL to lead a team to 14-0 in the regular season and 3-0 in the playoffs, including the Super Bowl.

"The Dolphins broke the record legitimately and if the Patriots tie than it should be known they cheated," said Mike Phillips, senior.

If the Patriots do not lose a game this season, they will finish 19-0. Many of the Patriots were upset by the comments of Coach Shula and even called his team of Dolphins ‘old and washed up.’

"I think it’s ridiculous that they would put an asterisk in the records books everyone is just jealous of how good they are," said Greg Woodbury, senior.

It seems that the asterisk is becoming the new go-to thing for athletes who come close to, or break a record, with a questionable past.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEETHOVEN

By JESSICA BYRNE
Staff Writer

Today marks the child prodigy Beethoven’s 237th birthday! To celebrate the birth of German composer and virtuoso pianist Ludwig van Beethoven, the Conservatory of Music will present Beethoven’s Birthday Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall.

Selected faculty will come together to perform some of the best-known and loved pieces at the evening concert. "I think it is a very creative idea to have a concert to celebrate Beethoven’s birthday," said Junior Shantelle Bocciolone. "I would like to attend this event."

During the day, from 1 - 4 p.m., conservatory students and faculty will present a three-hour drop-in program, “Beethoven Forum: Perspectives on Learning and Performance.” This program will be a mix of short presentations and student performances of some of Beethoven’s famous work. Following that will be a lecture by Barbara Berry, head of musicology in the Conservatory, who will speak of Beethoven.

"Beethoven is one of my favorite artists and I am excited Lynn is celebrating his birthday by giving a tribute to him," said Senior Samantha Bartley. "It is important we don't forget where good culture came from and the added bonus is listening to great music from a great composer."

The afternoon forum is free and opened to all of the Lynn community and does not require reservations. Tickets to the evening performance are $25; reservations can be made by calling Lynn University at (561) 237-9000.

HOW TO....

CONTROL STRESS

By MANDY HARRIS & KATIE HARRIS
Staff Writer

1.) No matter how uncontrollable a situation may seem, if you can focus on controlling your breathing, you will avoid having a panic attack.

2.) It is “crunch time” as we near the end year, and teachers are loading us up with assignments. Plan ahead, if you make personal deadlines for each assignment, you will feel better about reaching your goal to turn it in on time.

3.) Prioritize your time! Winter break is right around the corner, you will have a better vacation if you know you spent your time wisely at the library rather than finding Grandma that perfect gift.

4.) Make lists! Not shopping lists, but assignment checklists. Seeing what needs to be done written out in front of you is always helpful.

5.) Do not waste your time biting your nails and complaining about this stressful time of year. It is time to focus and get to work. Working diligently will pay off at the end of the semester!

PET OF THE WEEK

By MANDY HARRIS
Staff Writer

Name: Tao (“Tiger in Swahili) Evans
Age: 13 months
Breed: Bengal Tiger Cat
Owner: Ashlea Evans

Tao’s favorite midnight snacks are lizards and any creature that moves.
VIRGINIA, NOT FLORIDA, MOST VAIN STATE

By ROBERT BURNS
Staff Writer

A state-by-state survey of the popularity of vanity license plates has found that car and truck owners in Virginia are the vainest of them all. Out of the 9.3 million personalized plates on the roads of America, about one in 10 are in Virginia, according to rankings provided to the Associated Press by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. That is 16 percent of the plates issued by Virginia. New Hampshire came in second with nearly 14 percent. Illinois had about 13.4 percent, however that came to nearly 1.3 million plates, the most of any state.

"If you've got 9.3 million people across the U.S. sporting vanity plates, you've got a cultural phenomenon," said, AAMVA spokesman, Jason King.

Why does Virginia have so many personalized plates? "It's only $10. You can do it online with little effort. You can get a new one every month if you wanted to," said Benjamin Mace, a Virginia Beach Web designer who started CoolPl8z.com, where people post pictures of their vanity plates. However, some other states are just as inexpensive. And Illinois has the largest total even though it charges $78 per year. In Florida the personalized plate costs $12 per year, in addition to regular renewal and/or other specialty plate fees.

Texas had the fewest, with about a half percent of drivers personalizing their plates. Stefan Lonce calls it “minimalist poetry in motion,” the art of telling a story in eight or fewer characters. Lonce, author of the upcoming book “LCN2ROM-License to Roam: Vanity Plates and the Stories they Tell” — worked with AAMVA to survey vehicle licensing agencies in each state.

"I think a lot of people have stories to tell and they really want pieces of those stories out there," said Lonce, who admits he initially thought it was silly for people to spend extra money to personalize their license plates.

“My aunt has a personalized tag, LFJAG, because she used to work at Jaguar,” said Senior Angela Barioli. "I would only get one if I could make it something fun; what can you say in eight letters?”

Others are personal, like those of Ally and Rudy Masry of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. She donated a kidney to her husband in 2003, so her car has the tag DONOR and his reads DONEE. Some offer quirky takes on professions, like EYEMAN and 2THDR. BYTE1 reflects the computer science degree held by Vonn Campbell of Greenville, S.C., but he also chose it to “provide a somewhat abrasive message to those individuals who follow too closely.”

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Lynn University's Conservatory of Music will celebrate the holidays with a "Gingerbread Family Holiday Concert" this Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Sponsored by Bank of America, this fifth annual family holiday performance will take place at the Roberts Theater in the Andrews Hall Center for the Performing Arts at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton.

The concert, which will feature carolers from the Dreyfoos School of the Arts, will conclude with a special performance of Peter and the Wolf by the Boca Ballet Theatre, accompanied by Lynn's Philharmonia Orchestra.

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HOW TO...

STUDY FOR FINALS

By MANDY HARRIS & KATIE WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

1. If you are easily distracted by shiny objects, such as remote controls, cellular telephones and the instant messenger bubble that always seems to pop up on your computer screen when you are attempting to start a huge paper, turn off and sign out immediately. It will not kill you to go ‘Stone Age’ for a few hours.

2. If you have a lot of friends at school, going to the Lynn library during finals week could be the kiss of death.

3. Silence slowly leads to insanity. Locking yourself up in your silent dorm room or apartment to study is not a good idea. Believe it or not, a little background noise usually helps you concentrate. (Take your laptop to Starbucks or a book store and grab a coffee as well as a snack.)

4. Do not drink 10 cups of coffee with double shots of espresso. You will crash halfway through your studying and fail miserably.

5. Sleep is needed to make papers sound coherent.

Towering Boca Resort
Gingerbread House at Auction:

For the first time, this year’s concert will be preceded by a silent auction of gingerbread houses beginning at noon, Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Roberts Theater lobby. Numerous gingerbread houses will be on the auction block, with proceeds benefiting the Conservatory of Music and student scholarships. This year’s biggest attraction (literally) may be a large-scale rendering of the Boca Resort & Club - in gingerbread.

Resort Pastry Chef Stephen Day, under the direction of Executive Pastry Chef Jean Speilman, spent over 150 hours creating this 3’x3’x3’ edible work of art. The Gingerbread Resort’s roof is made from 15 pounds of gingerbread, and the resort walls are spackled with two pounds of icing. The Gingerbread Resort includes the true-to-scale tower in its distinctive Boca Pink, along with palm trees and roads.

Gingerbread houses bidding will be from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, and from noon to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, in The Roberts Theater lobby. The auction will close before the concert, and the houses may be picked up by the winning bidders after the concert.

SAVING GOODBYE

By MERISSA BERNSTEIN
Copy Editor

It is a nerve racking, inconspicuous feeling that I have; The end is near. Rather the end is not near, yet progressing into something more substantial, something that for the past four years I have been trained to embrace.

The semester is in the final days and for many means crunch time. However, for me, it means that one door is closing, while another gently opens. College for some can mean a lot of different things. Personally, it reflects an inner desire to grow, both in the fundamentals of education and emotional development

Much has happened these past four years that has outwardly molded me into a more diligent and conscientious person. Making the most of one’s “college opportunity” is both humbling and satirical. Many of us get caught up in the college related articles if you will. While others open their books to really see what is written on the page. We are only here for so long, yet are given many chances to prove ourselves. What should be construed through this message is do not wait. Do not wait for someone to ask you to get involved, whether it be a club or organization.

Immerse yourself in the plethora of opportunities and helping hands. We are all here to get an education. Why not make the most of that education and shine? The world is a big place, yet getting smaller. Prove to those, no prove to yourself, that you are not just another number but a person who embraces life, does not take just what is given to them and who passes on moral and ethical structure that was bestowed upon you at Lynn University.

Make the most of yourself and certainly make the most of your time at Lynn.
BEHIND THE CURTAIN

By ASHLEA EVANS
Staff Writer

It was a night of glitz, it was a night for glamour and for many Lynn students it was a dream come true. However, it took many long hours and late nights to make the designs into masterpieces for the annual 'Project Runway' event.

Ioulia Nikiforova, a Lynn alumni and current Lynn employee, was a part of the process every step of the way. As Dr. Lisa Dandeo's assistant, Nikiforova helped the students to implement their design ideas, help them sew and gave them all the moral support they needed.

Nikiforova also designed her own line that was showcased at the end of the fashion show. She tells the iPulse what it was truly like behind the scenes.

We were all running on adrenaline. I was in tears because it touched me to see how the girls turned these incredible ideas from shapeless fabric to runway creations.

Q: What did you think of the event?
A: I was surprised with the amount of talent at the show, the energy and the professionalism.

Q: What did it take to produce your line?
A: Well, first and foremost - discipline, determination, inspiration and lots of support from Lisa Dandeo herself, as well as friends and family who believed in me. I have learned so much about different fabrics, new sewing techniques, time management and ingenuity. It helped me tremendously in the classroom with the students because I was able to pass what I had learned on to the young designers.

Q: Tell me about your line?
A: I was trying to comply with the five themes that the girls had: Black Dress, Cultural Fusion, Vintage, Garden Party and After 8. Firstly, I was not sure where to start: ideas, fabrics, or something else? I have been changing the designs as the dresses progressed, everything from the fabrics, the texture and the colors. These all inspired me to pick the right looks, the right themes, give me the right direction and the imagination to produce that final perfect look. I guess it is a right combination of different ingredients that equals a masterpiece.

Q: Is there anything you would like to say to motivate the Lynn fashion students?
A: I would tell them that they could not have found a better opportunity to learn the industries “in’s and out’s” than with Dr. Dandeo’s program. What an incredible opportunity to experience the runway behind the curtains and not in the audience. One other thing that I learned from the event is how incredibly alive I felt being able to materialize an abstract idea into an object; one of beauty and grace.

Q: What are your dreams for the future in regards to designing?
A: I am determined to continue designing, creating and making women feel beautiful. I will certainly take any opportunities that come my way to further explore my potentials. Hopefully, one day, I will have my own label that will combine both class and edge. My motto is to compliment any woman’s body and to accentuate her femininity.
THE CREAM OF THE CROP

By ASHLEA EVANS
Staff Writer

South Florida is not only famous for white sandy beaches and eternal summers. Once a year, the nation's finest and most-talented horse riders come together to compete in an array of disciplines, featuring a battle among the nation's best open jumper riders, competing for $155,000 in prize money in the International Jumper division.

Thousands of spectators come to see this fantastic display of excellence in horsemanship and riders from all over the world travel to compete in this prestigious event.

The Palm Beach Equestrian Polo Club of Wellington is currently hosting the 124th National Horse Show until Dec. 9. There will be a variety of vendors and food courts at the family event.

"I've never been to a horse show before, but I'd be very interested to see the nation's best equestrians compete for glory," said Chenelle Brooks, a graduate student at Lynn. "It's also great because they apparently have so many vendors there, I will also be able to get some holiday shopping done on the side."

Previous winner of the Junior Year-end Championships at the National Horse Show, Wellington

DAVID'S TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Some e-mail services offer just that: mail

By DAVID SANDY
Staff Writer

It is a way to communicate over the Internet and send messages. But, other services offer pages you can customize with your own details. You can put these details wherever you want by designing your page. You do not even have to settle for a boring white page. Dress it up with a creative background.

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