Ancient Arabian History

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- A Religious Rule Settles in Saudi Arabia

- Fifa, a mountainous area in southwest Saudi Arabia.
- Parts of what is now eastern Saudi Arabia were first settled in the fourth or fifth millennium BC by migrants from what is now southern Iraq. The Nabateans had the biggest of the early empires, stretching as far as Damascus around the first century BC. In the early 18th century the Al-Saud, the ruling family of modern Saudi Arabia, were the ruling sheikhs of the oasis village of Dir’aiyah, near modern Riyadh. When they formed an alliance, in the mid-18th century, with Mohammed bin Abdul Wahhab, the result was Wahhabism, the back-to-basics religious movement that is still Saudi Arabia’s official form of Islam. By 1806, the converting armies of Wahhabism had conquered most of modern Saudi Arabia as well as a large part of southern Iraq. None of this went down well in Constantinople, as western Arabia was, at least in theory, part of the Ottoman Empire. In 1812 the empire retook western Arabia, and by the end of the 19th century the Al-Saud had retreated to Kuwait, where they were given sanctuary. Source: Lonely Planet
Mada'in Saleh, one of the best known archaeological sites in Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Arabian Peninsula. It occupies an area about the size of the United States east of the Mississippi River. Saudi Arabia’s population is around 22 million (2004 census), and its capital city is Riyadh. Saudi Arabia’s geography is diverse, with forests, grasslands, mountain ranges and deserts. The climate varies from region to region. Temperatures can reach over 110 degrees Fahrenheit in the desert in the summer, while in the winter temperatures in the north and central parts of the country can drop below freezing. Saudi Arabia gets very little rain, only about four inches a year on average. Saudi Arabia is a monarchy based on Islam. The government is headed by the King, who is also the commander in chief of the military. The King appoints a Crown Prince to help him with his duties. The Crown Prince is second in line to the throne. The King governs with the help of the Council of Ministers, also called the Cabinet. There are 22 government ministries that are part of the Cabinet. Each ministry specializes in a different part of the government, such as foreign affairs, education and finance. The King is also advised by a legislative body called the Consultative Council (Majlis Al-Shura). The Council proposes new laws and amends existing ones. It consists of 150 members who are appointed by the King for four-year terms that can be renewed. The country is divided into 13 provinces, with a governor and deputy governor in each one. Each province has its own council that advises the governor and deals with the development of the province. Because Saudi Arabia is an Islamic state, its judicial system is based on Islamic law (Shari’ah). The King is at the top of the legal system. He acts as the final court of appeal and can issue pardons. There are also courts in the Kingdom. The largest are the Shari’ah Courts, which hear most cases in the Saudi legal system. At the time of the establishment of the modern Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932, the country lacked modern transportation facilities and ports, and had less than 30 miles of paved roads. Today, the Kingdom has a modern transportation network of roads, railroads, air, marine and public transport. The country is also linked by a sophisticated communications network that serves as a basis for its economic growth and development. Saudi Arabia’s
telecommunications sector is growing at a remarkable rate. Facilities and services are constantly being expanded to accommodate the Kingdom’s growing market. The Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology oversees all modern communications technologies in the Kingdom. The major provider in Saudi Arabia is the partially privatized Saudi Telecommunications Company (STC), one of the largest telecom services operators in the world. A second company, Mobily, also provides mobile service. The culture of Saudi Arabia is a rich one that has been shaped by its Islamic heritage, its historical role as an ancient trade center, and its Bedouin traditions. Saudi society has experienced tremendous development over the past several decades. The Saudi people have taken their values and traditions, their customs, hospitality and even their style of dress, and adapted them to the modern world. Source: Saudi Arabia Embassy

Saudi Arabian Lynn Student

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By JESSICA FINN
Special to the iPulse

Majeed A-Zayer smiles for the camera. Staff Photo/Jessica Finn.

Saudi Arabia is one of the hottest and driest places on the planet with a population of more than 30 million people. Majeed A-Zayer is a Lynn student who was born in Saudi Arabia. A-Zayer is
majoring in international business, which fits perfectly with his well traveled experiences. Although born in Saudi Arabia, he has lived in places all over the world, including London, Lebanon, Vienna and now Florida. A-Zayer went to a Saudi school in London for most of elementary school and attended high school in Italy. A-Zayer has been living in the United States for one year and is enjoying the educational experience. “The education in the U.S is way better than the education in Vienna or Saudi,” said A-Zayer. There are several differences in the culture in the United States and Saudi Arabia. “In Saudi Arabia, Islam is the culture and the females wear a veil on their heads.” There are also several laws and holidays in Saudi Arabia that differ from those in the United States. For example, women cannot drive in Saudi Arabia. Additionally, Saudis celebrate holidays such as Eid and Ramadan. “You have Christmas; we have Eid,” said A-Zayer. “Ramadan is a holiday that lasts for one month. You have to fast from dawn until sunset [each day].” A-Zayer’s family now lives in Vienna, though he remembers his time in Saudi Arabia fondly.
The world of science fiction was hit with the death of Michael Crichton last month. He lost his battle with cancer in Los Angeles at the age of 66. Crichton was most famous for his novel “Jurassic Park,” which became Steven Spielberg’s big screen blockbuster in 1995. Crichton has sold millions of books over the years. Crichton was able to excite his readers and fans with his many action-packed and the occasionally controversial topics.

Outside the writing community, he was also hugely popular on television. He is the creator of the hit series “ER,” which is currently in its fifteenth and final season. “ER” has been one of NBC’s longest running series, boasting such actors as George Clooney and Anthony Edwards among other famous actors.

He is also the author of such notable titles as “The Andromeda Strain,” “Congo,” “Disclosure,” “Rising Sun,” “Timeline,” “State of Fear,” “Prey” and “Next.”
Along with being an author, screenwriter and producer, Crichton also directed films. One of his most notable films was “The First Great Train Robbery,” starring Sean Connery and Donald Sutherland. Even though he did not direct many films, his novels have acted as platforms for many films.
Crichton was the recipient of many awards, including an Emmy, a Peabody Award and an award from The Writers Guild of America. Michael Crichton brought the genre of science fiction to the world as a form of entertainment and understanding.

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**Senior Student Sprints Forward**

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- Nationally Ranked Runner Sets Sights on Several Prominent Marathons
- By RENEE INGRASSIA
  Staff Writer

Logo for this year’s Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend at which Jaime Thompson, senior, will be competing in the Goofy Challenge.

Jaime Thompson, senior, is currently training for the Goofy Challenge in Disney World in January as well as the Chicago Marathon in October. Thompson has been a runner her entire life, and she began running competitively in junior high, which she continued through her junior year of college. “Running is my identity, and I take pride in the amount of effort I put into my training,” said Thompson. Thompson spent her first two-years of college at Lynchburg College in Virginia. Once Jaime moved down to Florida and transferred to Lynn, she joined a marathon running club and soon became inspired to run her own full marathon. To train for both marathons, Thompson runs between 75 and 80 miles a week, which she breaks up into sections between long runs and tempos. Before Thompson was a marathon runner, she was a sprinter. Running both the 400- and 800-meter challenges. As a runner, Thompson is nationally ranked and has won many races. Running is very much a part of Jaime and who she is, “I feel a sense of freedom when I run,” she said. “It is just me and the pavement, and there is nobody judging me except for myself.” In addition to the sense of freedom she feels, she also runs for “the satisfaction of
the finish.” Thompson does not plan on taking a break from running any time soon and plans to continue running throughout the rest of her life.

• Trend-Setter From Taunton

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• Massachusetts Native Has Eyes Set on Entrepreneurship and Fashion
• By HILLARY DEVER
  Staff Writer

• Jacqueline Orcutt, junior.
• Jacqueline Orcutt is a 21-year-old junior from Taunton, Mass. who is majoring in fashion management with hopes of starting her own clothing boutique upon graduation. Orcutt has an interest in both fashion and management and believed that this major/specialization would be a perfect match for her future career goals. When starting her boutique, Orcutt plans to have a say in not only the design of the clothes being sold, but would also design many of the pieces herself. Orcutt’s fashion inspirations and influences come from Michael Kors, who Orcutt says has a fun and different look for almost any occasion. Recently, one of Orcutt’s alterations was showcased in a West Palm Beach fashion show. Her altered patterns have also been seen in several Lynn fashion shows in the past. This December, four of her pieces will be worn in Lynn’s semi-annual fashion show. Orcutt’s extracurricular activities include shopping for and seeking out new clothing styles around Boca Raton as well as reading fashion magazines at the beach. For those seeking style advice, in Orcutt’s opinion, hot style items currently include bright colors, shirts that can be layered, dark skinny jeans, high-waisted pants, oversized handbags and large sunglasses.
“Friends” poster displaying the show’s loveable cast of characters

Most Americans watch at least some amount of television on a daily basis. The evolution of the four-channel, black-and-white television sets to the HDTVs with hundreds of channels and DVR/TiVo has been a drastic one. Individuals look to television not just for entertainment, but for news and even shopping as well. Reality TV is a phenomenon in American society, and viewers from all age groups are tuning into such shows as “The Hills” and “Survivor.” Some even seek to find love on such shows as “The Bachelor.” Whatever the genre, almost every individual has a favorite television show that they simply can’t live without. The iPulse set out to find what shows the Lynn student just can’t miss. “‘Friends’” is my favorite TV show,” said Courtney Günter, senior. “I could not imagine living without watching ‘Friends;’ it’s a very funny show and it can always put me in a good mood.
oster featuring the cartoon characters of “South Park.”

Even though there are no new episodes, watching reruns still occupies my time and still makes me laugh. ‘Friends’ is the kind of show that you can watch over and over and never get sick of it.” “A show that I watch religiously is ‘South Park,’” said Rory Ginsburg, junior. “The show keeps me laughing, and they always have new material because they make fun of events and people from our society.” “‘Project Runway’ is a show that I love and can’t live without,” said Danielle Mizarhi, junior. “I am a fashion major and I enjoy watching the people create unique and innovative outfits.”

The award-winning “Project Runway” is now in its third season.
• **Senior Strikes ‘em Out**

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Pitcher Justin Garcia Wants to Make His Last Season at Lynn Count
By GENE PROUSNITZER
Staff Writer

Justin Garcia strikes out another opponent as a senior pitcher for the Fighting Knights. LU Photo.

As one of 13 seniors on Coach Rudy Garbalosa’s baseball team, Justin Garcia is looking to bounce back after a year of struggling after elbow surgery. Garcia, a sports management major from Torrance, CA, is in his second year at Lynn after transferring from Los Angeles Harbor College. Recently Garcia shared his opinions on Lynn and baseball in an exclusive iPulse interview.

**iPulse:** Why did you choose to attend Lynn?

**Garcia:** I chose Lynn because my friend Danny Flores was coming here to play, and because I knew Coach Donovan O’Dowd, and he told me that the team was good and that South Florida was a lot of fun.

**iPulse:** What are your personal and athletic goals for this year?

**Garcia:** My main goal for this year is to do whatever I can to help the team achieve our goal of winning a national title. My personal goal is to be the guy Coach Garbalosa counts on to get outs out of the bullpen.

**iPulse:** What have you been working on to achieve these goals?

**Garcia:** Since last season I’ve worked really hard in the weight room to make sure that I can make it through the season with no pain in my elbow. I felt that last year I wasn’t strong enough after elbow surgery and that contributed to my lack of control at times. If I have no pain in my elbow I feel that I can dominate anybody.

**iPulse:** What are your plans after graduation in Spring?

**Garcia:** After graduation I want to get my masters and hopefully work toward becoming a Major League Baseball general manager after that.
Senior Dusty Pflugner Bounces Back From Serious Injury

By Gene Prousnitzer
Staff Writer

Dusty Pflugner is looking for redemption in his senior year. Pflugner spent last year and the first month of this year recovering from a torn hamstring in each leg, including two in his right leg, and a torn ligament in his ankle. Pflugner, a sports management major from Sarasota, is entering his second year under Head Coach Scott McMillin. Pflugner spent his first two years at Division I Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA. “I chose to come to Lynn since it’s close to home,” said Pflugner. “Lynn also has a great environment, a top notch coaching staff and a history of winning and competing for championships. Since coming here, I’ve found the thing that has made my time here more enjoyable is the camaraderie I’ve developed with my teammates. There is nothing that could take the place of it.” “Since last year, I’ve worked on trying to stay healthy as well as my defense,” said Pflugner. “I’m getting more sleep and taking better care of my body. Defensively, I’ve just tried to pick up on every little thing the coaches are teaching us.” Pflugner scored 18 points in his first game with extensive minutes against St. Thomas on seven of eight shooting, including three of four from beyond the three. “Seeing Dusty come back like that...
made me want to come back from my injury that much more,” said Brandon Kennedy, junior. “He knows how limited his time is on the court and is taking every possible advantage of it.” After graduation, Pflugner is planning on receiving his MBA in the field of sports management and taking some time to travel before he enters the job market.

Kiteboarding Visits Delray

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An Exciting Event of Soaring High for Thrills and Spills!

By Amy Lyus
Staff Writer

The time has come to take advantage of free kiteboarding lessons, a downwind dash and a relay race at Delray Beach’s “Best of the Best CKA Collegiate Kite-boarding Contest, Tour Stop 3.” The event takes place on Dec. 6-7 at South Florida’s Delray Beach by Anchor Park. A live D.J. will be present and activities include kite-surfing, snow-kiting and land-boarding. Some of Lynn University’s very own will be competing in the contest. “I’m so excited to get out there and compete,” said Lauren Forman, junior. “I hope everyone comes out to experience the intensity of kite-boarding.” All are encouraged to celebrate the thrill of kiteboarding and have a great time this coming weekend.
How to Make a Paper Snowflake

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iPulse Staff Writer, Megan Mangone, Shares a Holiday Tradition

By Megan Mangone
Staff Writer
With the holiday season just around the corner, people are using different methods to get into the spirit. A classic tradition to try this holiday season is to create and design paper snowflakes. It’s fast, easy and puts anyone into the holiday spirit. Here are a few simple steps to follow when creating paper snowflake.

Step 1: Begin with a square piece of paper and fold the piece of paper in half.
Step Two: Now fold both sides of the corners to form two 60 degree angles.

Step Three: Cut along the bottom of the two folds in a rounded shape.
Step Four: Now cut the paper as much as desired and when finished, unfold the snowflake carefully.

Santa’s Little Student Helpers

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The Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Makes Snowflakes for a Worthy Cause

By Britney Hutchinson
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As the holidays quickly approach and many stores start stocking up for the season, the ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority are as busy as elves in Santa’s workshop. They have been making snowflakes to send off to children who will be spending the holidays in the hospital. Project Snowflake is just one of the many contributions to Sigma’s philanthropy The Robbie Page Memorial Fund. The fund was established in memory of the son of one of the sorority’s former national president’s who suffered and passed away from Polio. The memorial helped find a cure for Polio and its main goal now is to fund play therapy for terminally ill children. Fundraisers such as Jail n’ Bail which raised $748 this year, and Karnations for Kids have helped contribute to the worthy cause, but hand making paper snowflakes comes as a more personal contribution.

“Doing fundraisers like Jail n’ Bail and Karnations for Kids has helped contribute to a worthy cause,” said Lauren Fry, philanthropy chair. “I think that the kids will enjoy the snowflakes because it gives them a sense of the season and they were handmade which gives it a personal touch.” Sigma would like to see a school wide contribution. During Lynn’s Annual Snow Day, on Wednesday Dec. 10, Sigma will have a table set up to teach “Snowflake Making 101.” All snowflakes will be sent off to the philanthropy’s hospital at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, where they will contribute to making the Holidays more cheerful for some children.
The Highway to Hell Is Found

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One Man’s Journey Finds a Mayan Cave Believed to Link to Hell
By Renee Ingrassia
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Mexican archeologist Guillermo de Anda recently explored a series of caves and now believes he found the connection to hell, a myth among the Mayan culture.
The myth is that the afterlife of the Mayans was supposed to be devastating; the dead had to navigate through rivers of blood, and compartments full of knives, bats, and even jaguars. This destructive place is what the archeologist feels he has found on his journey; the highway to hell.
“It was the place of fear, the place of cold, the place of danger, of the abyss,” said Archaeologist Guillermo de Anda.”
The journey to the underworld is explained in the Popol Vuh, a mythological text. A few things suggest that the Mayans produced them to imitate the journey to the area. These things are the area of underground cavities as well as the roads and temples beneath the farmland and the jungle of the Yucatan Peninsula.

De Anda plunges into the depths of a Mayan Cave. Photo/Associated Press.

It is a well known fact among archeologists that Mayans viewed their caves to be sacred. De Anda’s team, however, initiated a vital ingredient by searching through historical records in order to establish the connection of a series of these sacred caves and to also connect them with the idea of their road to hell.
“I think it’s rather interesting how the archeologist findings of the caves can be linked to the culture of the Mayan people,” said Devin Porter, senior. “Such finds help people nowadays figure out what happened in past historical events.”
De Anda also uncovered a 100-yard flawlessly paved underground road, an immersed temple, and the complex crossroads of the Mayan legends. In some areas of the cave, it is nearly impossible to walk through without cutting your skin from the stone structure; this
leads De Anda to infer that these are a depiction of the “room of knives.” In addition, shallow roads broken up by pools of water are believed to represent the rivers of blood. Florida Atlantic University Archeologist Clifford Brown has also worked in the area and concurs that these caves are seen by the Mayas as a threshold to hell.

“If only we were as sure about things, such as the location of hell, as the Mayans,” said Professor Stephen Aiello. “Unfortunately, we, as modern people, are often the creators our own hell in how we treat our brothers and sisters on this planet.”

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. The Key to Knights’ Success

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- Athletic Trainers are the Backbone for the Fighting Knights
- By Gene Prousitzer
- Staff Writer

Athletic trainers Duck, Neinas and Favata pose for the camera. Photo/LU Photo.

The Fighting Knights have won 18 national titles and 22 Sunshine State Conference Titles, but there is one key to the success on the fields and courts: the Athletic Training staff. The mission of the Athletic Training staff is to provide the best possible medical care for the student-athletes of Lynn University. There are three athletic trainers, Michael Duck, Lance Neinas and Christine Favata. In addition to overseeing the daily operations of the Athletic Training Department and the Drug Education Program, Duck provides injury evaluation, rehabilitation and prevention strategies for the volleyball team, as well as the men’s and women’s tennis teams and men’s basketball team. Neinas is responsible for the medical coverage and care of the men’s soccer, baseball and men’s and women’s golf student athletes. “I also am in charge of handling all insurance issues for the athletic department and the athletic training budget,” said Neinas. Favata’s main responsibilities are to provide medical coverage for women’s soccer, women’s basketball and softball. The Athletic Training staff not only assists the players, but the coaches as well. “As a coach they provide to us a number of other competitive advantages,” said Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach Marcus Hayes. “Such as advising us on the best way to keep our guys hydrated, or which foods will benefit them the most when it comes to energy, stretching techniques and making our jobs easier by keeping our players playing, and not out to where they can’t help
The training staff has seen many moments in their time at Lynn. “I have had many memorable moments in my 10 years at Lynn,” said Duck. “I get satisfaction everyday from helping our athletes perform their best. However, there is nothing like the feeling after winning a National Championship. Having the fortune of assisting with two national championship teams (‘01 women’s tennis and ‘07 men’s tennis) was special and is something I will never forget. Individual achievements are nice, but team accomplishments last a lifetime!” “Having the men’s basketball team go to the final four was probably my most memorable moment. It was good to see all the buzz around campus and to see the team go far in the playoffs.” Favata is in her first year as an athletic trainer at Lynn, since coming from Coconut Creek High School. “I am coming from a high school so the athlete’s mentality here is much different, said Favata. “I enjoy working with them because they are at such a high level of competition that they are willing to do whatever it takes to be at the top of their game. They will do whatever you say regarding rehabilitation and exercise and that makes our job a lot easier to get them back in the game.” The athletic trainers contribution to Lynn’s athletic program is a major reason for the 18 national championships that Lynn has won and the many more to come.
Fascinating Fun Facts for All

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Today’s Tantalizing Tid Bit’s That One Might Not Have Already Known

By Jennifer O’Toole
Editor

- The cost of prescription drugs in the US has increased on average by 8.3% annually since 1994. The average rate of inflation during this time period was only about 2.5%.
- The poison arrow frogs of South and Central America are the most poisonous animals in the world.
- The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.
- Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax and correct itself.

Dunkin for More Then Donuts

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- Three Local South Florida Dunkin Donuts’ Robbed in Just Two Days
- By Renee Ingrassia
  Staff Writer
A Palm Beach Sheriff’s vehicle sits outside one of the targeted Dunkin Donuts.

On the eve of Thanksgiving two different Dunkin Donuts’ were robbed at gunpoint, one in Sunrise and one in Delray Beach. The next day, a Dunkin Donuts in Tamarac was robbed and gun shots were again fired. “I think this is really scary,” said Meagan Fitzgerald, senior. “Plus it is going to give bad publicity to Dunkin Donuts because it was more than one location.” At 10:22 a.m. four men dressed in black walked into the Dunkin Donuts on West Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Soon after they entered they made the customers get down to the floor and they went through their pockets. Meanwhile, one of the robbers climbed over the counter and robbed the cash register. It is unclear how much the robbers were able to get, but authorities have said that it could not have been more than a couple of hundred dollars. The criminals were in and out of the store in just 53 seconds and the customers and the staff was compliant with the robbers. However, as they were leaving, they shot three people, one was shot in the mouth, one in the jaw, and the other received small pellets in their leg. All of the victims were elderly and the man that was shot in the mouth is an 84-year-old World War II veteran who lost his teeth in the shooting and had to have surgery. “Everybody around here today – we’ve got guys that are veterans who have been around here a long time, that are kind of hardened, that are really, really upset about how and why this would happen,” said Delray Beach Police Spokesperson Jess Messer. “The robbery is one thing. They had committed the robbery. They had gotten what they were going to get. They started randomly shooting people who were compliant and there is no reason, there is no sense of that.” All four robbers escaped on foot. While running away, a car shined their high beams at the escaping robbers leading them to shoot the driver in the face. Wednesday night cops had searched surrounding neighborhoods for fear that they were hiding out and could possibly harm more people. A helicopter was hovering the area for three hours and cops were searching on foot with the canine units. In addition, portions of West Atlantic were closed for three hours and residents were not able to return home. Also on Wednesday night, robbers entered a Dunkin Donuts in Sunrise. The robbers were wearing similar attire to the robbers involved in the other two robberies and no one was shot. On Thanksgiving night at 9:15 a.m. at the Tamarac location another robbery took place and another man was shot in the back as he was ordering. This time, however, only two men were involved and the robbers could not open the registers so they did not flee with much. The man that was shot was taken to Broward General Medical Center and the family has reported to authorities that he may never walk again. As a result of these crimes, both the Tamarac and Delray Dunkin Donuts’ will now be closing earlier with some of their drive thrus still remaining open 24 hours. The Tamarac location, which
has been a 24 hour facility, will now be closing its doors at 10 a.m. in addition to Delray Beach Dunkin Donuts. Their drive thru will only be open until midnight. In addition, the other Delray Beach location will be closing at 8 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. and a Coral Springs location will be closed at 8 a.m. It is still unclear whether or not these crimes were related or a copy cat crime had occurred. The Delray Beach police are asking anyone that has information that will help in solving this crime to come forward. They are offering a $5,000 reward for anyone who knows who did this and Crime Stoppers is also offering an additional $1,000 reward for information.

Rachael’s Review on a Movie

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James Bond Quantum Of Solace Hits The Big Screen and is Spotlighted

By Rachael Evans
Staff Writer

One of the most anticipated movies of the year is now in theatres. James Bond played by Daniel Craig is back in The Quantum of Solace. In James Bond’s movie audience expect certain things to occur such as betrayal, deceit, enemies, beautiful women, exotic cars chases and perfectly delivered one-liners. This particular Bond film encompasses all of the ideas viewers expect to find. After being betrayed by his lover, Vesper, James Bond’s latest mission has him interrogating a man that will help them find the organization who blackmailed Vesper. When a traitor in the MI6 has been found a special intelligence operative traces the traitor all the way to Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), a powerful member of the “organization” in Haiti. In Haiti, Bond meets his infamous leading lady
Cimille (Olga Kurylenlo) who appears to be connected to Greene in a mysterious way. Bond’s mission leads to be more personal and dangerous than he had planned. This movie was remarkably well done, and was better than most of the past James Bond films. All are encouraged to go see this holiday film.

• **Tonight Marks Lynn’s Annual Project Runway**
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  - Elizabeth Hubbard, senior, winner of last years student modeling contest
  - Lynn University’s third annual Lynn Project Runway, a take-off of BRAVO’s Emmy-nominated show, has a dozen fashion management students learning the basic fundamentals of garment construction and pattern modifications. In business professor Lisa Dandeo’s 400 level fashion Apparel Production class, students become fashion designers by envisioning, constructing and showcasing five unique ensembles on the runway. The third season of Lynn’s Project Runway premieres in just two weeks at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Louis and Anne Green Center on campus. Student designers will use their creativity while obeying basic guidelines outlined for this year’s theme: “The Courtship.” Their creations will include five ensembles: a first date outfit; a ‘meet the parents’ black dress; a mad hatter’s bachelorette costume party garment; and the wedding day, jewel-toned bridesmaid dress. Dandeo and co-instructor, Alice Bristol of the American Sewing Guild, have high hopes for the runway show that will act as the final exam for the students
enrolled in the Apparel Production class, offered through the College of Business and Management’s Fashion Management specialization this semester. This class has students competing for more than a grade, as the winning designers will be awarded $3,000 in cash prizes. Dandeo recently announced the distinguished panel of judges for the competition who will critique the ensembles based on quality, style, design, sale-ability and theme appropriateness. This year’s judges include: Merle Sloss, executive vice president of Geoffrey Beene licensing in New York City; Etoile Volin, the owner of Boca Raton’s Etoile, a boutique and fashionista; Tasha Rahl, owner of The HLN Company, an image management company for men, women and children; Ellie Crowder, president of the Ft. Lauderdale chapter of the America Sewing Guild; and Katherine Lande, style editor of Palm Beach Illustrated. In addition to judging the designer’s garments, this season will feature a “catwalk award” for Lynn’s top model. The models will be judged by Michele Pommier, a supermodel turned talent agent entrepreneur. Pommier will offer the winning student a modeling contract with her agency and a free photo shoot with a top New York photographer. Lynn’s Project Runway is open to the public. For Project Runway details, contact Dandeo directly at ldandeo@lynn.edu. Media inquiries should be directed to Laura Vann at lvann@lynn.edu or call 561-237-7967 (o) / 561-289-0159.
The Office of Student Involvement (OSI) has been busy planning this year’s events, including trips to the Miami Dolphins Football Games, Disney World and even Universal Studio’s Halloween Horror Nights. Not only does OSI sponsor off campus trips but they also work with all 35 clubs and organizations to bring events, activities and innovative programming to campus. Director of Student Involvement Jennifer Herzog says her two favorite events every year are Multicultural Day and the Leadership Banquet.

“Multicultural Day allows students to showcase their heritage and culture and it brings the entire Lynn community together to celebrate! The Leadership Banquet highlights events throughout the year and honors outstanding student leaders.” OSI hopes to continue to increase student involvement by consistently thinking outside the box and constantly looking into and researching new ideas, activities and events to bring to campus. The Student Involvement Staff are only a small, but very important part of the success of OSI; the bigger entity underneath OSI is the student-run clubs and organizations. “When I first arrived at Lynn last fall I was overwhelmed with the amount of clubs and organizations a small school like Lynn had, I didn’t know what to join,” said Tova Brown, sophomore. “The great thing is if there is nothing that fits you, students are free to start their own
Hezog states, “OSI believes that college is such a short period of one’s life, but often the most memorable time. It’s those experiences outside the classroom that create the college experience, whether it’s doing research with a professor or chairing a committee or being the member of a club, it’s those experiences that add richness and depth to one’s character.” To find out more about Student Involvement, how to get involved, or how to start a club or organization, stop by the Information Station in the Student Center Lobby or visit the Office of Student Involvement in the Knights Court.

Lynn’s Melodious Marriage

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Leite and Lombardi Bring Harmony to the Conservatory of Music

By Megan Mangone
Staff Writer

Edgar Leite and Adriana Lombardi. Staff Photo/Megan Mangone.

Edgar Leite and Adriana Lombardi, graduate students, are a married couple who have come to Lynn University in order to further their dreams of performing and teaching. Leite and Lombardi, both originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil, traveled to Lynn just one week after their marriage.
wedding day. The couple met at the University of Sao Paulo. Then they decided to come to Lynn University after Joel Souza, a former conservatory member and cello player, gave them the suggestion. “We came and auditioned and were given scholarships to all schools,” said Leite. “Lynn just seemed like the right fit and we really liked it down here. Dr. Robertson is really great and so is the rest of the conservatory.” Leite has been playing the violin for 17 years now. His father, who played the guitar and would bring his son to different concerts, was his inspiration. “The first section in an orchestra is the violin section, so I just took a liking to the instrument. My parents tried to get me into something that was less expensive, but I didn’t care. I really enjoyed playing the violin and stuck with it,” said Leite. His wife, Lombardi, has been playing the cello since she was 10-years-old. She first started playing the piano, but her mother, who is a school music teacher, soon influenced her fascination with the cello. “I would travel with her to school and would see different instruments. When I saw the cello, I really liked it and knew I wanted to play that instrument,” Lombardi stated. Currently the couple teaches in the Prepatory Department in the conservatory. They also work with students at the Dreyfoos School of Arts in West Palm Beach. The two plan to continue their education here at Lynn and also want to continue teaching and playing in the future.

* Shooting for Sucess

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- Michael Baptiest’s Seasons with Lynn are Sure to be Promising
- By Megan Mangone
  Staff Writer
Michael Baptiest takes a jump shot in front of his opponents. Photo/LU.

Michael Baptiest, sophomore, is one of Lynn University’s star basketball players. Due to a previous injury from last season flaring up, he is eager to get back on the floor and show the crowds his talent. Originally from Miami, Baptiest attended South Miami Senior High School. He began playing basketball when he was 14-years-old. Baptiest has always been an athletic person, and started his days as a football player. However, after a few years, he was urged by many to try out for the basketball team. His decision turned out to be the smartest one of his career. “I started playing and loved it. My coach, Robert Doctor, saw a lot of talent in me and he urged me to go further with basketball after high school,” said Baptiest. “I had some really great games finishing up my senior year and that was when I thought, maybe I can play college ball.” The decision was easy for Baptiest when it came down to choosing a school to play for. “The coaches here at Lynn are like none other. They really push you to not only be the best player, but also the best person you can be,” Baptiest expressed. Baptiest was raised by his mother who has inspired him to be successful in everything he does in life. “She really has been my one huge inspiration in life. Everything I do is because of her. She got me to where I am today.” Baptiest has three more seasons with the Fighting Knights. Due to a knee injury early on in the season, he is hopeful that he will bounce back and take over the court just like he did last season.

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**The Need for Speed on the Road**

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- [New Florida Law Penalizes Drivers Going 50 MPH Over the Limit](#)
- By Renee Ingrassia
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A police officer issues a ticket.

Drivers in the state of Florida exceeding 50 MPH over the posted speed limit will now receive a fine of $1,000. For those drivers that continue to speed after their first ticket, the second time they are caught speeding 50 MPH over the speed limit, they will receive a fine of $2,500 and lose their license for an entire year. If they are caught again, after their second fine, they will then receive a fine of $5,000 and lose their license for 10 years.

“Civil individuals such as myself would feel that a $1,000 fine is more reasonable than going to jail or prison for something that is so little compared to a street crime,” said Mike Bell, senior. In the past, speeders who surpassed the speed limit by 30 MPH received the highest fine of $250; this law is currently still in effect. The day after the law went into effect, 80 people were given citations under the new penalties. These citations were given in an hour and a half in Miami-Dade alone. Among the speeders was a motorcyclist going 150 MPH, and a Mustang that was clocked at 145 MPH. “I think it is unfair,” said Jay Xavier, senior. “I’m 6’5” and I have a heavy foot.”

A speedometer ticks to 100 MPH

This law was originally initiated for speeding motorcyclists, but the motorcyclists began to complain that it did not apply to everyone. Now, all motorists will be affected by the new regulation. “I guess it’s a good idea because it’s such a hefty fine that it would deter people to speed and cause less accidents,” said Carly Dorfman, senior. “In Hong Kong they do something similar, and obviously accidents happen, but I think it’s definitely reduced the number of them.”
Nickelback is one of the biggest and most successful bands to hit the airwaves over the past 10 years. They can be considered one of the most influential bands in rock history, having sold more than 26 million albums worldwide. Nickelback returns on their 6th album “Dark Horse.” The album was produced by one of the legendary producers in rock, Mutt Lange and collaborator Joey Moi. This is definitely one of the strongest points of the album, the production team. Songs such as “Next go Around” or “I’d come for you” are expertly woven together and makes the music never gets stale; that is really hard to do in the alternative rock genre. The band also stays relevant with just enough new sounds that keep the band from becoming irrelevant. Songs like “Gotta be Somebody” and “Shakin Hands” all touch on serious, but fun topics as well. They don’t try too take themselves too seriously with the content, which I think is a major problem with artists today. Although there are personal songs in the album, you don’t get the feeling that the album is trying to preach something. I am very surprised by the quality of “Dark Horse” and would recommend it to anyone looking to listen to good music, I give this album a 4 out of 5.
Well before Columbus sailed the ocean blue back in 1492, prehistoric tribes from Asia had come to Canada across the Bering Strait. The first European visitors were the Vikings, who arrived about 1000 AD and tried to settle in northern Newfoundland. Eventually, however, they grew tired of hostilities with the indigenous tribes and withdrew, leaving Canada’s aboriginal population to develop a multitude of languages, customs, religious beliefs, trading patterns, arts and crafts, laws and governments. European interest in Canada only heated up again in the 15th century, when various monarchs sponsored expeditions in search for the Northwest Passage, gold and various other things. They found none of them but that did not deter explorer Jacques Cartier, who made the first claim on the area surrounding the St. Lawrence River for France in 1534. Just as the French started to thrive on the fur trade, the British entered the scene, founding the Hudson’s Bay Company in 1670 to add a bit of ‘friendly’ competition. For a while, the two European cultures coexisted peacefully. But the hostilities of the Seven Year’s War, which pitted France and Britain against one another in Europe, spilled over into North America in 1754. After several years of fighting, the British captured Louisbourg in Nova Scotia. The turning point in the war arrived when the British defeated the French at Québec City in 1759. At the
Treaty of Paris in 1763, France handed Canada over to Britain. In 1867 the British North American Act (BNA Act) gave birth to modern, self-governing Canada – the Dominion of Canada – and essentially became Canada’s equivalent of a constitution.

- An 1869 painting by Frances Anne Hopkins of a scene showing a large Hudson’s Bay Company freight canoe passing a waterfall. The Death of General Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham at Quebec in 1759, part of the Seven Years’ War. Above: The Peacekeeping Monument in Ottawa, commemorating Canada’s role in international peacekeeping, and the soldiers who have and who are participating in it.
- By 1912 all provinces had become part of the central government except Newfoundland, which did not join in until 1949. Source: Lonely Planet

The Famous Sights of Canada

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Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls are the massive waterfalls on the Niagara River, straddling the international border separating the Canadian province of Ontario and the U.S. state of New York. Niagara Falls (French: les Chutes de Niagara) are massive waterfalls on the Niagara River, straddling the international border separating the Canadian province of Ontario and the U.S. state of New York. The Niagara Falls are renowned both for their beauty and as a valuable source of hydroelectric power. The name “Niagara” is said to originate from an Iroquois word “Onguiaahra” meaning “Thunder of Waters.”

The northern (polar) lights, formally known as the aurora borealis, is only visible in the North sky in the Northern Hemisphere. The northern lights are a luminous display, alive with shimmering and astounding colors that dance across the dark sky. The Cree call this phenomenon the Dance of the Spirits. The aurora borealis appear frequently at the more northern latitudes of Canada. While the northern lights can be seen year round in Canada, they are best viewed in fall and winter when the nights are longer.
Different views of Niagara Falls, located in Ontario, Canada. The northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis, as seen from the landscapes of Canada.

. **Its Strength Lies in its Difference**
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- Canada is Full of Unforgettable Experiences and Encounters
Those expecting Canada to be a blander version of the United States should check their assumptions at the door. Canada’s wild northern frontier, which has etched itself into the national psyche, and its distinct patchwork of peoples have created a country that is decidedly different from its brash neighbor. It’s the edginess between Canada’s indigenous, French and British traditions that gives the nation its complex three-dimensional character. Add to this a constant infusion of U.S. culture and a plethora of traditions brought by migrants, and a thriving multicultural society is created. In Canada, every season offers distinct experiences like viewing the Northern Lights (or Aurora Borealis) that are as fleeting as they are exhilarating.

Canada stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, sharing the southern latitude of Rome and reaching all the way up to the Arctic. Across such a vast landscape temperature and climate varies dramatically. In May alone, people can ski the Olympic-calibre mountain terrain of the west coast or attend the world’s largest tulip festival in central Canada. No matter which season it is, Canada’s seasons offer dramatic displays of color and vibrant life. Travelers should plan ahead to ensure they will not miss that first sip of the season’s Merlot on a sun-drenched autumn Okanagan afternoon, or icebergs the size of office buildings afloat off the coast of Newfoundland in summer. Winter is a great time to watch a fierce West Coast winter storm on Tofino’s endless beach.
A look at a mountain lake in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Views of the majestic nature that can be seen throughout Canada.

Canada offers unforgettable encounters with nature that will fire both the senses and the imagination. Travelers can get so close to the mammoth blue whales of the St. Lawrence or the magnificent orcas off BC’s Vancouver Island that they can taste their salty spray on their lips. Canada is home to the mighty Nahanni River, the world’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wildflowers bloom along high alpine trails in Canada’s renowned national parks. The second-largest country in the world has sights enough to keep visitors and residents alike going for several lifetimes. Its wild bounty of nature parks hold bald eagles, bears, lynxes, wolves and thousand-year-old pines. Its cities are shaking off their staid reputations and revelling in their cosmopolitan chic. Sources: Lonely Planet and the Canadian Tourism Commission.

Neighbor to the North

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Canadian on Campus Comments on Country
By Chris Edwards
Special to the iPulse
Senior Jessika Noel-Kaneb, a native Canadian, spends some time with one of her dogs at her Boca Raton apartment. Staff Photo/C. Edwards.

Senior Jessika Noel-Kaneb, a native Canadian, spends some time with one of her dogs at her Boca Raton apartment. Staff Photo/C. Edwards. Noel-Kaneb decided to come to Lynn at the encouragement of a high school friend. “I decided to give it a try, and I fell in love with it,” she said. Not a stranger to the outdoors, Noel-Kaneb enjoys sports such as tennis and basketball in her spare time. Her true passion, though, is probably water sports, as she is a certified water skier, wake boarder and bare footer. She is even an instructor for each of the three sports as well. Though Noel-Kaneb was familiar with the United States before coming to school here, she says that it is still quite a culture shock living in South Florida. “Even though the two countries are very close to each other, they are very different,” she said. “When I first came here, I had a bit of a culture shock, and I’m not quite sure if it’s over yet.” Noel-Kaneb commented that even the driving laws and school system here is still taking some getting used to. Though it may be different than her home country of Canada, Noel-Kaneb enjoys living in South Florida and attending Lynn. In her free time she enjoys playing sports and spending time with her dogs Havok and Jax.
The third annual Lynn Project Runway fashion show, a spinoff of BRAVO’S hit show “Project Runway,” took place December 4 in the Louis and Anne Green Center. Each year, the show is the vision of Associate Professor Lisa Dandeo and the fashion management students enrolled in her Apparel Production class. This unique class educates the students in fashion design, allowing them to design, sew and unveil their pieces at the fashion show at the end of the semester. Over the course of the past semester, these fashion students have been working countless hours to complete five looks for the show: First Date, Meet the Parents Black Dress, Hollywood Engagement, Mad Hatter’s Bachelorette Party and The Wedding Party. The winner of each category would win a cash prize between $250 and $750. Models were also in a competition for a one-year modeling contract with Pommier Models and a photo shoot with a top New York photographer. Judging this year’s show were fashion experts Merle Sloss, Executive Vice-President of Licensing for Geoffrey
Bean in New York and Katherine Lande, Fashion and Style Editor for Palm Beach Illustrated Magazine. After an explanation of the rules, the show began. As the music played, the models walked the catwalk, strutting their stuff with a fierce walk. After the first category was presented, the audience erupted in applause as people whispered, “This is amazing,” to one another. “The show is unbelievable,” said Sara Sharrer, senior. “I have been to other Lynn fashion shows before and every year they seem to out do the shows from the year before; they just keep getting better and better!” As the show ended, the audience waited in anticipation for the winners to be announced. When the judges returned with the results, the crowd was on the edge of their seats. Ashley Martini won $750 for the First Date category and was the only designer to complete a sixth dress. Jelena Lovric and Jasmin Mohamed were the big winners, both receiving $1250 for their pieces (Lovric winning Meet the Parents and Hollywood Engagement and Mohamed winning Mad Hatter’s and Wedding Party). “More people in Boca Raton need to know about this event,” said Flornece Keesely, fashionista and local philanthropist. The Lynn Project Runway show is just one of the many examples of how Lynn leads the way for innovative learning at Lynn. The show was a great success and left the audience wanting more. The entire Lynn Community looks forward to next year for another exciting night at Lynn Project Runway!

Paws and Relax

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A Petting Zoo Alleviates Student Stress

By Laura Vann
Special to the iPulse
What has become an end-of-semester tradition, Lynn’s Counseling Center has organized another “Paws and Relax” event featuring a petting zoo with as many as 25 baby animals, today, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Perper Plaza. “The counseling center strives to help students
successfully handle their stress, especially at the end of the semester. The petting zoo has been a popular attraction for the past 2 years,” said Kelly Farrell, a counselor at Lynn. “Students have reported that interacting with the animals reduces their feelings of stress and emotional fatigue.”

For more information on the bi-annual petting zoo, contact Laura Vann at lvann@lynn.edu or call 561-237-7967 (o) / 561-289-0159

Picture Perfect

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By Billy Hardigan
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Everybody loves to take pictures; they represent times in life that are remembered fondly and looked back on to remember the past. Now those who like cherishing memories so much can do it in style. The Kodak EasyShare digital picture frame is perfect for these individuals. The EasyShare digital picture frames allow users to easily upload any pictures or videos by inserting a memory card or connecting a digital camera to the frame. Not only is it a very easy product to use but it is also a very beautiful frame in itself, which makes the pictures look fantastic. The frame is optimized to bring out a bright, clear display with an excellent viewing angle. Pictures can be viewed on a 7-inch, 16:9 wide screen which features KODAK Color Science for vibrant
color and crisp detail out of every picture. The features are almost endless on this gadget. Users can make a slide show to have pictures alternate on the frame for various timing, as well as add in music to the picture, as well as having a picture editor within the frame so users can add their own touch to the pictures or enhance them. Another really cool feature about this gadget is that users can connect it to a printer and make photo sized pictures at any time. This is the perfect gadget for anyone who really enjoys pictures, and with a low price of $80, this can be the perfect holiday gift for anybody.

Sweet Treats

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A Passion For Pastry is Reviewed

By Allie Mintz
Staff Writer
The age of the glamorous cake has arrived. With shows like the “Food Network Challenge” and “Ace of Cakes,” designer pastries are becoming increasingly popular. One Boca Raton business is making the most of this craze. Located in the Town Center Mall, Passion for Pastry is the perfect place to order a custom cake, or to simply stop in for a delicious treat for that sweet tooth. “I love the cupcakes at Passion for Pastry,” said Shannon O’Donnell, senior. “They are fabulous and satisfy my sweet tooth.” The pastry chefs at Passion for Pastry apply vivid detail into every cake they make, providing eye-catching designs to both onlookers and the customers that take the cake home to enjoy. Passion for Pastry provides a quality in their designer cakes that is sure to satisfy every customer.
Where Did You Study Abroad and What Did You Like?

Heather Sears, senior

“Switzerland, Germany and France. In Switzerland, I loved that you can drink the water off the streets because they have the cleanest water in the world. The Alps were very pretty. In Germany, the food was amazing and all the old castles they had. For France, I loved going to the top of the Eiffel tower, the Louvre museum and the palace of Versailles; they were amazing.”

Sara Sharrer, senior

“Switzerland, Germany and France. In France I loved the Eiffel tower and I loved the Louvre. In Germany, I loved the food. In Switzerland, I loved the chocolate. I loved everything.”
Amanda Silbert, senior
“In Cyprus, there is a drought right now so we only had so much water. I went to London and I
loved the accent but I didn’t like the food. I went to South Africa, and I liked the “outdoorsiness”
and Table Mountain because of the experience of hot, cold, wet and dry all at the same time. I
went to Vietnam and Cambodia. In Vietnam, I liked the heat and the people. In Cambodia, we
went to an orphanage and fed hungry kids.”

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Students on a study tour in Thailand and Cambodia during Summer 2008. Photo/LU Photo.

Lynn’s Study Abroad Curriculum Provides Cultural Insight
By Renee Ingrassia
Staff Writer
When students are provided with the opportunity to continue their education overseas, it
should not be taken lightly. The pros should far outweigh the cons. As students know,
Lynn offers an enriched study abroad curriculum and it is often mandatory for graduation.
An international curriculum offers students the opportunity to learn and understand
different cultures first hand. In addition, students can have fun and experience the world’s
many treasures while learning and contributing to their degree. “I studied abroad in
Dublin, Ireland last semester and loved it! It was a huge eye opener for me to understand
different cultures and meet people from different backgrounds,” said Beatriz Lewis, senior.
“It was great for me to be more independent as well. I definitely want to go back some
Many schools within the United States are also beginning partnerships with schools overseas to offer a unique learning experience to their students. However, Lynn University is affiliated with the American College Dublin which offers courses in International Business, Behavioral Science/Psychology and Hospitality Management, as well as liberal arts courses. In the past, students have studied in Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, South Africa, Argentina, Thailand, Cambodia, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Switzerland, England, Scotland, Italy, Portugal, Mexico, Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. Now students have the opportunity to also study abroad during the J-Term from Jan. 7 – 23. “I am excited about the communication J-Term course,” said Kevin Rabinowitz, junior. “It gives me a chance to come closer together with friends of mine and work in a fun environment having to do with the Caribbean, while at the same time I get to do a production of what I have experienced.”
Students Take on the Historic Presidential Election

By Harry Glennon
Special to the iPulse

Having been almost a month since the final election results came in, one has to ask themselves, what issues do students find important? Many times one will hear talk about voting for a “lesser of two evils,” “non-warlord,” or perhaps a “anti-socialist,” but those are poor answers for one who is in the process of deciding who to vote into office. Professor Carmeta Blake’s Media and Society class conducted a survey in the early months of the election to assess what issues, direction and candidates the students of Lynn University are interested in moving forward with. Out of a survey of 211 students. The adjacent column indicates the results. As one can see, these results seem to accurately reflect the course of the past election. The Media and Society class would like to thank all who participated in this survey.
Guns N’ Roses are one of the most influential and popular bands of all time. The band had gone through extremely rough times in the past, but they are finally back with their new album “Chinese Democracy.” Now, if you are a fan of the music industry, you will know just how historic this release is. It has been an album that has seen more than nine different producers, band members changing and coming back, new labels, and Axl Rose’s struggles with his own personal demons had a lot to do with it, but it has been hyped for the past 17 years and it is finally here. And what do we get, a very solid album that sounds well but may have been trying a little to hard. First lets start off with the genre, at the time of their popularity they were mainly a hair rock band, and that is non existant today so they have made a kind of jump to more progressive rock. This dose not hurt the music in anyway it just feels a little different. The guitar solos are just as good as well while Slash may be absent, Bucket Head is no slouch on the guitar and provides wonderful solo’s like he has been there from the start; he makes the music flow very well on song such as “Better” and “Sorry.” Axl Rose has had 17 years to create the lyrics and they only come off as mediocre. I can forgive the obvious cracks that 17 years will do to ones voice, but the lyrical content just is not there anymore. Although there were songs where I was completely enthralled such as “Sheeklers Revenge” and “I.R.S” Overall, this is an excellent fabulous album and one that should be looked at by rock fans. I give it a 3 out of 5.
Former Congressman, Charlie Wilson.
Former Congressman,’Good Time Charlie,’ to Address Campus
By Laura Vann
Special to the iPulse
Colorful, Cold War-busting Congressman Charlie Wilson to give Lynn’s next Dively lecture
Charlie Wilson, a 24-year Texas Congressman credited with helping end the Cold War, noted for his colorful personality, and celebrated in both a best-selling book and a 2007 film starring Tom Hanks, will bring his “unbelievable” story to Lynn University next spring as a part of the university’s Dively Frontier in Globalization Luncheon Lecture Series. At the Tuesday, March 10, noon-time lecture, Wilson will discuss his political life, role in arming the Afghan Mujahedeen against the Soviet Union, and his experiences as the namesake of “Charlie Wilson’s War” – a film that fast became a hit after it debuted in theaters last December. Tickets are $70 (includes lunch) for the lecture, which will take place in the campus’ Louis and Anne Green Center. To purchase tickets, visit www.lynn.edu/tickets or contact the ticket office at tickets@lynn.edu / 561-237-9000. Wilson’s appearance will be the second of two Dively lectures this academic year at Lynn. In October, CNN political analyst Paul Begala, and former White House chief of staff, Republican Andrew Card appeared to debate issues and candidates leading up to the Nov. 4 presidential election.
Nickelback is one of the biggest and most successful bands to hit the airwaves over the past 10 years. They can be considered one of the most influential bands in rock history, having sold more than 26 million albums worldwide. Nickelback returns on their 6th album “Dark Horse.” The album was produced by one of the legendary producers in rock, Mutt Lange and collaborator Joey Moi. This is definitely one of the strongest points of the album, the production team. Songs such as “Next go Around” or “I’d come for you” are expertly woven together and makes the music never gets stale; that is really hard to do in the alternative rock genre. The band also stays relevant with just enough new sounds that keep the band from becoming irrelevant. Songs like “Gotta be Somebody” and “Shakin Hands” all touch on serious, but fun topics as well. They don’t try too take themselves too seriously with the content, which I think is a major problem with artists today. Although there are personal songs in the album, you don’t get the feeling that the album is trying to preach something. I am very surprised by the quality of “Dark Horse” and would recommend it to anyone looking to listen to good music, I give this album a 4 out of 5.
Mac’s Maniacs show Blue and White spirit
The Fighting Knights’ Student Section Exudes School Spirit
By Gene Prousnitzer
Staff Writer
Every big time school has a student section. Duke has the Cameron Crazies, Wake Forest has the Tie Dye Nation and Lynn is no different. The student section is in its second year with the name, Mac’s Maniacs. The name Mac’s Maniacs is in honor of the Lynn Men’s Basketball Coach Scott McMillin. Maniacs are encouraged to be as loud as possible. “Mac’s Maniacs was such a great idea,” said Lauren Fry, junior. “It has gotten so many more students coming to the game and supporting the team. This year it just seems to keep growing making the section louder and louder. I’ve been to some of the away games and haven’t seen anything close to Mac’s Maniacs.” Last year, Mac’s Maniac became a big hit. Students are privileged to sit in a special section during home games. To spur participation, students who are members of Mac’s Maniacs function on a points system. To receive a point, a “maniac” must wear their free Mac’s Maniac tee shirt and be in the maniac section for the entire game. Maniacs will receive a point card and receive two points per game for their participation, one before the 17:00 minute mark in the first half, and the second point after the game ends. There are 22 points possible, plus a bonus point, with 18 qualifying the “maniac” for a $1,000 raffle, and 12 qualifying the “maniac” for $250 raffle. There is still time to sign-up, email Jon Roos at jroos@lynn.edu.
The Jewish Festival of Lights

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The Lynn Community Celebrates Hanukkah by the Lighting of Candles

By Nicholas Hindhaugh
Staff Writer

Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt. Also known as the festival of lights, this holiday is celebrated throughout the world by lighting candles on each of the eight nights. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the container of oil. According to the Talmud, at the
re-dedication following the victory of the Maccabees, there was only enough consecrated olive oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days, which was the length of time it took to press, prepare and consecrate fresh olive oil. “I can remember times when I was young unwrapping presents from Aunts I had only met once,” said Jordan Ackerman, freshman. “Hanukkah is a time for family and rejoicing.” Hanukkah is celebrated by a series of rituals that are performed every day throughout the eight-day holiday. Some are family-based and others are communal. There are special additions to the daily prayer service and a section is added to the blessing after meals. People go to work as usual, but may leave early in order to be home for the ritual at nightfall. There is no religious reason for schools to be closed, although, in Israel, schools close for the whole week of Hanukkah. Many families exchange gifts each night and fried foods are eaten.

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• Student studies for exams. Photo/LU Photo
• Pertinent Preparation Tips are Provided
By Ashley Feldman
Staff Writer

As the semester dwindles down, stress increases and students begin to prepare for finals. The pressure of finals week can become overwhelming. To aid all students in the quest to pass their class and earn an “A,” here are some tips on how to manage the stress of finals.

1) Take a break in between studying. Every two hours one should take a 15-minute walk to alleviate stress.
2) Do not study for more than two hours on one subject in one sitting.
3) Eliminate distractions. If choosing to study with friends, select friends who will not be initiating frequent conversations.
4) Think positive. Change “Isn’t it horrible” thoughts to “I’m going to do the best I can.”
5) Get enough sleep and rest. Studies show that students should get seven to nine hours of sleep a night in order to function at their fullest potential.
6) Eat a balanced diet and try to avoid stress eating. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day because it gives one energy to get through the rest of the day.
7) Exercise daily as it clears the mind and reduces feelings of stress.
8) For the java junkies, try to avoid excessive coffee, tea and soda. They may “hype” one up and make thinking clearly difficult.
9) Avoid procrastinating. Use a planner or “to do lists” to organize test dates and study times. This will help avoid cramming. College life is hectic, but there are enough hours in the day to get in adequate study time if one manages those hours appropriately. “I study little parts at a time a few days before and then the day before I review everything. I make sure I have time to take breaks or I lose concentration,” said Breese Buffington, junior.
Coach McMillin encourages his team to push harder. Above right: McMillin instructs a player on the sidelines. Photo/LU Photo.

Scott McMillin Earned His 100th Victory At Lynn

By Gene Prousnitzer

Staff Writer
Men’s Basketball Coach Scott McMillin recently earned his 100th career victory at Lynn University, in his sixth season with the Fighting Knights. McMillin arrived at Lynn after two seasons as the head coach at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville. He played his college ball at the University of Buffalo where he was first team All-Conference All-Academic selection.

In just his second season with the Blue & White, McMillin, a product of Wichita, KS, guided the Fighting Knights to the program’s second Final Four appearance before losing to eventual national champion Virginia Union. That year he was also named the Sunshine State Conference and South Region Coach of the Year. He is the first coach in program history to earn such an honor. McMillin has averaged 19 victories a year, and has never had a losing season in his tenure. The 2004-05 season saw the Fighting Knights post a record of 29-6 overall, the most wins in program history. He also led the way for the program’s first SSC regular season and tournament titles. In his first season at the helm, McMillin led the Fighting Knights to nine wins in conference play for the second most in the program’s sixth season in the SSC. In the 2004-05 season, the team held East Central to 30 points, establishing a new school record. Much of this success may be due to the fact that McMillin has stressed defense during his tenure here. Every year, he has placed at least one player on an All-SSC squad, including three first team all-conference, six second teamers, one honorable mention and one All-Freshman honoree. McMillin also coached the program’s first graduating four-year seniors, James Taylor, Justin Wingard, Austin Faber and Akil Lewis. “The number in itself is impressive in his time at Lynn,” said Marcus Hayes, former player and current assistant coach. “The most impressive aspect is how he’s done it. He’s done it through enforcing accountability, high expectations, work ethic and sacrifices, which are a lot of the same characteristics a person needs to be successful in whatever they choose. I think the respect that people talk about Lynn University men’s basketball is a product of the morals that Coach McMillin has built the program on.”
Britney’s Back…And Better?

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Britney Spears in a “Circus” promo shot.

Britney Spears Debuts “Circus” in the Midst of a Major Comeback

By Amy Lyus
Staff Writer

The infamous Britney Spears recently released her much anticipated album, “Circus,” along with pre-sale concert tickets, on her 27th birthday. The new album illustrates the transition Spears has made into adulthood. Recently, Spears decided to allow a camera crew into her home for a documentary, “For the Record,” that aired on MTV. In this hour-long documentary, Spears was able to let the world know some things about her life that fans and critics did not know. Prior to her birthday, Spears was already on the road to a major comeback, recently accepting three awards at the MTV Video Music Awards. Since the award show, her career has seemed to only get better. Since the launch of her previous album, “Blackout,” Spears has gotten into shape and has been working hard to raise her two sons. She has also obtained a hit single, “Womanizer.” “Circus,” now Spears’ sixth album, has proven to fans that she is back in the
limelight and ready to perform. The deluxe edition album includes 15 tracks and a behind-the-scenes DVD of the making of the album. Listeners can expect a mix of genres on the album, ranging from pop and rock to rap and hip hop. Fans are buzzing about the tracks “If You Seek Amy” and “Circus,” which Spears recently performed on Good Morning America. Spears makes it clear in her new album that she is ready to be back in the world of performing and entertaining. “I can feel the adrenaline moving through my veins,” Spears sings in her new song “Circus.” “I’m like a firecracker; I make it hot.”

How to Keep Warm This Winter

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Ali Abruzzese, junior, in a sweater and Aaron Kovens, senior, in a V-neck sweater.

Wrap Up in a Stylish Sweater on Those Cold Winter Days

By Ali Abruzzese
Staff Writer
As winter break quickly approaches, many students are getting ready to go home for the holidays, and many will be facing much different weather when they get there. Because Florida has a tendency to convince individuals that the weather stays warm throughout the year everywhere, students must remember that this is, in fact, untrue. As the temperature in northern states keeps dropping, it is important to remember to dress for winter weather for those upcoming trips home. “I cannot wait to wear sweaters when I go home,” said Danielle Mizrahi, junior. “I always miss wearing them when I am in warm weather.” One crucial piece of clothing in the cold weather is the sweater. Sweaters can be worn in a variety of styles such as a cardigan, zip up, crew neck, or robe, and are available in a variety of materials such as cotton, cashmere and wool. Any of these options are suitable for warmth in the winter. “I wear a cardigan almost every day,” said Brianna DeRose,
junior. “It is the perfect way to look fashionable and keep warm.” For those whose holidays will not be spent in the cold weather, an outfit can still be paired with a light cardigan to look fashionable and trendy. For those heading north, wrap up in a sweater and keep warm.

· Following the Sound of Music
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By Megan Mangone
Staff Writer

Chris Tusa practices the percussion. Staff Photo/Megan Mangone.

Chris Tusa, graduate student, is an aspiring percussionist in the Conservatory of Music. “I find classical percussion to be the most interesting in music. Even though it is the oldest field of instruments, it has had the greatest advancements in the past 50 years of any other instrument,” said Tusa.
The Baltimore native began playing percussion at the age of 12. Following in the path of his grandparents, who both played musical instruments, Tusa decided to take his love of music on to the collegiate level.
“After high school I first attended Towson University in Maryland,” said Tusa. “But my parents decided to move, and I went with them. After a few years, a teacher of mine referred me to Lynn University.” Though Tusa plays several different types of percussion, the instrument he enjoys playing
Tusa credits much of his musical success to his grandparents and his former private teacher, Dick Horowitz, who played for the New York Metropolitan Opera. Tusa has enjoyed his experience in Lynn’s Conservatory of Music. “It’s been amazing to see that in the past five years, the Conservatory program has turned into one of the greatest in the country. Dr. Robertson is to thank for that; he’s the man.” Once Tusa has completed his master’s degree, he would like to obtain his Professional Performance Certificate (PPC). In the future he would like to be play in a symphony orchestra.

**Student Interview: Adam Goldberg**

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Adam Goldberg, a sophomore transfer student from FAU, was looking for a way to get involved and meet fellow students in the Lynn community and found a perfect match in the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity. This semester Goldberg was elected treasurer of the fraternity, and has been taking full advantage of all that Lynn has to offer. The iPulse recently sat down with Goldberg to find out what the transition from FAU to Lynn was like. Q: What are you studying here at Lynn? A: Communication with a minor in business.

Q: What do you want to do with your major?
A: I want to go into technical theatre, doing lights and sounds, while owning my own production company.

Q: Why did you decide to transfer from Florida Atlantic University to Lynn?
A: I needed a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, and kids are a lot cooler here.
Q: What on-campus activities have you been involved in at Lynn?
A: I am apart of the fraternity APD, and I want to start a fencing club.

Q: What are some of the most exciting things you have done here at Lynn?
A: Pledging for Alpha Phi Delta and dealing with Wackenhunt everyday.

Q: Why did you get involved in APD?
A: I like the group of guys that I met in the chapter.

Q: What is something people do not know about you?
A: I love caviar. I could eat it everyday in large spoonfuls.

Q: What would you say is the most embarrassing thing you have ever done?
A: When I was in kindergarten one of my classmates snuck a peak of my show-and-tell, so I punched him in the groin. I was sent to the principal’s office where my mom had to bail me out. I was so embarrassed.

**KAT Looks Forward to Spring**

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- 2008 KAT members toast their glasses of apple cider to the spring semester. Photo/LU Jennifer Rodriguez.
- Knights Activity Team Toasts To The Upcoming Semester
- By Ryann Brooks
  Staff Writer
  Recently the Knights Activities Team (KAT) met to plan all of the fun-filled activities and events students will be enjoying in the upcoming spring semester. Regularly scheduled events such as Java Jams, KAT Comedians and Blingo will be making their appearances in the spring, as well as annual events such as the KAT Hoe Down, Extreme Air and Deal or No Deal. KAT also has some surprises in store for the students with new events that have never occurred on Lynn’s campus before. “We’re always focusing on new kinds of student programming and ways to market to that ‘average student’ that just needs an extra push to get out of their rooms and enjoy college,” said Taryn Hamill, KAT chair. The major concert held on Lynn’s campus every year is one of its biggest events, sometimes even drawing in members of the community. Last spring Fabolous and One Republic made a stop at Lynn, drawing in hundreds of fans. This year, the community is looking forward to an even larger performance. “Last year the concert rocked my socks and I’m looking forward to seeing who KAT will bring this year,” said Max Benson, sophomore. Possible
headliners Gym Class Heroes, Girl Talk, T Pain and Pitbull have been suggested for this year’s performance. KAT is also working with other organizations this year to put on even more events for the university community. “We’re planning this huge fundraiser for Relay for Life with Psy Chi that’s going to feature some local artists that double as Lynn students. We’re also trying to get some local vendors to sponsor the event. We have some really great surprises planned that will hopefully change the pace of student entertainment at Lynn,” said Hamill. For more information on KAT, stop by their weekly meetings, held Mondays at 5 p.m. in the Knights Court.
A Recipe for One Very Merry, Sweet and Stunning Gingerbread House

By Ali Abruzzese
Staff Writer

There is no better way to get in the holiday spirit than designing a gingerbread house. Gingerbread houses make great centerpieces and decorations for the Christmas season.

Gingerbread houses can be decorated in many ways, such as in the form of houses, castles or towers. “Making gingerbread houses is one of my favorite traditions,” said Brianna DeRose, junior. “My entire family participates, and we have a contest at the end of the night.” Pre-made gingerbread houses can be bought at the store for decorating. There are also “do-it-yourself” kits that are sold at stores such as Publix and Bed, Bath & Beyond. “I love decorating gingerbread houses,” said Stephanie Becker, junior. “It always gets me in the spirit of Christmas and makes for a guaranteed fun time.” If the gingerbread house is being made from scratch, remember to make extra for gingerbread man cookies that can also be decorated and enjoyed.
“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” “Love Actually” and “Four Christmases” movie posters.

Rachael Evans Reviews Movies that Capture the Holiday Spirit

By Racheal Evans
Staff Writer
The holidays are a time to share great meals and experiences with friends and family. Christmas is also a great time for family-friendly movies both in the theater and on DVD. A season of joy and laughter, holiday movies bring smiles to the masses each year. This season enjoy the hit
classic and the latest blockbusters for enjoyable entertainment. The number one classic movie for the holidays is “National Lampoons Christmas Vacation.” The Griswold family is back together again as Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his wife Ellen (Beverly D’Angelo) try to have the best Christmas ever. Clark invites his whole family together when everything goes wrong. This movie has all the cliché’s. Another classic movie this season is the heartfelt “Love Actually.” This movie’s message is that love is all around. All of the cast members seem to be related in some way, with roles such as a prime minister, rock star, housemaid, a divorcee and more. This movie stars Hugh Grant, Keira Knightley and Colin Firth. The last recommendation this season is “Four Christmases,” which is still in theaters. Brad (Vince Vaughn) and his girlfriend Kate (Reese Witherspoon) dodge Christmas with their families every year. While waiting at the airport for their flight to Fiji, they have been told that all flights are canceled, and when a newscaster asks them questions on television all of their families see them on national TV. Now, the couple, must go to each divorced parent’s house. The day becomes very intense as they try to survive each other’s parents and families. Each house has a completely disturbing dynamic, which makes the movie entertaining. These movies have become household holiday classics and are sure to get viewers in the spirit.

The Jewish Festival of Lights

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The Lynn Community Celebrates Hanukkah by the Lighting of Candle

By Nicholas Hindhaugh
Staff Writer

Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt. Also known as the festival of lights, this holiday is celebrated throughout the world by lighting candles on each of the eight nights. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the container of oil. According to the Talmud, at the re-dedication following the victory of the Maccabees, there was only enough consecrated olive oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days, which was the length of time it took to press, prepare and consecrate fresh olive oil. “I can remember times when I was young unwrapping presents from Aunts I had only met once,” said Jordan Ackerman, freshman. “Hanukkah is a time for family and rejoicing.” Hanukkah is celebrated by a series of rituals that are performed every day throughout the eight-day holiday. Some are family-based and others are communal. There are special additions to the daily prayer service and a section is added to the blessing after meals. People go to work as usual, but may leave early in order to be home for the ritual at nightfall. There is no religious reason for schools to be closed, although, in Israel, schools close for the whole week of Hanukkah. Many families exchange gifts each night and fried foods are eaten.

Santa Claus is Coming to Lynn

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Students pose with Lynn’s very own Santa. Photo/LU Photo.

Lynn’s Annual Breakfast With Santa Welcomes Staff, Faculty and Families

By Laura Vann

Special to the iPulse

Santa will be returning to the Lynn campus for his annual breakfast with staff, faculty and their families at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Santa will appear in the Louis and Anne Green Center on campus. Children are invited to tell Santa their Christmas wishes and enjoy breakfast, photos and treats with him. For more information, contact Laura Vann at lvann@lynn.edu or call 561-289-0159 (c) for day-of access.

Gingerbread Concert

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Ever Wonder How the Holiday Season Became What it is Today?

By Laura Vann
Special to the iPulse

In its sixth consecutive year, Lynn University’s Conservatory of Music will host its Gingerbread Holiday Concert, on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Returning to the Great Hall of the Boca Raton Resort & Club, the event, presented by the Friends of the Conservatory and sponsored by Bank of America, will feature seasonal classics performed exclusively by the student musicians that comprise Lynn’s Philharmonia Orchestra, under the baton of Albert-George Schram. Schram assumed position of music director and conductor of Lynn’s Philharmonia Orchestra in 2003. A native of the Netherlands, Schram has long been associated with some of the country’s leading orchestras. Before coming to Lynn he was the resident conductor of the Florida Philharmonic.

Celebrating the music of the season, this year’s family holiday concert includes a sing-a-long where children will be invited to the front of the stage to sit in a designated area adorned with garland and “snowflakes.” All proceeds from the concert benefit student scholarships in Lynn’s Conservatory of Music. Tickets to the event are $25. Reservations can be made by calling 561-237-9000 or visit www.lynn.edu/tickets. For additional information on Lynn’s annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert, contact Laura Vann at lvann@lynn.edu, or call 561-237-7967 (o) / 561-289-0159 (c).

Pay it Forward This Holiday
Tis’ the Season to Experience the Joy of Giving Back

By Renee Ingrassia
Staff Writer

The holiday season is not only about giving and receiving the hottest and newest items on ones holiday lists, it is also about giving back to those who may be less fortunate. During this time of the year, the Office of Student Involvement, along with the Student Government Association and Employee Services are on a task to grant the wishes of 100 children. The 100 wishes are part of the Spirit of Giving Program, which is sponsored by Lynn University in partnership with the Junior League of Boca Raton. From Nov. 12-28, students and faculty were able to pick up a snowman card from the decorated Christmas tree in the student lobby. The card contained a gift that one child is wishing for this holiday season. The individual then had the opportunity to grant that child’s wish. All of the gifts had to be received by Dec. 9 to allow the children to enjoy their
gifts. For anyone who missed the deadline of the 100 wishes, there are other opportunities to give back in the community. As always, there is Toys for Tots, a program that occurs every year thanks to the Marine Corps Reserves. There is also a new campaign this year, Believe, which has been started by the popular department store, Macy’s. The Believe campaign offers shoppers the opportunity to write letters to Santa Claus and then bring them to their neighborhood Macy’s store. For every Santa letter that Macy’s receives, they will donate a dollar to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. “I have always felt like I have been a lucky person,” said Vincent Tona, senior. “It’s because of that, that I try to give back every year in one way or another.” In addition, there is an organization called The Gift Revolution, which uses the basic principle of “pay it forward.” The Gift Revolution encourages random acts of kindness. If someone displays a random act of kindness to another person, they tell that person to pass it along by “paying it forward.” This movement is part of Gift Revolution’s effort to changing the world one person at a time, while also giving back.
Surprising Snow Trivia

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From the Nation’s Snowiest City to Skier Snow Terminology

• Based on National Weather Service records for 1961 through 1990, Rochester, New York averages 94 inches of snow annually and is the snowiest large city in the United States. Rochester has a population of more than 200,000 and annual municipal snow-removal budget of $3.7 million (1995 figures)
• Buffalo, New York, is a close runner-up in terms of U.S. large cities with the most snow. A 39-inch snowfall in 24 hours in early December 1995 cost the city nearly $5 million for snow removal.
• About 187 inches of snow fell in seven days on Thompson Pass, Alaska in Feb., 1953, according to the National Snowfall and Snow Depth Extremes Table provided by the National Climatic Data Center.
• Each year an average of 105 snow-producing storms affect the continental United States. A typical storm will have a snow-producing lifetime of two to five days and will bring snow to portions of several states.
• In the early 1900s, skiers created their own terminology to describe types of snow, including the terms “fluffy snow,” “powder snow” and “sticky snow.” Later, the terminology expanded to include descriptive terms such as “champagne powder,” “corduroy” and “mashed potatoes.”
• Practically every location in the United States has seen snowfall. Even most portions of southern Florida have seen a few snow flurries.
• Snow kills hundreds of people in the United States each year. The primary snow-related deaths are from traffic accidents, overexertion and exposure, but deaths from avalanches have been steadily increasing.
• A remarkable amount for a dessert region, the greatest snowfall officially reported at the Phoenix, Arizona according to the National Weather Service Office was one inch. That occurred twice. The first time was Jan. 20, 1933. It happened again four years later on the same date.
• In the western United States, mountain snow pack contributes up to 75 percent of all year-round surface water supplies.
  • The commonly used ten-to-one ratio of snowfall to water content is a myth for much of the
United States. This ratio varies from as low as 100-to-one to as high as about three-to-one depending on the meteorological conditions associated with the snowfall.
•Nationwide, the average snowfall amount per day when snow falls is about two inches, but in some mountain areas of the West, an average of seven inches per snow day is observed. Source: Facts taken from The National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Happy Holiday Traveling

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Wonderful Vacation Venues That are Sure to Dazzle and Delight

Megan Mangone
Staff Writer

Colorado. Rockefeller Plaza in the winter.

Tis’ the season to travel. The holiday season is often a time to travel and visit loved ones. Being an international school, many of Lynn’s students have not seen other parts of the United States. There are so many different places to see in this country, however, many have never been given the opportunity to venture to these areas. This holiday season is the perfect time to start exploring. Sonya Dinnendahl, senior, is originally from Paraguay. She recently traveled to New York City for the first time last month. “It was absolutely amazing,” Dinnendahl expressed. “The city is beautiful, and it was nice to see a different part of the U.S., especially one so popular.” Dinnendahl is usually used to warmer climates, so the frigid temperatures were something she needed to get used to. “I’ve never been in cold weather like that before. I was in China last semester, but it never got that cold,” said Dinnendahl. “It was still an amazing trip
though. Rockefeller Center was beautiful with the ice-skating rink and the Christmas tree, and Times Square is breathtaking.

Colorado. Rockefeller Plaza in the winter.

I can’t wait to go back!” New York City is a great tourist attraction; however, those interested in skiing should visit Colorado. Ashleigh Fowles, senior, is originally from South Africa. She has traveled to many different parts of the U.S., however, one of her favorite places has been Colorado. “I went there last year around Christmas time to visit a friend,” Fowles said. “It is so beautiful up there. The mountains are amazing, and the ski resorts are so much fun.” This holiday season is the perfect time to explore and experience something different by visiting a new American location.

Talk About It

• Walking in Lynn’s Winter Wonderland
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The Knight’s Activities Team (KAT) held their annual Snow Day on Dec. 15 in an effort to bring the North to the South. The snowstorm rolled in with 15 tons of snow, an ice skating rink and numerous wintery treats. Several clubs and organizations donated their time to make sure Snow Day was a success. Knights in the Community sponsored Gingerbread cookies and hot chocolate, Alpha Phi Delta provided music for the event, Sigma Sigma Sigma helped students make paper snowflakes, the Residence Hall Association distributed snow cones, Student Government provided smores, Hillel made latkes, Relay For Life sold t-shirts and the National Broadcasting Society hosted the event. “Snow Day is my favorite. It reminds me of home in Oregon. It’s also the perfect time in the semester to take a break from school work,” said Hunter Barendrick, senior. Students were able to unwind and reminisce on childhood activities. “We had a snowball fight! It got pretty intense. I haven’t had one of those in years,” said first time attendee Jimmy Carlson, senior. Senior Megan Neumann said, “Snow Day was so much fun. It was really cool to see mountains of snow and people having a snow ball fight.” As the sun set and the snow melted, Snow Day was a huge success and a great way for students to relieve stress from finals, relax and enjoy the unusual South Florida weather.
Festive Facts to Reflect

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Ever Wonder How the Holiday Season Became What it is Today?

By Ashley Feldman
Staff Writer

• The original ball lowered in Times Square on New Year’s Eve back in 1907 was made of iron and wood and decorated with 100 light bulbs.
• The modern New Year’s ball is made of Waterford crystal, covered with 696 light bulbs, 96 strobe lights and 90 rotating pyramid mirrors.
• Poinsettias were first introduced into this country in 1828 by the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett.
• Poinsettias are now grown in all 50 states and represent more than 85 percent of potted plant sales during the holidays. Over $220 million worth of poinsettias are sold during holiday season!
• Hershey’s started wrapping their Kisses in red, green, and silver foil for the first time in 1962. The success of the holiday-wrapped Kisses led Hershey’s to dress up their little chocolates for the Easter, Valentine’s Day, and Fall Harvest seasons.
• Hershey’s now wraps up to 1,300 Hershey’s Kisses a minute. That gives them the capacity to make about 33 million Hershey Kisses a day, or more than 12 billion a year.
• In 1949, the tree at Rockefeller Center was strung with 7,500 bulbs.
• Now more than 25,000 bulbs are strung on the tree – that’s more than five miles of lights.
• The first American mention of a Christmas tree was in 1747, and, strictly speaking, it was not a tree at all, but a wooden pyramid covered with evergreen boughs and decorated with apples.
• Once the tree idea caught on, it grew by leaps and bounds. More than 34 to 36 million Christmas trees are now produced each year in the U.S. The industry employs more than 100,000 people, and over one million acres of land have been planted with Christmas trees.
• Artificial Christmas trees were on the market by 1900. They were available by mail from Sears, Roebuck and Company, and cost 50 cents for 33 limbs, or a dollar for 55 limbs.
• Most artificial trees are now manufactured in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong and contain non-biodegradable plastics and metals. They usually range in price from $200 to $2,000.
• The first Christmas card, created by a London businessman, was printed in England in 1843. Three years later, the first commercial Christmas cards were available to the public. One thousand cards in all were produced and they were an instant success.

Talk About It
Wreaths Across America

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A soldier lays a wreath down at a tombstone.

Tombstones with wreaths.

A Tradition of Remembering and Honoring America’s Fallen Heroes

By Michelle Du Preez
Staff Writer

Wreaths Across America is a tradition that began more than 17 years ago. It started when the Worcester Wreath Company from Harrington, Maine, began a tradition of placing Christmas wreaths on the headstones of America’s fallen heroes over the holidays. Over the past few years, Wreaths Across America has donated more than 90,000 wreaths. Numerous volunteers place the wreaths in a wreath-laying ceremony every December. The wreaths are part of a mission to “remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices made by our veterans.” The concept has captured people’s hearts and spread all over the nation. As a result, hundreds of people have come to the aid this cause. In 2008, more than 350 locations will be holding wreath-laying ceremonies. More than 100,000 wreaths will be placed in the veterans’ honor. “Our goal is to expand the recognition of those who serve our country, both past, present and future, as well as their families who deserve our support. Without the sacrifices of our veterans, there would be no opportunity to enjoy the freedoms, the life we have today,” said the President of Worcester Wreath Company. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held noon, Dec. 13 at the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach.
How to be Holly Jolly in the Heat

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A Floridian’s Tips for a Cheery Holiday Season Under the Sun
By Brittney Hutchinson
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Snowflakes, sledding and snowmen are all things that are often reminders of the holiday season. Unfortunately they are not likely to be found in sunny South Florida. Yet despite these cold weather traditions, there are still many activities that will get anyone in the
holiday mood, even in the south. There are several local venues that have a holiday feel. Off of Spanish River on NW 5th Ave., there is a neighborhood street that locals typically drive down several different times during the month of December. It’s the perfect mini escape from school or work, and amazingly, year after year, there seems to be even more decorations. In Miami, the Clot family Christmas display attracts large crowds year after year and has become a tradition passed down in the family. This display has been featured on the Travel Channel. More information can be found. It is at http://www.clotxmas.com.

Miami also offers Santa’s Enchanted Forest, the largest Christmas theme park in America, now celebrating its 26th year. Floridians have had to rely mostly on their own artistic abilities rather than the weather to create a snowy atmosphere. For those without the joy of seeing snowflakes fall outside their windows during the holidays, paper snowflakes are a fun alternative. A simple Internet search can lead to “snowflake making 101,” and now any Floridian’s room can be transformed into a blizzard of paper creations. Looking to incorporate the local scenery into the fun? Send a Christmas photo message to friends and family back home in the freezing cold by going to the beach and building a snowman out of sand or writing a cheery holiday message in the sand out of seashells. Take a picture of the creation with a mobile phone and send the message to loved ones up north. An eco-friendly and modern-day alternative to the classic Christmas card. For the less artistic, there is always the traditional trip to see Santa, who enjoys visits from anyone of any age. Bring friends along for a fun group photo with St. Nick. Use these tips to enjoy a fun holiday season under the sun. Happy Holidays.
HOLIDAY FUN

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Campus Gingerbread House

By MELISSA SCHAEFFER
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Recently a gingerbread replica of the Trinity Residence Hall was constructed. John Volpi, resident director of the Trinity Residence Hall, created a gingerbread house replica of Trinity Residence Hall.

“I have never built a large scale edible residence hall before, so it will be interesting,” said Vopli.

“I would like to see this be a Lynn residence hall tradition around the holidays for years to come.”

Building a gingerbread house is a fun way to socialize with fellow residents, practice teamwork and get a taste of childhood fun. “It’s a way to have students get away from stress during finals and have them decorate their residence hall,” said Volpi. Freshmen students who live in Trinity helped with the construction.

In order to design the gingerbread house, Volpi created sketches similar to that of blueprints for a real building. Plywood served as the base for the structure. The students created all of the decorations. Volpi also added an electrical system inside of the structure. “We’re even going green and using LCD lights,” said Volpi.

The final product is currently displayed in the Office of Residence Life.
International Students Choose Multicultural Lynn for Multitude of Reasons

By GIANINA SMERILLI
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Lynn is a highly international school, with 24 percent of its student body hailing from a country outside the United States and more than 90 countries represented on campus. Many international students choose to come here for the opportunities that the United States offers. Having a degree from the U.S. helps many students have a greater opportunity when they return to their homeland.

“I came here to get my Bachelor’s degree,” said Vanessa Parra, sophomore. “Right now Venezuela is going through some problems, and it makes it hard to go to school safely.”

Many students in other countries face economic and social instability that leads them to universities in the United States.

“My country has an unstable economy right now,” said Mariana Hidalgo, sophomore. “It makes it hard to go to school and look for a job.”

Jamaica native Gregory Hylton has been studying in the United States for several years now. “My parents have sent me to study in America since high school,” said Hylton. “It is better to have a degree from the U.S.”

Lynn University is truly an international school. There are a melting pot of students that come to Lynn each year.
Above: There are flags on campus for each of the countries that the student body represents. Top Right: Vanessa Parra, Venezuelan native, smiles in the Perper Plaza. Bottom right: Gregory Hylton, native of Jamaica, smiles for the camera
FASHION ON CAMPUS

Many different fashions and styles are seen on campus every day. Whether it’s the latest brand names, favorite sports teams, or something entirely unique and different, students showcase their favorite looks without hesitation. Cherry Sein is one student with a very unique style. “My style is gothic casual and sometimes gothic formal,” said Sein.
amazing journey to change the lives of seven different people in an unforgettable way. “If Will Smith was as good as he was in ‘Hancock’ and ‘I Am Legend,’ then I wouldn’t be surprised seeing this movie at the top of the charts,” said Greg Zambito, junior. “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” is one that is based off of a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald about a man who is born in his eighties and ages backwards. The movie stars Brad Pitt and opens on Christmas day.

Tom Cruise stars in the film “Valkyrie,” a World War II masterpiece about the true story of an attempted assassination of Adolf Hitler. “Tom Cruise is a very talented actor, but you never know what you’re going to see out of a guy like him,” said Casey O’Donnell, junior.

High expectations have been set for these films, which are sure to be blockbusters this holiday season.

NEW HABITS IN ‘09

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New Year’s Resolutions Easier Said Than Done

By BRITNEY GENGEL
Staff Writer
According to statistics, 40 to 45 percent of individuals make New Year’s resolutions. Of those, an average of 75 percent stick to their resolutions past the first week, 71 percent past the second week, 64 percent past the first month, and only 46 percent past the first six months.

Vedat Ulgen, a freshman from Turkey, made his New Year’s resolution in 2008 to quit smoking. He succeeded and broke his pack-a-day habit of four years. He has been smoke-free since January 1, 2008.

“Life should not be attached to a single strand of cancer,” said Ulgen. “I feel a lot healthier and more motivated since my goal was accomplished.”

Sam Fehrenbacher, freshman, is hoping to accomplish his future New Year’s resolution for 2009 of losing 20 pounds.

“When I came to Lynn I was 20 pounds lighter, with more muscle,” said Fehrenbacher. “I hope to work out and get back to my fit self.”

New Year’s resolutions are often easier said than done. Students David Herr and Kamran Akperov have made their resolutions three times to quit smoking without success. They will both be trying again in 2009.

“Smoking takes a lot from life,” said Herr. “It’s not worth the future damages.”

To all of those making resolutions in the upcoming year, good luck.

Sam Fehrenbacher stamps out his cigarette habit. Staff Photo/B. Gengel.

WINTER BREAK IS NEARLY HERE

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Students Look Forward to Going Home for the Holidays After Finals.

By MELISSA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer
The end of the semester is a time when many students anticipate going home to spend the holidays with their loved ones. Soon the comfort of being home with friends and family will arrive, and many students look to that positive note as they spend their time studying for exams and writing their final papers.

“I’m so excited to see my friends that are back from college,” said Kristen Boyd, freshman. Boyd will be heading back to New Orleans for the holidays and is looking forward to her mother’s home cooking.

South Carolina native Harrison Baker, sophomore, is also looking forward to going home for the winter break. “I’m ready to go home to Charleston,” said Baker. “I’m so lucky that my finals are going to be over soon; it gives me extra time.”

Katie Comerford will be going back to her hometown in Rhode Island and is looking forward to relaxing during the holidays. “I miss snow,” said Comerford, “And I want to see my family.”

Above and right: Students pack up and get ready to go home for the holidays.

CELEBRATED CELLIST ON CAMPUS

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Internationally-known Musician Praises Lynn’s Conservatory of Music
Jonah Kim, a cellist who currently studies in the Conservatory of Music, enjoys his life as a musician. Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea. With the help of his father’s supervision, his decision to pursue a future as a musician came at an early age. At the age of seven, Kim’s family moved to America, and Kim received a cello from his father. His talent granted him a full scholarship to the Julliard School of Music. In 1999 Kim enrolled in the Curtis Institute of Music on an invitational basis and performed in concerts featuring such as Janos Starker. In this program he was able to travel and perform to such countries as Italy, England and the Czech Republic. “I have performed the cello professionally in all the continents in the world, except Antarctica,” said Kim.

Having established a solid base for his life, Kim has been recognized in several different orchestras and recitals. His performances have been broadcast on radio stations WHYY and WITF, as well on television networks NBC and CBS. In 2006, Kim graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music. He then came to Lynn University’s Conservatory of Music to study with David Cole, string department head. “I came to Lynn University’s Conservatory for many reasons, one of them being the conservatory’s reputation,” said Kim. “Lynn has one of the most promising conservatories in the nation.”

Kim says that playing music is one of the most satisfying things in life. He believes his purpose is to be a musician and wants to contribute in the world by communicating via music. “Music is inside me,” said Kim. “I just let it out.”
MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

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Technical Wizard is Valuable Asset to the Lynn Community

By PAULA PIMENTEL
Staff Writer

Every event on campus has individuals working behind the scenes that are unseen to the public. One of these individuals is Andrew Vermes, and he provides technical support to the university and Lynn community. Chances are, if a student has been to an event this semester, Vermes was there, behind the scenes and making it work.

Vermes was born in Secaucus, New Jersey and graduated in 1999 from Lynn University with a Bachelor’s degree in International Communication. Since 2003, Vermes has been working for the Lynn community as Technical Support Coordinator. Some of his duties include camera checkout, providing audio and video for affairs on campus and video streaming for commencement and other events on campus.

Vermes does not hesitate to put in long hours to get the job done, and he is usually on the run helping students, faculty and fellow staff members.

Recently the iPulse interviewed Vermes about his experiences on campus:

Q. Do you enjoy working at Lynn?
A. Yes.
Q. Which experience would you consider being the best while working here?
A. There is no one experience; there are many experiences.
Q. How would you consider the Lynn community to be, for example friendly?
A. Yes. They are family oriented and there are many different members from the same family.
Q. Has it been a good experience working at the university?
A. I like it, good experiences and many opportunities. Also, I was employee of the year in 2007.
Q. Do you see yourself working somewhere else?
A. I have a part time job, but I do not see myself working full-time other than at Lynn University right now.

Even though Vermes is always behind the scenes, his job effort is greatly appreciated and recognized by the Lynn community.
Andrew Vermes gets a camera ready for a student. Staff Photo/Paula Pimentel.

• SMALL TOWN GIRL MAKES MARK
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  • Fighting Knight Lacy Redwine Tears Up the Volleyball Court
  • By JAMES BOURAS
    Staff Writer
Sophomore Lacy Redwine, a native of New Braunfels, Texas, is a student who leaves an impression both on the volleyball court and on campus. There were a number of reasons why Redwine chose to come to Lynn University. “I came because I received a volleyball scholarship and it was a good opportunity to meet new people and live in a new environment,” said Redwine.

Redwine was named to the Sunshine State Conference all-freshmen team, playing both outside hitter and libero positions. This year, the Fighting Knights made it to the NCAA Regional Tournament for a second consecutive year and broke school records for wins in a single season and most conference wins in a season.

Despite all the success for the women’s volleyball team this year, one moment stands out for Redwine. “Beating Nova Southeastern University in the second round of the conference tournament was the most memorable event of the year.”

When she is not on the volleyball court Redwine enjoys spending time with her friends and listening to music. Redwine sees herself as honest, competitive and fun and enjoys attending Lynn.
Redwine smiles for her athletics photo. LU Photos.