TIME reporter Tim Padgett. Stock Photo.

Tim Padgett is at his Miami office computer, working with unbreakable concentration on his next story. His two teenage children come home from school, going in and out of the family room where he works. The phone rings. Padgett answers it, but he barely takes his eyes off the computer screen. All at once, he erupts into what would seem to be an interview, focusing intensely on rapid-fire questions and clacking out the responses on his keyboard. After ten minutes, the interview is over. Without missing a beat, he creates a publishable story, filing by deadline. Then it is over – for today.
For Padgett, a longtime reporter for Time Magazine, this is a typical day at work. “I love writing and telling stories,” he says. “Journalism gives you the chance to practice that craft every day. I’m also, by nature, a bit skeptical of authority and journalism is one of the world’s best watchdogs of authority.”

Having started his path to journalism in high school, Padgett has had sufficient time to hone his craft to the point that interviewing and writing is second nature to him. His first formal job as a reporter was after graduating from high school, as a copy editor and reporter at his local newspaper in Illinois.

“I was not prepared to be a professional journalist then, no more than any teenager is prepared to be a lawyer or doctor,” he says. “Journalism is like any profession – it takes years of practice to master it.”

While studying English at Wabash College in Indiana, Padgett picked up more experience interning as a reporter for Newsday in New York over a summer. Following his undergraduate degree, he interned at the Chicago-Sun Times while studying for his master’s at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago. The Chicago-Sun Times then offered him a full-time job, which eventually led to an opportunity at the Chicago bureau of Newsweek Magazine. In 1990, Newsweek sent him to Mexico City as their bureau chief for the region. In 1996, Time snapped him up as its Latin American Bureau Chief, and in 1999, he transferred to Miami to be Time’s Miami & Latin America Bureau Chief, the position he holds today.

Throughout his career Padgett has reported on some remarkable events. He highlights a few presidential interviews as special, especially one conducted with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori during the 1996 diplomatic hostage crisis. He took Padgett and his photographer into a squalid Lima prison to confront the Marxist guerrillas responsible for the hostage-taking. He also recalls the 2004 Haiti uprising that overthrew President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as particularly dramatic.

But what moves him are often the stories he has reported on about everyday heroes in Latin America, such as Xiomara Luzon, a Caracas slum resident who helped improve democracy in Venezuela by bringing police authorities to justice after a rogue cop shot and killed her 8-year-old son while he was flying a kite.

Many of Padgett’s articles have set standards and won awards. His 1993 story for Newsweek, “Cocaine Comes Home,” was one of the first to describe how drug consumption, not just trafficking, was suddenly on the rise in Latin America; it won Padgett the Inter-American Press Association Award for drug reporting.

In 2005, Padgett was also awarded the Maria Moors Cabot Award from the Columbia School of Journalism, for outstanding reporting in Latin America. “The Cabot meant the most [to me], because it recognized a career’s worth of work instead of just one story. It also meant a lot because I care very much about Latin America and America’s relationship with it,” said Padgett.
Just as Padgett demonstrates a critical eye in getting the story right, he also often applies that same scrutiny to his own work. He claims to be unsatisfied with many of his stories, particularly a cover article he wrote about Daniel Aguilar, the gunman who assassinated one of Mexico’s most powerful politicians, Jose Ruiz Massieu, allegedly on the orders of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari’s brother, Raul. “I did a really poor job of reporting, writing and analysis,” he says. “As a result I did a really poor job of telling the story of one of Mexico’s most important political murders.”

He likes to quote one of journalism’s most important maxims, that, ‘If your mother says she loves you, check it out.’ “I forgot that rule on the Aguilar story,” said Padgett.

To those considering journalism as a career, this veteran offers some insight into what it takes to be a reporter. “The best advice,” says Padgett, “is that you learn journalism best by doing it – search court files, ask the right questions in interviews. Gather both sides of a controversy, recognize what the most interesting angle of a story is. You also need to read or watch good journalism on a regular basis, be it the New York Times, ABC News or, of course, Time magazine.”

**THE EXTRAVAGANZA**

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*Lynn Celebrates the End of Spring Semester With a Weekend of Events*

**By JENNIFER RODRIGUES**

**Editor-in-Chief**

Students enjoy the Spring Extravaganza Carnival last weekend. Staff Photos/ J. Rodrigues.
Last weekend, various events were hosted on campus to give students a break before finals.

The weekend started with the university-hosted Spring Extravaganza carnival on Freiburger Lawn. Students, faculty, staff and family members could enjoy a wide array of activities including a bungee jumping simulator, make your own license plates and street signs and free Italian ice and funnel cakes. The event also featured a barbecue so students could enjoy the sunshine and delicious food.

On Friday night, the Residence Hall Association hosted their annual Casino Night. Set up in the Student Center, RHA brought in professional dealers so students could play Roulette, Blackjack, Texas Hold-Em and Craps just like in a real casino. Students were given vouchers for chips and played for raffle tickets to win prizes at the end of the night. Prizes included gift cards to area restaurants, van rides to the airport and a storage unit for the summer.

Finally, Sunday marked the annual RA Challenge hosted by Housing and Residence Life. Five teams of six competed against a team of RAs in a variety of competitions for a monetary prize.

Competitions included a relay race complete with an eating challenge, a canoe race, waterballoon toss, dizzy soccer and more. Competition lasted most of the afternoon ending with a refreshing jump into the campus pool.

These events provided a fun weekend for students, but then it was time to hit the books and prepare for finals.

THE TORPEDO THAT IS MR. SHEEN

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Junior Jordan Ackerman Describes His Personal Encounter with Charlie Sheen

By JORDAN ACKERMAN

Contributing Writer
It was late Friday night. I looked at my phone and there was my golden ticket to the crazy mind of Charlie Sheen. As we drove to the stadium, the thoughts began to run through my mind. What would he talk about? Would he walk out on the show?

As we arrived, we were greeted by a group of women with the words “Mothers Against Charlie Sheen” on their shirts. They shouted, “Go home Charlie Sheen” and played to the swarms of news cameras that were outside trying to capture the spectacle. There was a mixture of people looming about: some married couples out for a night on the town, a father and son both wearing shirts emblazoned with Sheen’s face, and many college kids who had come to cheer on the man they had grown up watching on the big and small screen.

Inside the arena, people crowded around the merchandise table and grabbed their food. Everyone seemed to be thinking about the situation they were about to walk into.

Our seats were on the floor. As we sat down, we were surrounded by the well dressed and rowdy. Before the show began, we had our first celebrity sighting. Jeff Ross, of Comedy Central fame, was wandering the crowd. When we asked for a picture, he in turn asked us what we would ask Charlie if we could. I replied with “what do I do after college.” He ripped off a wristband and told me to come to the stage when I was called.

The show began with Sheen giving a signed Florida Marlins jersey to an older women in the first row and then the madness commenced. Sheen referenced the Detroit show where he was booed off stage. He then brought on an Australian radio host whom he “veted” so the crowd would accept him. The perusing interview was the only down point of the show.

At the end of that segment, a very intoxicated Denis Rodmen appeared as the special guest. Rodmen invited Sheen to join him as a guest at his induction into the NBA Hall of Fame. From there, the conversation was inaudible due to Rodmen’s extreme intoxication. As Rodmen was ushered off stage, the real comedy began. Jeff Ross walked on stage and immediately went into
roasting the famed actor. Ross stole the show, hitting every issue in Sheen’s life, which he took with laughs.

As Ross finished his jokes Sheen decided to try and roast “The Roast Master.” This segment was an utter disaster and they went into another impromptu, but more enjoyable interview session.

They wrapped up the show by calling all the people with questions to the stage. As I walked to the stage, Ross fired off a joke: “look at this guy waddling down the aisle.” Most of the audience questions focused on Sheen’s life and the events of the past year.

As I approached the mic, Ross began with another insult saying I looked like an umpire and asked how the game went. He then turned me to Sheen and I asked my question. Sheen pondered and then responded slowly, telling me to make a movie, look at his work and get inspired. As I walked in for a handshake and a thank you, Sheen shook his head and went in for a hug. The show ended with a performance by a rapper and a thank you from Sheen.

SENIOR PURSUING HIS DREAM JOB

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Student Gains Experience Through Internship in Hospitality Industry

By JORDYN BINKOWSKI

Staff Writer

Kennedy at his internship. Stock Photo.

It is true that the proof of passion is in the pursuit. Senior KJ Kennedy proves this to be true as he prepares to graduate. Kennedy is majoring in hospitality management and is currently an intern at The Renaissance Hotel. He previously interned for Wyndham Gardens Hotel, where he gained first hand knowledge in his field.
Internships give students the opportunity to have hands-on experiences in their field of study in order to better prepare them for their future. Kennedy understands this and works as an intern in order to give himself an advantage in the workplace. “I worked food and beverages at Wyndham Gardens Hotel. I also set up conferences, banquets and private events,” said Kennedy.

Most internships are unpaid, but the knowledge gained is the true reward. “I learned that the key to the hospitality industry is to be able to be dynamic in your schedule and work long hours,” said Kennedy.

Before even graduating college, Kennedy has already discovered the keys to success in his field through interning.

There are many benefits to being an intern. First of all, it allows one to apply classroom theory to real work situations. Moreover, one is able to become more knowledgeable about general work functions, will learn to identify and test interests and talents, investigate organizational cultures, learn career-related skills, identify transferable skills, strengthen written and oral skills and see if a selected career path is the one to take.

Professors at Lynn have a vast array of contacts and connections that can lead students to internships. “Professor Schapiro had a contact at the hotel. She was the HR manager of Wyndham,” said Kennedy. If students have not done so already, be sure to set up an appointment with an advisor in the Career Center to help find the perfect internship to better the future.

**RA CHALLENGE**

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The competition at the annual RA Challenge was tough, but the pink team proved victorious in the end. Staff Photos/ J. Rodrigues.

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THE MANY SECRETS BEHIND GOOGLE

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Google has been the destination for online searches for over a decade now. However, there are a large amount of features that users are unaware of that can improve one’s productivity and even help save money.

Besides the traditional web and image search, Google also has videos, maps, books, shopping, calendars, contacts and separate voice applications.

Google is slowly being integrated into smartphone options, having the option to sync information across multiple devices. For example, if one has their contacts synced with Google and when a change is made, it automatically is made on the smartphone, computer and any other synced device.

“Syncing enables you to access your information on anywhere there is an internet connection,” says Chris Van Wart, senior.

In addition to syncing, Google Maps is becoming the standard GPS device utilized in smartphones. It provides comprehensive turn by turn directions, as well as complete maps. Users can also utilize Google Earth, which enables one to see actual satellite images of locations.

“Google documents can act like a digital dropbox, upload and downloading documents from a cloud,” said Brittney Markowski, senior. Google documents not only supplies platforms to create word documents, but spreadsheets and design features. After one is done creating, one can use some Google’s public storage space to transfer an assignment.

Finally, a feature that has just been recently introduced is Google Voice, which enables one to have a free number from most area codes. Users can then forward calls to the number to their
regular phone. It can be a great tool when designating a number for a specific purpose or business.

Google is slowly managing to integrate every aspect of productivity utilized on the Internet into one webpage.

THE GREATEST BATTLE EVER FOUGHT

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A Battle of Social Media Facebook vs. Twitter: Which Side Are You On?

By: JOEY CALABRO

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Facebook squares off against Twitter. Stock Photo.

Facebook has people addicted to the screen for hours. When Facebook came out as a social network, it was specifically for college students within their own universities. Then it branched out and became a public site.

“As soon as Facebook came out I got one, even though I was in high school,” said Justin Alam, freshman. “I didn’t like it back then but as it has improved through the years. It is the only thing I am on when I use the computer.”

Recently, Facebook has been gone up against a new competitor: Twitter. Twitter uses the same concept as Facebook, but without pictures. Twitter has not sky rocketed as quickly in terms of attracting people to get an account as Facebook.
Now, Twitter is becoming more popular. People who enjoy ‘following’ celebrities can do so without having to wait for the friend request acceptance required to view profiles with Facebook. Twitter is a great social network to just keep up to with friend’s thoughts on a daily basis.

“I just signed up for an account on Twitter about two weeks ago and I am starting to like it more than Facebook,” said Alam. “Having both is good because they are two different social networks.”

Facebook and Twitter are the biggest downloads on any electronic devices such as computers, cell phones and iPods. Therefore, with portable electronic devices that are popular today, accessing Facebook and Twitter is not difficult.

With more people beginning to use Twitter, Facebook will have even more of a challenge ahead of them. In reality, all that matters is what the next person is doing. If one person can be found through a certain social network, it is likely their friends will join the same network just to keep in touch. With that said, competition remains. Twitter may even wash out Facebook in the future, just like Facebook replaced Myspace. But for the meantime, readers will have to wait and see.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR SUMMER

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New Safety Measures Designed to Protect Students From the Dangerous Sun

By: CASEY DOLL

Staff Writer
Summer time is quickly approaching, and with it comes the anticipated summer activities of going to the beach, sun bathing and idle poolside conversation. This may be the time to celebrate the end of the school year, however the dangers of extreme heat are a concern to many faculty members. Because of the many student complaints, several reforms have been put in place to beat the heat.

One such measure is an enormous tarp that will be raised over the major walkways of the campus. These tarps will block direct sunlight and will sport numerous rotating fans to cool students as they walk the campus’ scorched path.

“This place is an inferno,” cries an outraged student, “When I decided to attend Lynn I thought the name ‘Sunshine State’ was just a joke. Boy was I mistaken!”

Fan-spray bottles are now on sale at the Lynn Bookstore for a modest $10. Fanny packs and visors are also available to compliment these spray bottles.

Paper fans will be handed out at the beginning of each class so students can cool themselves off. Also, the campus’ pool has been closed until safer conditions arrive. If not in class, it is recommended that students sit next to their AC unit on high with their blinds closed.

“The last thing we want is for our precious students to feel the least bit uncomfortable,” says a faculty member. “If they get sun burnt and damage their skin, their parents will send us angry letters. No one wants that.”

Note: this piece was written in a joking, satirical manner and should in no way be taken seriously.

THE TOP NEWS STORIES OF 2010-2011

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Students Look Back on Top News Stories of the 2010-2011 School Year

By: DESTINY GOLDEN

Staff Writer
iPulse set out to determine what students thought were the top news stories of the 2010-2011 school year.

“The most exciting story to me this year was the Chilean Miners,” said Askin Illiat, sophomore. “Their story was so inspirational.” On Oct. 12, 33 miners in Chile were rescued after being trapped in a collapsed mine for 69 days.

Days later another story topped the world news. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange began to release top secret documents over the Internet. The documents included information on the war in Iraq, Afghanistan and other issues that the U.S. government had deemed a threat to national security.

In November, Prince William of the United Kingdom announced his engagement to Kate Middleton. People all over the world were excited about the royal wedding. The wedding of the century occurred on April 29 for a world-wide audience of almost two billion.

While it was a time to rejoice in the U.K., there was a change in the political tide in the U.S. The Republican Party dominated the midterm elections. Their numerous wins secured them control of the United States House of Representatives and Florida was ready for this change, electing Rick Scott as its new governor.

The start of 2011 was ushered in with an uprising throughout the Middle East. On Feb. 11, after 18 days of protests, the voice of the youth of Egypt was finally heard. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down as leader of the country. Using Egypt as a role model, the people of Libya began their protest against their government on Feb. 15. As of today, Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi has refused to step down and the country is now engulfed in a civil war.

Finally, on Sunday May 1 it was announced that Osama Bin Laden had been killed by a team of U.S. operatives in Pakistan.
HOW TO BEAT FLORIDA’S SUMMER HEAT

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Students Share Their Secrets to Staying Cool When the Temperature Rises

By: SARAH BENJAMIN
Staff Writer

The time has come for long, hot, sunny and humid days. Everybody loves the summer season and cannot wait to take advantage of the privilege of going to school in Florida. Lynn students have many options when it comes to staying cool around town and campus.

The iPulse set out to find what students are doing to beat the heat.

“I have a convertible, so I like to ride around with the top down on a hot day,” said Caitlyn Cafasso, sophomore.
“In between my classes I like to go to the pool sometimes to cool off,” said Alex Berger, sophomore.

“To cool off on a hot day I like to go to Christine’s and get a frozen lemonade,” said Mariah Kulkin, sophomore.

“I like to go to the beach on a hot day,” said Juliet Hillman, sophomore.

As one can see there are many options to beat the heat from a stop at the pool to a cold

**NBS HELPS STUDENTS GET AHEAD**

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*The National Broadcasting Society Gives Students the Training They Need*

By MIKE THOMSEN

Staff Writer

Members of NBS. Staff Photo/ M.Thomsen.

On April 8, Professor Denise Belafonte-Young went to Las Vegas to be a panel judge and represent Lynn University at the national convention for the National Broadcasting Society (NBS).

What is NBS? The best way to answer that is to actually quote the mission statement released by NBS:
“The purpose of the National Broadcasting Society is to help collegiate electronic media students make the transition to the professional world. NBS and AERho enhance the development of students and early professionals on a chapter, district, regional and national level by:

• Promoting excellence.

• Providing opportunities for ethical and responsible leadership.

• Providing exposure to the “electronic media” industries.

• Assisting in career preparation.

• Providing opportunities for and encouraging the development of members through advanced media education programs.

• Providing opportunities for and encouraging the participation of members in community service projects and activities.”

In today’s working world, being a one trick pony does not fly. Media companies are looking to hire workers who can do multiple jobs and that is where NBS can help. As stated before, NBS helps not only writers, but also producers, photographers, editors, camera operators and on air talent.

Members have gained invaluable experience. NBS has covered such events as the Think Pink concert for breast cancer awareness in Boca Raton, a charity fashion show at the Mar-A-Lago in West Palm Beach, the International Tennis Championship in Delray Beach as well as recently visiting the NBC affiliate WPTV in West Palm Beach.

So for those looking to have a career in journalism or production, especially on-air reporting, NBS will give one the opportunities to get experience that many companies want in future employees. For more information, contact Professor Belafonte-Young.
Students present The Vagina Monologues for the Second Time in a Row

By SOPHIA BARRETT
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Studnets involved in this year’s production of “The Vagina Monologues” pose for some pictures. Staff Photo/ S. Barrett.

“The Vagina Monologues” was presented for the second year in a row recently by students, faculty and staff.

The Women’s Center decided they would produce the monologues every year to raise awareness about violence toward women. Every year, the author of the monologues, Eve Ensler, determines on a different group of women in the world resisting violence and a portion of the proceeds from performances goes to the campaign for the chosen group. This year, the spotlight campaign was for the women and girls of Haiti.

A V-Day activist, Myriam Merlet, brought “The Vagina Monologues” to the women of Haiti in 2001. She lost her life in the tragic Haiti earthquake. This year’s monologues were in honor of Merlet and the great strides and efforts she made in Haiti.

“The Vagina Monologues” playwright, Ensler, wrote of Merlet: “She was one of the most humble, devoted, committed, brilliant, loving women. She was revolutionary and a visionary and had the hugest heart; and she was fun. She inspired many and lifted many and I am grateful beyond words to have known her and been in this struggle with her. And now, all of us must commit ourselves to Haiti, to women and to their future with all our hearts.”
The importance of Merlet and Ensler’s work was not lost among the students who attended the event.

“I am glad I could do [the show] two years in a row and also be able to be a part of such a great movement,” said Haley Pratt, senior.

The performers took the positive message and ran with it. “It was a great way to support local women’s associations and a fun experience to be a part of,” said Mallory Deneen, senior.

Hopefully, the positive response from the audience will encourage Lynn and other communities to perform the monologues again in the future. “The Monologues are always a great portrayal of a woman’s confidence,” said Stephanie Hammerman, junior. “I truly enjoyed such a powerful show and can’t wait to see it again next year.”

**MOE’S GRILL VERSUS CHIPOTLE**

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*Its the Ultimate Battle Between Two Acclaimed Southwestern Grills*

**By SHAWN KALE**

**Staff Writer**

Who will win battle of the grills? Stock Photo.

It is 1:30 p.m. and the cafeteria is closed, but with so many options to choose from in Boca the big question is where to go for lunch? Someone mentions Moe’s and another suggests Chipotle and the debate begins: Moe’s versus Chipotle.

From the looks of each finished burrito from Moe’s and Chipotle, it is hard to tell the difference between the two. Each have the same fresh ingredients with minor differences and each was rolled by a trained burrito roller. They have both found a way to perfect the ideal burrito. But someone always has to be the best and only one can stand alone atop the burrito mountain of the public.
In the debate of the two, it is clear that it is going to be tough to pick a winner between both fantastic burritos with two different styles. “At Chipotle, the meat is so fresh and it has a kick of spice to it,” said Eric Herrera, junior.

“The welcoming atmosphere with the music and cool stuff on the walls is at Chipotle,” said Phil Mannelly, junior. “My choice of the two is Moe’s as they consistently deliver a top-notch burrito; plus Moe’s has cheese dip that is a must.”

Collin McGowan, junior, also sides with Moe’s. “Moe’s has more options with their burritos and it is always fresh,” he said.

It is clear that these two burrito giants will continue to rise in Boca and the rest of the country as they both have their own fanatics and loyal customers. Whether it is the music at Chipotle or the welcoming Moe’s employees upon entering saying, “Welcome to Moe’s” each has their own way to reel in its customers.

When it comes to Chipotle versus Moe’s, it is tough to determine the better burrito and which one is more liked. It is clear that everyone has their say and the debate between the two will continue as the two burrito rivals will try to beat out the next.

**ULTIMATE MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

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LaBamba Mexican and Spanish Restaurants Live Up to Expectations

By JASON FARBMAN

Staff Writer
The various delicious dishes like fajitas, rice and Chimichanga at LaBamba Mexican & Spanish restaurant. Staff Photo/ J. Farbman.

If one is looking for a restaurant where families go and the staff knows you by name, look no further. LaBamba Mexican & Spanish restaurants are popular among families in South Florida. There are currently five restaurants around South Florida, including Delray Beach, Margate, Ft. Lauderdale, Plantation and North Palm Beach. The waiters know many of the families and know most of their orders.

They have plenty of top-selling menu items such as their fajitas, which come on a hot, sizzling plate.

Another favorite menu item is the Chimichanga, which comes on a plate with rice and beans along with sour cream and guacamole. They also have six different burritos with a choice of chicken or beef. Additionally, the restaurant has four different enchiladas, amongst Cuban cuisines.

LaBamba also has many different specials. For lunch, one can receive a free drink and free cup of soup with their meal. The early dinner menu includes soup or salad, coffee, tea, iced tea and soft drinks.

So if one is looking for a tasty Mexican meal with local flavor, all are recommended to check out LaBamba Spanish & Mexican restaurants.

EVERYTHING IS NOT BLACK AND WHITE

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A Look at the Dynamic and Interesting Life of Ryan Hoffman

By JOSHUA KELNER & BRITTNEY MARKOWSKI

Staff Writers
Ryan Hoffman walks around Lynn and Boca, searching for his next photograph of an elaborate sunset or storm cloud rolling through the South Florida sky. Hoffman’s interest in weather reflects the storm of obstacles throughout his life that he has overcome by taking control of his challenges with autism.

Hoffman is a student in Lynn University’s Transition Program. The program is a partnership between the School District of Palm Beach County and the university, which aims to break down the preconceived limits that are placed on people with disabilities. Professors at Lynn, as well as visiting instructors, aim to increase students’ independence by providing classes in a college atmosphere as well as helping them gain full-time or part-time employment.

It is Hoffman’s spark that seems to separate him from others. “In the program, we try to focus on the abilities and not the disabilities,” said Hoffman’s Mentor Janet Atallah. Atallah has been Hoffman’s instructor for two years. Hoffman separates himself through his independence. He is known by local news stations for sending in his scenic photographs of weather patterns, which the stations have broadcasted numerous times.

Besides being a local celebrity known for his photographs, Hoffman also participates in Special Olympics where he leads in shot put. With almost 10 years of experience, he is able to out throw his competition with ease. “I get more enjoyment out of the shot put, but I also enjoy the running,” said Hoffman. His true drive can be seen when he is on the field sprinting. Hoffman pushes himself from whistle to whistle and this same motivation carries him through his daily life.

In the classroom, Hoffman is spread across a unique curriculum that enables him to discover his interests and strengthen his communication skills. Currently, Hoffman is taking a performance broadcasting class, which involves public speaking while being filmed. He is then able to watch his news stories and improve each broadcast. “Ryan is a remarkable young man,” said Professor Martin Phillips. Hoffman has made friends with many other students in the program and offers aid to them whenever help is needed.
Hoffman’s ambitious schedule has allowed him to gain employment with Lifetime Fitness in Boca, where he works the front desk to greet and monitor guests as well as helping out around the gym with odds and ends. This employment has enabled him to get crucial experience for his future after he graduates from the program.

“I think it is his determination that sets him apart. He has got a spark that is contagious,” said Stefanie Gilbert, advisor and friend to Hoffman. It takes about one minute of conversation for one to see Hoffman’s resilient and humorous personality, but his drive and perseverance will shine later. His ability to turn weaknesses into strengths will continue to individualize him as a person by not putting limits on the constraints of autism.

Hoffman gives inspiration not only to the transition program, but the whole Lynn community by setting the example that dreams can be achieved.

**LU FANS WILL CERTAINLY MISS CP4**

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*Chelsea Patterson, Senior, Will be Missed Both On and Off the Court*

By JOEY ARGENZIANO

Staff Writer

Senior Chelsea Patterson dribbling across the court during an important game. LU Photo.
Chelsea Patterson, senior, has been a valuable community member at Lynn for three years on the basketball court. Patterson will be graduating at the end of the year with a business degree. She is outgoing, friendly, religious, family-oriented, funny and a loyal friend. Patterson has led the Fighting Knights Basketball Team in scoring the past two seasons, making her a leader on and off the court.

iPulse: Why did you come to Lynn?

Patterson: I came to Lynn because I thought it was a great opportunity for me to be closer to home after transferring from West Florida. My family could come see me play a lot more.

i: How much has your family influenced you in your life?

P: My family is a big influence in my life. They support me in whatever I choose to do. My brother, Iman, and I were raised by my single mother, Iris, and my grandmother, Irene. Both of them are very special people in my life. I hate losing and they are the only two people who know what to say to calm me down. Everything I do is for them.

i: How long have you played basketball and why do you have passion for this sport?

P: Sixth grade was when I first started to play. I love everything about the game of basketball. I am a fan of a game, but also a player. I think it’s a fun sport; I love playing against people who have talent, I love putting the game on my shoulder, I love the pressure, I love the challenge and I love putting on a show.

i: What are your proudest basketball accomplishments?

P: In high school, I set my school record in scoring 1,986 points. My number was retired as well. I have worn number four all of my life because that is my family’s number. Also, I got a conference championship under my belt here in 2010. Finally, I found a great college to have a successful career at Lynn.

i: What does it mean to you being a Fighting Knight?

P: Being a Fighting Knight is representing the school in the best way. Also, having that passion about your sport and wanting to be the best. Additionally, it's about working hard on and off the court. I am proud to say that I am a Fighting Knight because Lynn has been a part of me for the past three years and I plan to represent LU in the best way possible.

i: What is your favorite basketball memory at Lynn?

P: Tip-off at every game. I am very passionate about winning and expect nothing less. Its been an honor putting on a Lynn jersey and contributing toward the winning tradition at this university.

i: Describe your experience at Lynn.
P: My experience at Lynn has been wonderful. I have met some lifelong friends and I received the education I need to further my career. I have grown into the individual that knows exactly what I want in life.

i: I know that you are a very determined person; define that word and talk about that quality on and off the court.

P: I define determination as a person who is persistent at what they want; they work hard to accomplish their goals – that’s it. On the court, I am determined because I want to do everything in my power to help my team win. In my eyes, losing is not an option – I’m going to get it. Off the court, I am determined because I want to be able to give back to my family who has helped me become the person I am today. My determination comes from what I’ve seen in life. I want to be the person from Largo (FL) that has grown into a great role model for young adults, like my little brother. All in all, I want to be successful, make money and be happy.

i: What are you going to take from Lynn to the real-world?

P: Have fun, don’t stress out and remember to get your education because your future is important. If you’re an athlete, have no regrets; play every game like it’s your last.

i: Being a top collegiate prospect, do you feel you could make it to the pros?

P: Most definitely. I think anyone can make it to the pros if they have the ability and mind set. If that’s what they want – go for it. If that is the road God wants me to take, I will travel it. I never really thought about going pro, but if the door is open, I will consider it.

i: What are your plans after you graduate?

P: I am currently working to finish my masters degree and keeping my opportunities open whether it’s going pro overseas, playing in the states (WNBA), coaching, working for a major company or opening my own business.

THE DANGERS OF JOURNALISM

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Foreign News Corresponding Can be Dangerous for Professional Journalists

By DESTINY GOLDEN

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While foreign news corresponding can be a dangerous profession, students at Lynn are willing to take the risk.

On March 19, South Florida native and Getty Images photojournalist Joe Raedle was arrested along with two other journalists while covering events in Libya.

Raedle, a former Sun Sentinel staff photographer, has not been the only journalist to be imprisoned in Libya. On March 21, four New York Times reporters were released from a Libyan jail.

Being imprisoned abroad is just one of many dangers journalists face while covering foreign events. While covering the liberation of Egypt, CBS foreign news correspondent Lara Logan was sexually assaulted by a mob of Egyptians. While investigating Al-Qaeda, Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl was murdered.

“Even though it is a dangerous profession, it is necessary as the role of a journalist to inform the public on all issues including global affairs,” said Jessica Levinson, senior and communication major.

Visiting J-Term Professor Jim Hoagland of the Washington Post gave advice to Lynn students considering a profession in foreign news corresponding.

“Start with learning about the country you’re going to and speak with colleagues and diplomats,” he said.

Learning the laws of the country one is reporting from can also be helpful. Lynn Professor Carmeta Blake, B.A., M.S., Ed., said to her Communication Law and Ethics class, “As a journalist, the first thing you should do when you get into a foreign country is register with the American Embassy.”

DANCING FOR AN EDUCATION

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Tiffany Murray, freshman, dances her heart out on stage as part of her other life. Photo/ T. Murray.

Tiffany Murray came to Lynn University to study in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication. Although Murray is only a freshman, she already knows she wants to go into the field of public relations and advertising.

Murray is from Pompano Beach and decided to come to Lynn after taking a tour of the school. “After I took the tour, I realized they had a good communication program and decided this is where I want to go,” said Murray.

She discovered an interest for PR through Donald Trump’s reality show “The Apprentice.” “I liked the tasks and challenges they had to perform,” she said. She also stated that in high school she was involved in planning her homecoming and took part in the prom committee, which was when she developed an interest for event planning.

Murray also has a strong passion for dance and has been deeply committed to the craft for 15 years. She currently works at a dance studio and takes dance classes as well.

Murray discovered her aspirations at a young age and plans to continue her career pursuit while living her dreams through a passion of dance.
TIPS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS

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With the End of the Semester Coming Students Find Their Stress Level Rising

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Gabriela Regaldo, sophomore, finds it hard to do homework while dealing with her stress as exams approach. Staff Photos/ R. Stoppelmann.

As the end of the year approaches, students tend to become stressed due to finals. Here are six ways to help relieve stress before finals:

1. Avoid stressful people.

Stress is contagious. During exam week, avoid study sessions with super-tense friends, especially if they are complaining about all the work they have to do and breaking pencils all over the place. Their stress will only add to your stress.

2. Eat healthy and exercise.

Skip the sugary snacks, which will eventually make you crash. Try instead to go for snacks like granola bars, healthy cereal or fruits and veggies that help to keep your blood sugar stable. If you are studying for a long period of time, eat some protein as well. Also, try to engage in some form of exercise; even a 10 minute walk can leave you calm and more focused.
3. Just say “NO.”

What you need to say no to are people who want to take up your time. There will most likely be a friend who needs to talk to you for hours about her life, or a party the night before your final. If you say yes to these situations, you will most likely end up not studying. Resist the urge; say no to distractions and be selfish for a day.

4. Force yourself to take breaks.

For every hour you work, take a 10 to 15 minute break. Let yourself do whatever you want-check Facebook, check out the person sitting next to you, stare off into space or call a friend. This gives your brain a little rest and will help keep you more focused when you go back to doing work.

5. Visualize it all going right.

Imagine yourself taking the test and feeling confident that you know all the information. Picture getting all of the answers right and focus on how relaxed you feel. Then envision the A on your test. When you imagine a happy ending, that is often what happens, because you make the decisions that lead to success without realizing it.

6. If you have studied all you can, boost your confidence.

When test time rolls around, it is time to get yourself into confidence mode. You have prepared as much as you can and now it is time to ace your test. Do whatever works to convince yourself you are going to do well.