iPulse Showcases the Excellence of Lynn University

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Lynn University is one of the most unique and interesting universities in the country. With small class sizes, a population consisting of students from more than 40 states and 81 countries, six colleges and the School of Aeronautics, many majors to choose from and a diverse faculty with a range of experience, Lynn is truly a place with everything to offer incoming students.

For those who are curious, Lynn is a small school based around one very important word: community. Students who come here will never feel like a number. "I like going to Lynn because it's very intimate. Everyone knows everyone and it's very tight-knit," said Cristina Fernandez, junior.

With a faculty to student ratio of one to 16, professors are able to not only know students' names, but each has an open door policy with office hours. Professors offices are located throughout the campus so students will always be able to find their professors for help with work, projects or general questions. Each student is also given an academic advisor to help with course planning and internships.

As for majors, Lynn offers a wide variety through the College of Business and Management, the Donald E. and Helen L. Ross College of Education, the College of Hospitality Management, the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, the College of Liberal Education, the Conservatory of Music and the School of Aeronautics. "I love it because it is a very individualized education. There is also a strong business program."

FUN FACTS:

- Lynn University was founded in 1962 as Marymount College and was an all girls school.
- President Kevin Ross succeeded his father, Dr. Donald Ross, as president.
- The Fighting Knights have won 19 national championships and 28 Sunshine State Conference Championships.

Top photo: Students walk across the sunny Lynn campus on their way to lunch in the Student Center. Staff Photo/ Zachary Welsh.
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gram," said Andrea Hernandez, senior.

Lynn also offers a wide range of extracurricular activities. With countless clubs and organizations, there is something for everyone. Lynn's Office of Student Involvement (OSI) coordinates all campus clubs, including the Knights of the Roundtable, a programming board called the Knights Activities Team, community service organizations, cultural groups, religious organizations and clubs that correspond to various majors. If one cannot find a club that interests them, students can go speak to OSI about forming a new one.

Another interesting fact about Lynn is that the student population is 25 percent international. "There are also a lot of international students, so I can get to know them and expand my cultural perspective," said Hernandez.

Sports are another big part of the college experience and Lynn is in no shortage of Fighting Knight Pride. Lynn features six teams falling under NCAA Division 2 regulation. The teams include men and women's soccer, men and women's tennis, men and women's golf, men and women's basketball, men's baseball, women's softball and women's volleyball. Lynn has earned 19 national championships and 28 Sunshine State Conference Championships. In addition, Campus Recreation organizes many intramural leagues including flag football, soccer, basketball and more. There is also a fitness center on campus and fitness classes offered throughout the week at no additional cost.

This is only a small snapshot of the experiences students can have at Lynn University. We hope you enjoy experiencing just how individualized our campus is and welcome to all the future Fighting Knights.
A MUSICIAN'S PERFECT STAGE
Billy Rueckert Found the Perfect College at Lynn's Conservatory of Music

By SYDNEY PUTNAM
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 Depending on the individual, different reasons exist as to why specific decisions are made; more thinking and planning may be entailed in certain situations, whereas others remain much simpler. However, one of the most complex, yet common decisions amongst a great deal of the population is deciding on a well-suited college or university that will result in a successful future.

Billy Rueckert, senior, has attended Lynn for four years and has been a large contributing factor to the Conservatory of Music. His idea for education after high school, however, was not always unanimous. Upon his selection of Lynn, a few obstacles remained fully present in his mind, further complicating his final choice.

“I had no idea that Lynn was around.” With the constant thought of discovering a university that would make walking the least amount of a hassle as possible, Rueckert continued his search until he found a school that could serve both his talent in music and help support his physical condition.

Rueckert first began playing the tuba when he was 11 years old. He knew attending a school that could help him better his musical intelligence was crucial. As a musician with 10 years of experience, it is no surprise that Rueckert has received many private lessons and taken part in multiple recitals. Yet, when the average individual thinks of what a musical instructor may be good for, he or she may often think the advice given will only relate to that of reading notes or matching pitches.

On the contrary and in Rueckert’s favor, one of his instructors provided him with some of the most useful information.

“I was receiving private lessons before applying to schools from a man whose daughter was in the conservatory at Lynn,” shared Rueckert. “I then investigated the campus.” Little did he know such vague information would soon serve as some of the most important information to be used toward fortifying his future as a music major.

“I chose [Lynn] for a couple of reasons, the main being the conservatory because it is amazing and because of its high prestige,” said Rueckert. “You can really hone in and get [appropriate] musical training. [The other reason] I chose Lynn is because it is small and very easy to get around.”

As time progressed, Rueckert began to learn that his judgment and research, along with the wise words of his private instructor, were very factual.

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found comfort in living on campus while also maintaining a close proximity to his family, one of the few things he was worried about prior to his enrollment. "EM Lynn, where I [currently] live, has fully handicap accessible rooms," said Rueckert. Apart from finding a home-like feel in his residence hall, Rueckert spends more time tending to his busy schedule. He has taken on a major responsibility for his family in the current world. They are always there to help with things related to music as well as anything else." Encountering such reassuring endeavors and individuals has made Rueckert's time at Lynn memorable and enjoyable.

Nonetheless, with every pro comes a con. Throughout life there are people who stare, talk behind other's backs and even pass pre-mature assumptions about individuals without knowing who they truly are as people and/or what talents they may hold. However, growing up someone with an obvious difference, there is uncontrovertibly such negative judgments passed. "For the longest time I used to think I was a mistake because of my physical disability. I could never figure out why this had happened to me [especially because] the rest of my family was perfectly healthy." However, just like everything else, with time and experience comes knowledge. It is that combined with a friendly environment, which have helped Rueckert come to the realization that he was born with is rather a blessing in disguise than a negative quality. "I believe that God has given me this disability so that I may fulfill my purpose in life and I strive to glorify Him in everything," he said.

Based off such insight, Rueckert has found that his family in the conservatory would never come close to fitting the description of being shallow. "[You are judged] on how you play and who you are [as a person]," he shared. "Not just how other people see you on the outside. It is a really good environment." Rueckert has also found his stay at Lynn for the past four years to be full of many selfless and welcoming people. "[A further aspect of Lynn's community] that I like is that everyone is very helpful. Someone is always around to assist [me]," he said.

Through the eyes of Rueckert, "everyone has a purpose in life, no matter who we are." That purpose may be found in various ways and through various things depending on the person. Rueckert's has been both found and perfected in his own way, but because of his choice to attend Lynn, it has benefitted both the conservatory and the entire Lynn community and will continue to do so in years to come.

WHEN BUSINESS MEETS FASHION

When Ambition Finds Passion the Formula for Success is Discovered

By REBECCA BLOCK
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Certain colleges are not always the perfect fit. Some students need to transfer schools in order to find the school that fits their needs. For Katie Berganski, this was the case.

She transferred from University of West Virginia to Lynn in 2009 to pursue her passion for fashion and business.

"The fashion program at Lynn had many more opportunities while in school and once I graduated because I would be getting a business degree with a specialization in fashion," she said.

Lynn's fashion program is very intensive and opens many doors for those in it. This semester, Berganski started taking her first graduate classes. She also explained how the classes were in a more relaxed setting with a smaller number of people and freely speaking in class was easier.

Berganski has had many opportunities because of the fashion program. "My favorite part of it was putting on the fashion show because of how hands on it was," said Berganski. She has worked on numerous fashion shows off campus with the help of Professor Lisa Dando, whom she is very grateful for.

"Being in the business and fashion program has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of contacts for success in the future," she shared.

Above: The fashionable Berganski and her friends. Staff Photo/ R. Block.
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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF A STUDENT

Lynn Freshman Finds a Major to Help Others and Maintain Individuality

By SAMANTHA WOHLMUTH
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With shoulder-length hair and multiple tattoos and piercings, Dan Swanson does not appear to be the typical Boca Raton resident. However, he is currently a freshman studying psychology.

"I chose Lynn because it was a small college," said Swanson. "It was a good option because [I came from] a small school. I chose psychology because I want to help people and I love working with people."

Swanson is pursuing his degree in psychology with hopes that in the future, he may work with teens between the ages of 13 and 18 with substance abuse issues. He believes that his image, although gruff and uncharacteristic for this line of work, will help him to connect with his patients.

"I feel the population I'll be working with, which are mostly kids, will react better to someone who looks more like them," said Swanson. "Sure, I'll put on a suit and a tie, but when it comes down to it, I can be more like them. I can say 'I know where you're coming from. I can relate to you this way.' In the world of psychology, it's not how you look, it's how you're able to relate to people."

Much like how Swanson wants to connect with his future patients, he feels he is able to relate to Lynn's psychology professors in a similar way. He is pleased, not only with how his classes are taught here, but also with who teaches them.

"All the teachers here at Lynn have either a PhD or doctorate and they've all done work in the clinical field before becoming a professor," said Swanson. "A few are still practicing. They have actual stories to tell you and can give you genuine reports. For example, I had a teacher today who was talking about a sociopath she was working with in prison. They give you real stories and real issues, as opposed to a textbook."

Despite his short time at Lynn, Swanson has already grown to admire one professor in particular: Dr. Robert Seifer, associate professor of psychology.

"He's someone I'll probably be following for as long as I'm at Lynn because I like his teaching style and the fact that he's still a practicing psychologist here in Boca."

Lynn has offered Swanson the opportunity to pursue his dream in an environment that has allowed him to maintain his individuality. Despite the image he carries, he's still encouraged to follow his path in psychology. Only time will tell if the real world will be as accepting of him.

"People have asked me 'what do you plan to do with your tattoos,'" said Swanson. "I'll probably have a full sleeve by the time I've graduated college. Society has to open up because there are many other kids that look exactly like me."

Above: Swanson is not a typical psychologist. Staff Photos/ S. Wohlmuht.
Left: The library is always bustling with activity. Right: Students spend time getting to know each other. Staff Photos/ Z. Welsh.

Left: Students hard at work on the library's computers. Right: The walkway is always busy around lunchtime. Staff Photos/ Z. Welsh.

Left: Students get work done in the library. Right: Students hang out in ASSAF before class. Staff Photos/ Z. Welsh.
Left: Stephanie Hammerman, junior, loves to socialize in the cafeteria. Right: It is a short, sunny walk to class at Lynn. Staff Photos/ Z. Welsh.

Above: Alyssa Judd, senior. Staff Photo/ Z. Welsh.

Above: ASSAF courtyard is the place to be in between classes. Staff Photo/ Z. Welsh.
NO LACK OF COMMUNICATION
Transfer Student Noah Jewell Describes Real Life Experience Gained at Lynn

By JASON FARBMAN
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Noah Jewell transferred to Lynn to work toward a bachelor's degree in communication, after receiving an associate's degree in communication from another college. "I was always fascinated by communication and I was told by my peers that Lynn had a great communication department," explained Jewell.

Jewell has not had a difficult transition at Lynn; in his first semester, he is already a member of the National Broadcasting Society (NBS). Jewell also works on the soundboard as the main camera operator for Lynn's talk show.

"It was great. It gave me hands-on experience like I was working for a real production company," said Jewell.

Through NBS, Jewell was the main camera operator for the Delray International Tennis Tournament. He stood courtside and got to videotape a live professional tennis match.

"What I like about Lynn is that they give you hands-on experience and throw you in real life situations," Jewell added.

In the future, Jewell would enjoy running his own production company and participate in a top 40 market.

LIVE AND LEARN FOR A LIFETIME
Freshman Lindsey Samot Gains an Education from Lynn's College of Education

By SYDNEY PUTNAM
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Lynn is made up of multiple departments that offer courses for students to broaden their education. Whatever one's interest is, there is without a doubt a program that will serve as a supporting factor for learning.

Lindsey Samot, freshman, is an elementary education major. When asked her opinion on the services regarding education majors at Lynn, she gave very affirmative insight. "The professors are very helpful and have a good variety of courses to help give students a better understanding of what this major is really about," she said. "You are given classes that explain the different jobs you can focus on in the education field."

Being both prepared for and informed of specific tasks at hand are positive aspects in finding success. However, obtaining such facets while also enjoying what is being presented is even more of a bonus. "I am planning on getting an internship at an elementary school," shared Samot. "I believe when I have graduated from Lynn, it will have given me enough experience to help make me feel prepared," shared Samot. "Especially when I move onto the next chapter in my career."

Such certainty is all that matters in the long run for students and their professors as they continue to learn and teach material suited for each major.

Above: Samot lives to learn. Staff Photo/ S. Putnam
**GALLO FINDS HER TRUE CALLING**

**Mayra Gallo Finds Her Major Thanks to One of Lynn’s Impressive Professors**

By AMANDA SPENCER  
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Mayra Gallo, sophomore, came to Lynn as an undecided major, but quickly learned that criminal justice was the perfect match for her. Gallo’s initial reason for choosing Lynn was “because it was an international school,” Gallo explained. “I always had been fascinated by accents, as well as different cultures.”

As Gallo came to the university, she learned from taking Introduction to Criminal Justice with Professor Cindy Kerker, criminal justice teacher and former prosecutor, that this was the career that she wanted to pursue. “Shows like “CSI,” “Law & Order” and “Criminal Minds” always intrigued me,” Gallo shared. “But it wasn’t until I took a class with Professor Kerker that I considered a career in this field.”

Lynn’s criminal justice program is described as being able to get real hands-on experience. “You get to go see different court systems, as well as jail facilities,” explained Gallo. “My favorite part of the course is when we visit detention facilities and interact with teenage delinquents.”

With the university having smaller classes and a more one-on-one experience, Gallo explained the classes as being designed as seminars. “The teachers make it so interesting that it makes you never want to miss a class.”

Gallo has not yet had a chance to have all of the criminal justice teachers within the department, but from having a few she feels, “the teachers are very helpful and strive for their students to do well.”

Gallo has two years left at Lynn and is looking forward to furthering her knowledge in the criminal justice field. Gallo speaks very highly of the department. “I would recommend criminal justice at Lynn University to others for many different reasons,” stated Gallo. “It’s a never ending learning experience; everyday you learn something new.”

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**HOSPITABLE HOSPITALITY MAJOR**

Jake Kershner Learns Both Sides of Lynn’s College of Hospitality Management

By REBECCA STOPPELMANN  
Staff Writer

Jake Kershner, senior, transferred to Lynn to pursue a major in hospitality with a minor in sports management. Before Lynn, Kershner decided to minor in sports management because he loves sports and played varsity back in high school. He also thinks it is a good idea to have a second option to fall back on.

“I wanted to attend Lynn because I want to be in the warm weather,” said Kershner. “I also wanted a small school and enjoyed the classes they offered in the hospitality program.”

Kershner thinks Lynn is a great learning institute because of the small classes and the very well-qualified teaching staff, which consist of some of the most prominent businessmen with respective pasts in corporate America.

Kershner said he ultimately wants to achieve a career in the restaurant or hotel industry.
Faculty Profiles

TEAM SIMPSON
The Power Couple of Lynn’s Faculty

By SOPHIA BARRETT
Staff Writer

It is possible that one has had them for a class or seen the shows they have directed. Adam and Carrie Simpson have been working at Lynn for six years. iPulse set out to see what they think about Lynn:

iPulse: Why did you choose Lynn?

Carrie Simpson: I liked the idea of a small environment where I could get to know my students not as a number, but as a name and face.

Adam Simpson: Our plan when we met in graduate school was to work as professors together in a drama program. Lynn presented an opportunity for us to work together and help the drama program bloom.

i: What is it like being so involved with your students? Is it challenging?

CS: It's challenging, but it's fun. It's what we do; it feeds us. The youthfulness and the energy, we bring it to you guys and you take it and run with it.

i: What do you think your most important role is as a drama professor?

AS: My most important role is giving students everything I can to help them accomplish their goals. The biggest thing about me is 10 percent of the things I do at Lynn are in the classroom. The rest of it—my coaching and involvement—all happens outside the classroom.

The Simpsons have a blast working together. Their teaching styles and philosophies compliment each other nicely and together they make the drama program flourish. “She knows how to dream it and I know how to build it,” said Adam Simpson.

WATCH WATSON
Meet One of Lynn’s Favorite Guys

Above: Professor Watson keeps up on current events. Stock Photo.

By AMANDA SPENCER
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Professor Robert Watson, The Teacher Of The Year award at American history and politics the Lynn and feels that this is his teacher, is a strong advocate and biggest achievement he has accomplished thus far from being at Lynn. “We have some darn good teachers on this campus,” stated Watson. “So winning teacher of the year at some schools means something, but here it’s a great accomplishment.”

Lynn is known for many things, but to Watson, the one word he believes describes Lynn is friendly. “I never walk across campus without saying hello to 25 different people,” explained Watson. “If a student needs to talk to a professor, this is the friendly-family feel to it.”

Watson always knew he wanted to travel and, within six years, he managed to teach at six different universities, from Connecticut to Hawaii to London, stating for him to be able to express his that out of all of them, Lynn has talent.
Athlete Profile

KNIGHT FROM ACROSS THE POND
Soccer Star Lewis Clack Talks About Life as an International Fighting Knight

By JOEY ARGENZIANO
Staff Writer

Lewis Clack could not pick anywhere else he would rather be than Lynn University; Clack loves being at Lynn and is proud to be an athlete for the Fighting Knights.

Clack grew up in Farnborough, England - just outside of London. At age 18, Clack was planning to go into the army until he was awarded a soccer scholarship at North Iowa Community College. Two years later, he was given the opportunity to play soccer for Lynn. Clack not only fell in love with the soccer program, but with the whole Lynn experience.

iPulse: What made you come to Lynn?

Clack: I knew how good the soccer program was and how beautiful and safe it was down here. It was a new environment for me and I could never see myself being bored because there is always something to do.

i: Talk about your relationship with your team and friends here.

C: The soccer team is one huge family. Everyone looks out for each other. We win together and we lose together. When I first came here, I didn’t know anyone; although it was easy to talk to everyone because a lot of people here are approachable and nice. One of the first people I met was the late Kyle Conrad. He was a great teammate and friend. It’s amazing people like him that made my decision easier when I chose Lynn.

i: Talk about being a student/athlete.

C: It can be hard at times when you’re away playing soccer and it can give you less time to catch up with your schoolwork; however, it’s a great feeling walking around school and having people know that you’re representing the school.

i: Talk about being an international student.

C: It’s a great school for international students. Lynn is welcoming as there is a good amount of students all around the world so it’s easy to relate and fit in. I love it here and Boca has become my new home.

i: What’s your favorite part of being a Lynn student?

C: I love the small class sizes and the professors have been very helpful.

i: How prestigious is Lynn’s soccer program?

C: We have one of the best soccer programs here. Everyone takes it seriously. We all try our best and want to win. It’s an honor to put on a Lynn jersey and be part of this chapter. We have won a few titles and there are a lot of teams that fear us. We always have great players, including international flavor. People call our field “the graveyard” because we bury our opponents. Also, we have great support from the Lynn community, which we appreciate.

i: If you had to persuade someone to come to Lynn, what would you say?

C: Lynn is a great school and in a great location. The school gives you opportunities in life. I feel Lynn helps you progress your education and career. In other words, it gives you everything you need and more.
STUDENT TAKES OFF TO THE SKIES
Graduate Student Michael Nagy Learned to Fly at Lynn’s School of Aeronautics

By KATIE WELCH
Staff Writer

Ever want to be a pilot for a commercial or regular airline? Well that is what Michael Nagy did. Nagy is from Colombia and loves being at Lynn.

“I chose this school because of the size of the school and the program they offer for Aviation Management,” said Nagy. He said he would like to be a pilot. “I liked the school and it’s the right fit for me.”

All his life he has aspired to fly and now he finally gets to live his dream as he is currently training to receive his commercial pilot’s license. He also hopes in September, he will return home and become a pilot there.

For now, Nagy is studying for his master’s degree and works as a graduate assistant in the Office of Admission.

Nagy’s experience at Lynn has literally been a dream come true as it has for many students.

Above: Nagy gets ready to take off in one of Lynn’s planes. LU Photo.
A Proud Soldier in Training Before he is Deployed in September

By JENNA JACOBS
Staff Writer

It has been one year exactly since Andy Jacobs was enlisted into the Marine Corps and stationed in Camp Pendleton in San Diego.

Jacobs realized school was not enough; he felt he should be doing something more than just sitting in a classroom.

After his freshman year of college, he decided to enlist into the Marine Corps. He wanted to be in Recon, which is more difficult than other sections of the Marines. He knew it was the toughest and would take some time.

Jacobs started recruitment training in June of 2011 in Parris Island, SoCa. He only had a home in South Florida until he was sent to California, which quickly became his new home.

At Camp Pendleton, they are called "Private" and go through tough training before they are deployed in September. The soldiers must wake up at 4 a.m. to begin training; the training varies each day. They typically go into the towns on the camp which is a replica of a typical town where they can practice.

"We are given a scenario where we have to search the town for certain people," said Jacobs. "This gives us an idea of what combat will actually be like; it prepares us for all kinds of situations."

"Another part of training is skydiving or having to jump out of a helicopter and onto a moving boat underneath," he added. Their focus is on the training and preparing for situations. "We don't get as much time for working out anymore, so I try to run through the woods."

The Privates have to practice treading water while holding a gun above their heads. They play

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OTHER "WATER GAMES," WHICH IS NOT AS FUN AS IT SOUNDS.

These games involve swimming 15 feet down, and picking up a heavy ball then bringing it up and throwing it to their partner. The purpose of the game is to try and get from one end of the pool to the other while passing the ball.

Although some days might not be as thrilling as others, Jacobs is enjoying it and shows dedication and determination.

With Memorial Day just passed and the Fourth of July approaching, it is a time to remember those who sacrifice themselves, and Andy Jacobs is worth recognizing.

THE NEWEST DESTINATION FOR TOURISTS

A Walk Through The Wakodahatchee Wetlands

By MARK CHRISTODOULOU
Staff Writer

The Wakodahatchee Wetlands has now become popular again and is a local hotspot for tourists and locals alike.

These wetlands were built by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department as a sanctuary for many animal species. This nature preserve is a three quarter mile boardwalk, which winds through three of the wetland's main ponds. Occasionally, animals such as fish or birds, and even an alligator or two can be spotted. The wetlands are located in a suburban area in Delray Beach and are open to the general public from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week, with no admission charge.

Most of the tourists who go to the wetlands are snowbirds from upstate New York and Massachusetts.

"It really is a wonderful place because the scenery is just beautiful," said John Jamison from New York.

"Also, you get to see the wildlife as well." Boston resident Zeke Tolodano, said, "It is a serenely peaceful place, and is full of life."

One does not need to be a tourist to enjoy the beautiful scenery. Many locals visit the wetlands and a handful of the people are birdwatchers and photographers.

One can compare the Wakodahatchee Wetlands to a miniature version of the Everglades. Moreover, it is an excellent place to have an enjoyable time with family or friends. The bright sunrises and glowing sunsets are something to be enjoyed.
A PASSION FOR THE DEEP SEA
A Look at What Life is Like as a Boat Captain in Florida

By THOMAS WOOTSON
Staff Writer

Michael Aixala, senior, is a professional boating captain who has been fishing and taming the seas from an early age.

Aixala has been a boating captain licensed by the U.S. coast guard since the age of 18. His love for the sea and boats came trickling down the family tree starting from his grandfather. A Miami native, Aixala grew up fishing with his grandfather and father. They were not professional captains like Aixala; they did it only as a hobby.

"Growing up fishing all the time is what made me want to be a captain," said Aixala. "Their love for the ocean was definitely transferred to me." Not only is it a profession for Aixala, but also a passion.

He began his career working at a tackle shop in high school. Where he was able to gain key knowledge about fishing equipment and also made some connections. After working at the tackle shop, he moved onto being a mate on numerous ships always trying to soak in as much information as he could from the various captains he worked under.

"Working as a mate was hard," said Aixala. "But I had to try and start my professional career." He was even able to win a fishing championship before graduating high school.

A typical work day for Aixala begins before dawn, getting up as early as 4 a.m. Then, it is a drive to the docks to clean and inspect the boat. Aixala fishes and navigates through the Florida waters and also travels to the nearby Bahamian islands. The days usually last until around 6 p.m. These long days are normal for a competitive fishing captain.

Aixala is currently finishing his degree and looking forward to being able to captain boats full-time again. "I'll never be able to leave the ocean," he said. "It is too much a part of who I am." His tireless work ethic and passion for what he does makes him a superb captain and business owner.

Top: Boat called the Speed Merchant. Middle: Aixala (left) with close friend and captain Sanchez during a fishing tournament in Florida. Bottom: Aixala (right) and friend catch a Wahoo in Cat Cay. Staff Photos/T. Wootson.
MIZNER PARK’S FAMILY-STYLE RESTAURANT

Italian Restaurant Villagio Pleases Crowds With Reasonable Prices And Charming Service

By SARA BLOM
Staff Writer

On a Thursday evening, General Manager Aguinaldo begins setting up for the usually busy weekend. Italian-style restaurant Villagio sits perfectly next to the valet stand in the middle of Mizner Park, making it more accessible than other stores within the vicinity.

Upon walking into the restaurant one is kindly greeted by a lovely hostess, then placed at a table. Seating ranges from being near the high tops at the bar to outside near the fountains.

The food, besides being well-priced, is delicious. When having such heavy cuisine, it may be difficult to attract business throughout the day. After enjoying one’s meal they can relax and enjoy the music playing over the speakers, catch up on a sports game at the bar or enjoy the everyday events around Mizner Park.

It goes without saying that Villagio is an amazing place for families and friends to relax in each other’s company while eating great food.

The front patio of the romantic Italian restaurant Villagio.

Waiters are awaiting guests and preparing tables inside the restaurant.

Hostess welcomes guests at the front entrance of the restaurant with menus and offers for Happy Hour.

Wood-fired ovens and careful selection of ingredients give the food a unique Italian taste for the hungry visitors. Staff Photos/ S. Blom.
TWILIGHT: THE LIFE OF A WOLF
A Household Timberland Wolf/Siberian Husky Shows How He Spends His Day With His Owners

By CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

One may commonly find an average amount of Alaskan predators in the mountains of a snowy area; others may find them in forests or caves. But this particularly cunning animal of the bunch can be found in an average household.

Aspen, two-year-old Timberland wolf-dog, lives with a family of four in South Florida. Although he is very big in size, in human years he is very young.

Dogs such as Aspen are a much smarter breed and can be found at various pet adoption facilities, but may cost a pretty penny. Since they are bred from a wolf background, they grow very large and fast in the first nine months after birth.

Aspen stands almost 2 feet tall and weighs about 40 pounds. He is very playful, friendly and obedient. A dog like Aspen rarely makes loud and constant barking noises, which may be irritating to most owners, and can be trained to take a bathroom trip outside without super-vision. He is also trained to let his owner know when he has to go outside.

The most interesting thing about Aspen is his speaking ability. Aspen’s owners have heard him speak on several occasions saying words such as “out,” meaning outside to use the restroom.

Aspen can also stand on two legs if he is teased with a yummy snack and is also able to shake a human’s hand with both paws.

Compared to the more predator-like wolves that hunt and attack, Aspen is the complete opposite; just another sweet and friendly big dog “Clifford.”
THE DECLINE OF WETLANDS AT LYNN UNIVERSITY

Wetlands are Starting to Diminish at an Alarming Rate

Wetlands come in various forms and support a large number of plants and animals. The number of wetlands at Lynn University is decreasing at an exponential rate, one reason being land development. Water levels have been declining and as such water vegetation in the canal bordering campus has decreased and the biodiversity of plant life is taking a turn for the worst. Staff Photos/ M. Christodoulou.
A TASTE OF THE NORTH IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Primanti Brothers Has The Famous Sandwich

By JOE SUFRIN
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Originally Primanti Brothers was supposed to be a truck stop in Pittsburgh, but since the early 1930's this restaurant has expanded to more than 20 locations, including three in Florida.

The popular restaurant serves customers daily and the most popular item on the menu since 1930's has been their sandwich. The sandwich consists of various meats, with toppings of cheese, coleslaw, tomatoes and onions by request. Then topped off with fries and that is what makes it the Primanti’s sandwich famous. Fries on a sandwich is a unique concept of Primanti’s. As the story goes, it started with a man who brought in potatoes and asked for them to be cut up on his sandwich.

Since the restaurant has grown and moved to Florida, Northern locals like to come to Primanti Brothers to eat. Although the interior of the restaurant isn’t decorated with its entire Pittsburgh memorabilia, it still has its original sandwich on its menu. “My favorite food on the menu is definitely the sandwich,” said Keila Estevez of Boca Raton.

New items on the menu that differ from the restaurants up north are foods like chicken parmesan, hot wings and pizza. The Florida Primanti Brothers have won many local awards for their highly sought after pizza. “It’s weird to see pizza at Primanti’s,” said Debbie Fisher, local Pittsburgh resident.

What makes Primanti Brother’s so attractive in Florida is that the restaurants are open late and their is even one on the beach that is open 24-hours. The food and the atmosphere make people want to come back and get more. Who would have thought that a local truck stop would turn into a popular eatery for thousands of customers a year? “I have been coming to Primanti’s for over ten years now and every day it keeps getting better and better,” said Fisher.

Like their saying goes, “Always famous since 1933.”

THE DICTATOR RULING U.S. THEATERS

Controversial Comedy Shows Dictators Passion For Oppression

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The Dictator, starring Sacha Baron Cohen, is the heroic story of a North African dictator who fights with all his power to make sure that his country will never become democratic.

Hitting theaters May 16th and directed by Larry Charles and co-written by the comedian himself, this is Cohen’s fourth feature film in which he also has the lead role.

The Dictator shows a very unique point of view towards absolute power. It portrays a man’s hunger for control in a very exaggerated fashion. However, the criticism behind all of it is not only aimed at certain nations, but the world as a whole. This movie is the definition of controversy as it either had its audience laughing or completely shocked. In a very loving way, the movie is filled with political criticisms camouflaged by its hilarity.

Other well-known stars in this movie are Anna Farris, Ben Kingsley, Sayed Badreya, Jason Mantzoulas and Michele Berg. Although this is a humorous film, there are also long stretches where nothing funny happens.

Lynn student, Alberto Campos, senior, enjoyed the movie and had a great time watching it. “I thought it was stupid, but smart at the same time,” said Campos. “I feel like the comedy, somehow, kept you from paying attention to all the harsh criticisms.”

The Dictator is, without a doubt, a love-hate kind of film. No matter what people’s opinions are, this movie generated many comments. Michelle Muller, senior, and Maria Mavrokordatos, junior, both watched together, however their opinions differ. Muller was not a fan. “I laughed a lot, but I didn’t think it was a good movie. The criticism wasn’t smart at all,” explains Muller.

Mavrokordatos thinks it is worth watching once. “It is spontaneously funny,” said Mavrokordatos. “I laughed a lot, but at the same time I felt bad because of the severity of the issues that were being ridiculed.”
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BANGING BREAKFAST IN DOWNTOWN MIZNER
Cozy Breakfast Nook Serves Up Tasty, Traditional Plates

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Located in luxurious Downtown Mizner, Boca Breakfast and Lunch Club caters to the masses daily. Whether it is a business executive guzzling down their last cup of coffee or a cyclist filling up on some post workout carbs, on any given day, this casual, Keys inspired eatery sees it all.

Outdoor seating under umbrellas and the cover of a large oak tree gives a friendly and relaxed ambiance. "I love coming to Boca Breakfast Club due to the mom and pop atmosphere," said Josh Bramnick, Lynn student. "I usually go for the corned beef hash or eggs and cheese." Bramnick, a native to the area, also said, "I love that it isn't modernized and chain style like most breakfast places these days."

The club offers several traditional dishes, while adding a spin to some classics. For instance, the stuffed French toast, fresh strawberries and cream cheese jammed between two corn flake-batter fried French toasts, blueberries or banana and peanut butter as alternatives.

"I love the breakfast club," said Zoe Berman, senior. "It is so convenient for me to go there with my dog."

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