A NEW BEGINNING FOR SOFTBALL

The Lynn University Softball Team Starts Off Strong This Academic Year

By CARLEE PIZZOLATO
Staff Writer

Women’s softball team has made quite a comeback this year. This season the team is made up of players that all share a never die mentality and have the desire to change the reputation of softball at Lynn.

Kaci Vassallo, sophomore, has seen a tremendous change from her first season. “The five new girls, who actually play key positions make a huge difference,” said Vassallo. “This team clicks more than the previous years and everyone has a winning attitude.”

With everyone working together and playing as a team, and not as individuals, Vassallo only sees good things for the rest of the season.

Not only has there been great changes within the team, but also with workouts and practices.

“The workouts are much more affective than last year, this year we do Crossfit which is so hard but it is totally worth it,” said Vassallo.

Along with Crossfit, the coaches have the girls working with a speed coach at least three times a week. In comparison to last year, everything the coaches and the players do has a significant purpose.

Nothing is done just halfway, it is either all the way or not at all. One of the main reasons why the team has had so much success this year is because they apply all of the skills performed during preseason and in practice.

Every team and also individual players have set goals for each season. “My personal goal would be to bat over .300 for the season,” said Vassallo. “But for the team goal we would like to finish in the top three of the conference.”

The last two weekends the team claimed their first two wins of the season, which makes their record 2-2. One of their victories was against the 12 ranked team in the nation, North Georgia (Continued on page 2)
University 4-3. With that win, Vassallo is ready to take on any team.

This year’s team has a lot of new players who bring a great impact to the field and whom really know what it is like to be apart of a team. “It is a full seven inning game for every single player on the team, not just one player,” stated Vassallo. “This year is going to be our year and I’m completely fine with being the underdog.”

The Lynn softball team is ready to prove to anyone and everyone that they can make things happen and get their name back out there. The newest individual on the team is Jasmine Campos, freshman, who is the starting short stop. “I really believe that she is growing into her expectation as a leader on this team,” said Vassallo.

There seems to be nothing but great things in the future for the Lynn women's softball team.
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Now a free man, Eric Smallridge returned to Lynn earlier this week to share his devastating story about driving under the influence and how it changed both his life and many others.

Smallridge was named responsible for the death of two sophomores, Meagan Napier and Lisa Dickson. He had been drinking and chose to drive home on May 11, 2002; right before Mother’s Day. His decision altered the lives of both girls’ families and also his own.

“I was not a product of a bad family upbringing,” said Smallridge. “In fact it was the complete opposite. I was the product of a bad decision. I was 24-years-old and a college student just like you guys I thought I had everything in line. I went from having a college roommate to a roommate that killed a correctional officer in 1965 and will never see his freedom again.”

Smallridge was initially sentenced to 22 years in state prison, which was 11 years for each of the girls, but Renee Napier, mother of Meagan Napier, asked the judge to restructure the sentence to 11 years so he could serve just one sentence instead of two consecutively. Smallridge was released in November of 2012 which was only three short months ago.

“I actually learned a lot about forgiveness from this whole experience,” said Napier. “I actually forgave my ex-husband that very day of the accident. It is important to always forgive because it is like a burden that is lifted off your shoulders and you can finally just move on.”

“It wasn’t an easy thing for me,” said Napier. “I was in one of the darkest places of my life and I will never forget it. I did a lot of praying but I learned that if you don’t forgive someone, that is where you do the most damage. But forgiving someone is not saying it’s okay, because it never will be okay but it is important to at least forgive them and move on.”

Today, both Smallridge and Napier drive around to speak to different groups of people to warn others about the dangers of drunk driving and the impact it can have on others. Napier has made it her mission in life to share her story with the world and have Smallridge right alongside with her. They have been to 37 out of 59 counties so far. His freedom was taken away for years, and even now being released from jail, his freedom is still limited.

“I thought I’d be betraying my daughter and her friend if I forgave Eric,” said Napier. “I’ve learned that I’ve honored them in the greatest way. I’ll never forget what happened I think about it every single day, but I continue to look forward. God has really blessed me through all of this.”

Although Meagan’s mother has forgiven him and he is free, Smallridge will never own a driver’s license again. His mother has to drop him off at work every single day. He is on probation for eight years and will always have to live with the fact that he is responsible for the death of two young women and the hurt of both their families and even his own.

Meagan’s mother drives to every one of her speaking arrangements with her daughter’s car right behind her for everyone to see the damage that was done. The car looks as if it were driving at least 100 miles per hour but in fact the girls had only been driving 33 miles per hour that night as was confirmed by the investigators after the accident had occurred.

“It was hard for me to talk about what I did,” said Smallridge. “But is important because those students that I just spoke to will now realize the impact this can make on their lives. Your life can change dramatically in such a short amount of time by just making such a stupid decision.”

The damaged vehicle was parked right outside for the students to view after the Napier and Smallridge were finished. This was true evidence of what such a small decision can lead to. They both did an excellent job of convincing students that prison is not a place they would like to be and to make safe decisions for both oneself and your friends around you.

Smallridge encourages students that if they have a drink, driving is never an option. If choosing to do so you are more than likely to end up in a police car and that can change many lives. He now serves as living proof that this can happen to anyone.

“Think smart and be smart,” said Smallridge. “Don’t ever be like me and do what I did. If you play with fire you are bound to get burned.”

One should never enter a car with someone under the influence and if you see someone trying to get into their car after drinking, no matter what the situation, never let them drive for the safety of that person and innocent drivers out on the road.

“It’s a really good thing what they do,” said Chelsea Danahy, senior. “I saw this same speech last year and I chose to come again this year. It is truly life changing and heartbreaking but this is something students need to hear because like they said this can happen to any one of us if we aren’t careful. I will never drink and drive, ever.”

When drinking, remember to always have a designated driver. Here at Lynn we have a Safe Ride program in which students can call to be picked up if they have been drinking and cannot drive. They can be contacted at (800) 675-6349 and also remember that you can always pick up the phone and call a friend or someone who has not been drinking.
LYNN RELAY FOR LIFE CANCELLED
The 2013 Relay for Life at Lynn has Been Cancelled for Multiple Reasons

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Relay For Life has been a Lynn University tradition since 2003 but it will take a break this year due to complications in both timing and student support.

Relay For Life is an event open to the public with a purpose to raise money and awareness to fight cancer through the American Cancer Society. The event starts in the afternoon and last the entire night which represents that the fight against cancer never sleeps.

"It has been tradition that student leaders rally together to put on Relay for Life. This year, Relay for Life just did not garner as much support as they have in the past," said Theresa Osorio, director of student involvement. "The organizing committee made a very courageous decision to cancel this year's event but to try to come back stronger than ever next year. Lynn University is supporting the decision of the students."

The event was originally scheduled to take place on April 19 in the Perper plaza. This year's theme was planned to be superheroes.

"For years the American Cancer Society and Lynn University have partnered to bring Relay For Life to Lynn, so the Lynn community can help in the fight against cancer," said Josh Lentin, Relay for Life community representative and Lynn graduate.

"Relay has been a tradition at Lynn University for many years where the student body along with faculty and staff have come together to celebrate the ones who have survived, remember those we have lost and fight back against cancer. However, after months of planning the event and recruiting teams the committee has come to the conclusion that with two months until the event, the event will not succeed to the standards that Relay For Life of Lynn University events have in the past. With this the committee has decided to postpone the event until next April."

One of the major factors that contributed to the canceling of relay was the event progress and lack of support. At the time of canceling there were only eight teams signed up with 28 participants in total. Fraternity Zeta Beta Tau was the top donor with $100 followed by Student Life with $75. In past Relays at Lynn all of the participants were able to raise $40,000.

The Relay committee and Osorio are currently looking at other options for students that still want to participate in Relay. One option for these students is to participate in the Relay for Life at Florida Atlantic University on April 5. Another option is to learn from this year and start planning for next year.

Students are still welcome to get involved for next year to donate at http://www.relayforlife.org/. If students want to participate at FAU Relay contact Lentin at Joshua.lentin@cancer.org.
Dining

DELICIOUS GREEK DINING IN BOCA
A Greek Restaurant in Boca Offers Something New to try for Eating Out

By SARAH FRANK
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The Greek Corner Taverna on North Federal Hwy. is the best place to get a Greek food fix. With classic Greek dishes including salads, wraps and souvlaki, customers will be satisfied with the variety of choices. The portions are very large, delicious and refreshing.

The atmosphere at The Greek Corner Taverna is inviting and cozy. There are art pieces on all of the walls with Greek ruins throughout the restaurant. The owner is friendly and is also the main chef in the kitchen.

"The staff at The Greek Corner Taverna are very nice and hardworking," said Jessica Levine, junior. "They also give students a 15 percent discount off the already good prices." The Greek Corner is very giving when it comes to the amount of food and quality.

"My favorite meal at The Greek Corner Taverna is the falafel wrap," said Levine. "I always have to take most of the wrap home because it is so big." The Taverna is usually busy during prime lunch and dinner hours. Many people come back more than once to enjoy the tasty food.

"The convenient location in Boca allows me to get a quick but yet authentic meal before class or if I am on the go," said Lauren Abrams, junior. "It really is the best Greek food around."

The restaurant regularly has great deals as they giveaway free gyros and drinks on different days of the week. The Taverna also posts their deals on plazadeals.net.

The restaurant is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information on The Greek Corner Taverna visit their website at www.greekcornertavern.com or visit their Facebook page.

Above: The Greek Corner Taverna serves a multitude of delicious Greek dishes such as hummus and pita bread. Staff Photos/ S. Frank.
EMBRACING DIVERSITY AT LYNN
Lynn University Celebrated Student Diversity for an Entire Week in February

By VICTORIA DE LA CRUZ
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It is no surprise to the Boca Raton community that Lynn has one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation and, therefore, a series of events were held recently in order to celebrate the diversity of cultures on campus.

Lynn currently ranks fourth in the nation for percentage of international students hailing students from 80 countries around the world. “I literally have friends from every continent in the world,” said Maria Isabella Herazo, sophomore. “It is really amazing.”

At Lynn, students have the opportunity to make friends from all around the world. The week was kicked off by a series of panel discussions such as “Why Do They Do That?,” Interfaith roundtable, which took place at the Lakeside patio and the “How Are We As People Since the Civil Rights Movement,” which took place in the DeHoernle Lecture Hall. “These type of discussions make us students feel involved,” said Carolina Abello, sophomore.

As the week continued, so did the engaging activities, including the always popular Multicultural Day: Caribbean Festival, which is popular for being lively and very enjoyable for students. This was the highlight of Diversity Week for many faculty members and students.

During the festival, students had the opportunity to participate in a parade by wearing cultural attire representing their home country or home state to show their pride. Some even carried their respective country flags in a parade around campus. There was also music and dancers in the typical attire. “This was my favorite event of the week,” said Adrian B. Lozano, sophomore. “I loved the exotic dancers.”

Diversity Week was concluded by the Latin Fiesta held by OLAS in the Knights Court Patio. Students danced to their favorite tunes and ate typical Latin food. All of the events held brought life to campus, which left faculty and students very pleased.

Above: Students represented their nations during Diversity Week. Staff Photos/V. De La Cruz.
HONORANDO LA DIVERSIDAD

Lynn le brindó honor a la diversidad durante una semana en febrero

Por VICTORIA DE LA CRUZ
Escritora de planta

No es ningún misterio para la comunidad de Boca Ratón que Lynn University cuenta con uno de los cuerpos estudiantiles más diversos del país, por lo cual, se llevaron a cabo una serie de eventos para celebrar la diversidad de culturas en el campus.

Lynn actualmente ocupa el cuarto lugar en la nación en el porcentaje de estudiantes internacionales provenientes de 80 países de todo el mundo. “Yo, literalmente, tengo amigos de todos los continentes en el mundo”, dijo María Isabella Herazo, estudiante de segundo año. En Lynn, los estudiantes tienen la oportunidad de tener amistades de todas partes del mundo.

La semana se inició con una serie de charlas una llamada “Por qué hacen eso”, que se llevó a cabo en el patio de la cafetería, la segunda charla “Cómo somos como personas desde el Movimiento de Derechos Civiles” se llevó a cabo en el DeHoernle Lecture Hall. “Este tipo de discusiones hacen que los estudiantes se sientan involucrados,” dijo Carolina Abello, estudiante de segundo año.

La semana continuó y también lo hizo la diversión. Entre los eventos llevados a cabo estuvo el Día Multicultural: Festival del Caribe, que es popular por ser alegre y muy agradable para los estudiantes. Este fue el punto culminante de la semana de la diversidad y tuvo lugar en el césped Perper durante el cual hubo un desfile del Día Multicultural.

Los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de participar en el desfile vistiendo un atuendo cultural o una camiseta de su país de origen para mostrar su orgullo. El evento comenzó con ritmos reggae y calipso, seguido por el desfile y cerró con broche de oro con bailarinas alegres vestidas en trajes típicos.

“Este fue mi evento favorito”, dijo Adrian Lozano, estudiante de segundo año. “Me encantaron las bailarinas”.

El evento alegró el campus entero y fue continuado por la Fiesta Latina organizada por OLAS. Los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de bailar música tropical mientras disfrutaban de sus comidas latinas preferidas. Fue una semana muy alegre para Lynn y esta alegría se vio reflejada en la facultad y el cuerpo estudiantil.

Arriba: Muchos estudiantes representaron a sus países durante la semana de diversidad. Foto por/ V. De La Cruz.
Tablet Technology Becomes Increasingly Popular Amongst College Kids

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Lately many electronic companies have been creating their own versions of tablets to attract customers.

Tablets have become a fairly popular gadget for businesses, educators and students. It is a fast and easy way to take notes during class or during a business meeting by avoiding the hassle of carrying heavy laptops or notebooks. Recently, college students have been purchasing tablets instead of laptops for the same reason.

Tablets are more efficient and less time consuming for individuals to use. For example, a popular tablet brand is Apple iPad, these are known for being easy to use, fast and reliable. The iPad, has applications designed to create presentations like ones assigned for homework. The applications are also compatible with Microsoft programs such as, Power Point and Excel, which are commonly used in the classroom. Although iPads are touchscreen, customers can purchase keyboard use with it, completely eliminating the need for a laptop.

"Soon no one will be buying laptops," said Jerrica Harris, sophomore. "Eventually tablets will become the new laptop."

Another popular tablet is the Kindle Fire. The idea for the Kindle Fire derived from the original Kindle, which initially was an electronic book. The Kindle Fire is made by the Amazon Corporation and contains all of the essentials of a tablet, unlike iPads, these function with the Android software. The Kindle Fire is much cheaper than the iPad and much smaller. It is designed to fit in purses or even to just to carry around in one’s hands.

"I love my Kindle Fire," said Brittany Butler, freshman. "I believe it is actually better than the iPad itself."

Samsung also created the Galaxy Note series, which is more tailored for business. The more recent series, Galaxy Note 2, has several functions along with new connectivity functions. This tablet allows for business partners to link to one another’s tablets and display the same information simultaneously.

"This definitely helps me work on projects more efficiently," said Rebecca Klieman, sophomore. "I don’t even know of another tablet that does this."

There are many new tablets to choose from. Depending on personal preferences, one can find a tablet that well suits them.
HOW TO KEEP SAFE THIS BREAK
Give Parents Piece of Mind With a Secure Plan During the Upcoming Break

By BROOKE BERGER
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With spring break quickly approaching it is that time again when students need to start thinking about how to have a safe break while still having fun.

The best way to ensure that students come back in one piece is to plan ahead while keeping several things in mind. It is important to choose the right destination and hotel. Be sure that there is a local hospital as well as safe transportation in the area.

“I think it’s really important to be aware of your surroundings,” said Rio Hanlan, senior. “It is always good to know the friends you are with and keep track of where everyone is going.”

Once on vacation make sure to give family members a phone number where they can reach you. If staying in the country be sure to have your identification in a safe place. If traveling outside of the United States have your passport on you at all times and in a safe compartment.

The buddy system is the best way to make sure that no one gets left behind. If travelers are out and have to use the restroom always go with a friend. The same goes for if someone wants to go home. Making sure there is safe transportation is key and no one person should be traveling alone.

“My biggest worry about kids going away is that they aren’t familiar with where they are,” said Michael Berger, father. “When these kids go out they don’t realize where they are and that can be very dangerous.”

Most of all, have a good time. This is the perfect time to unwind and enjoy great company. Hopefully students remember that is what spring break trips are all about.

“I’m really looking forward to just getting away for a little with some good friends,” said Kelsey Butler, senior. “Every year I have gone away and it’s always something to remember.”

Above: Students enjoyed past spring breaks in a safely manner. LU Photos.
Students who are searching for the perfect opportunity to not only broaden their horizon in the arts, but also see some phenomenal performers and lecturers need not look any further than right down the street at Mizner Park this coming week.

"I have never attended the festival but I have heard great things about it," said Shawnida Whyte, senior. "I would like to attend some of the performances this year."

The seventh Annual Festival of the Arts Boca will be presented March 7 through March 16 by The Schmidt Family Centre for the Arts at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real.

Kicking off with talent such as the Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans, the event will feature artists from around the world and give students the opportunity to see them live.

"This year’s line-up of guest artists promises to delight and surprise our community," said Constantine Kitsopoulos, festival music director. "I’m so looking forward to working with Audra McDonald, whom I had the pleasure of recently working with on Broadway; Amadeus Leopold, Cameron Carpenter and the Boca Raton Symphonia to bring our audiences a new kind of performance experience that I know will open their eyes and ears like never before."

The festival will close on Saturday, March 16, with headliner Audra McDonald, one of the most highly regarded performers of today’s time with five Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards and a long list of other accolades to her name. It is sure to be one of the most interesting and fun events of the year.

Above: The logo for the festival. Stock Photo.
LYNN’S BEST BUDDY AT WORK
Student Works Toward Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

By CAROLINA CHANG
Staff Writer

Bel Zelaya, junior, was never interested in the different types of intellectual disabilities that are present in the world. It was until 2010 when Zelaya’s nephew was born with Down Syndrome.

This changed her life completely and for the first time she decided to get involved with the Down Syndrome foundation back home in Guatemala. Zelaya’s experience in Margarita Tejada’s foundation opened her heart to many people that needed love and expanded her knowledge about intellectual disabilities.

Zelaya was born in Guatemala, a country located in Central America where people have major prejudices against anything that is different. This inspires her to someday become a speaker so she can be able to spread the word and open many Guatemalans’ hearts and minds toward people with intellectual disabilities.

“People have to understand that everyone is different and unique. You can’t judge someone based on their abilities,” said Zelaya. “Any person with an intellectual disability is an angel who was sent to us to brighten this world.”

During her freshman year, Zelaya got the opportunity to be a peer mentor and be part of Best Buddies. The experience she had in Project Access changed her career decisions. Zelaya was once a Hospitality major, but during her sophomore year she decided to go with International Business and a minor in Special Education.

“I’m studying international business because I want to have my own business and make a living out of it,” said Zelaya. “This way I will be able to help people with intellectual disabilities that have low resources without having to charge them for my services.”

Zelaya is currently the President of the Best Buddies Organization on campus. She is making a major effort to make this organization grow day by day. She wishes everyone could have the amazing experience of meeting these exceptional students that have changed her life.

“Best Buddies is always open to anyone who would like to join,” said Zelaya.

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"You can’t imagine how much impact you are having in their life just by being their friend and how much impact they can have in yours."

"These students have always been marginalized and criticized for being different, said Zelaya.

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So far Best Buddies' achievements have been successful, thanks to Zelaya, Mayra Camacho, the academic advisor, the officers and the team members. They have been raising money since November with different fundraiser ideas in order to support their activities and events.

"These students have always been marginalized and criticized for being different. Let's make their experience at Lynn a breath of fresh air, making them feel appreciated and loved," said Zeaya.

Being a part of the Best Buddies team is making Zelaya's dream of helping people with intellectual disabilities to stay strong. This is giving her the experience and the knowledge she needs in order to succeed in her possible plans.

In the future, Zelaya hopes to be able to open her own business that will support her foundation in Guatemala, where many people will have the benefit of attending free sessions and therapy in order to help them be independent and successful in society.

Above: A Lynn student with her Best Buddies. Stock Photo.

KEEPING PACE AFTER THE RACE

College Democrats Staying on Track After the Presidential Election

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The College Democrats could possibly be one of the most active groups as of right now here at Lynn.

They are a structured club that symbolizes the nation's political system. The purpose of the organization is to promote democratic values throughout the Lynn and Boca Raton community.

"We are extremely active off campus," said J.J. Dawson, sophomore and President of the College Democrats. "We have attended and volunteered at events held by both President Obama and Vice President Biden."

This past semester was a very busy period for the club with one of the presidential debates being held right here on our own campus. But some wonder what will happen after all the excitement is cleared?

"The club tends to fall apart after election season," said Dawson.

With the presidential election and debate being over, one would think the club would begin deteriorating.

Dawson admitted that being a political club sometimes makes it hard to keep members engaged. In the near future the club members and he are looking forward to turning that around.

"We are planning on making a trip to Key West to attend the Little White House," said Dawson. "The Little White House is a national museum which replicates the nation's White House."

Despite the natural high from the debate, it is important to keep college students engaged in the everyday melo of politics.

The College Democrats meet on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in EML residence hall room 500. If students have any interest in joining the club, they are more than welcome to attend the meetings.

Above: Students crowd around the fences at the MSNBC rally during the week of Lynn's very own presidential debate. Stock Photos.
A LOOK AT CAMPUS PARKING

Lynn University Security Cracks Down on Designated Parking Lots

By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
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Lynn security has been strictly enforcing the parking rules and regulations on campus for facility and students. Parking on campus is broken up into three different categories: freshman, upperclassmen faculty and staff. Freshmen and day students have green, upperclassmen have red and faculty and staff have blue decals. These stickers signify where students and staff can and cannot park. Only cars with red and blue decals are allowed to park in the EML parking lot. Majority of students park in the North Lot, which is located between the de Hornille Cultural Center and the practice soccer field.

"Usually I park in the North Lot", said Ricardo Bendek, senior. "But I would love to be able to park in Assaf because all of my classes are there."

Over the years Bendek has struggled for parking even with a red decal.

"It was Transitions Day, like the campus was full of people, and there were no parking spots in all of campus. So I had to park in the staff parking lot and I got a ticket because of that." Bendek disputed his ticket and won his appeal.

Rachel Shaffer, junior, also parks in the North Lot, or a spot "wherever is closest to her first class." Shaffer was unaware of any parking violation until it appeared on her statement. There was no ticket on her car nor was she aware where the transgression occurred. "I will be going to the security shack to get more information about my ticket."

"I park between Trinity and EML", said Parker Ganassin, freshman. Ganassin admits that he has received a parking ticket for parking in the permit zone next to Trinity. He decided that he will be appealing the ticket. Unlike many students, he does not believe that Lynn should expand its parking because "they can’t add more parking near so there is no point in adding it far away."

Currently parking is limited especially for those who have green stickers on their cars. It is recommended that day students park in the North Lot and residential students search for a spot near their residence halls.

Part of Lynn’s 2020 plan is to add a parking garage and more parking for students and staff, which will hopefully reduce some of the parking issues.

Above: Lynn designates several reserved parking lots for all residents, faculty and visitors that are marked clearly with signs. Staff Photos.
INSIDE THE MUSTACHE MANIA

Students Share Their Mustache Obsessions Through Trendy Styles

By MEAGAN RICE
Graphic Design

Lately, anything you could ever think of now has a mustache pasted onto it and the students at Lynn share their take on why mustaches are so awesome.

Overnight, the hipster mustache took the fashion world by storm. Many may wonder where this came from and why mustaches have become so popular over the years. Although it may not seem like such a big deal, retailers are very much enjoying this recent fad.

“I think they’re pretty awe-some,” said Shannon Bates, junior. “They’re cute, classy and they go with pretty much anything!”

“They’re pretty much just the style these days,” said Carli Homik, junior. “Everyone wears them and they’ve caught on really quickly.”

The mustache craze started back in 2011 and has persisted ever since. Whether it be on a coffee cup, a t-shirt, a phone case or even on a ring on your finger, mustaches can be found at most stores.

“I started seeing them on t-shirts in stores at first,” said Zara Applestein, sophomore. “But then I’d see them on cups and phone cases and anything you could possibly think of; it just caught on I guess.”

The most popular place students have mentioned seeing a mustache is on a t-shirt. Places like Wal-Mart and Target are famous for having mustache t-shirts of every color, even for kids.

“They’re just fun honestly,” said Chelsea Danahy, senior. “Besides the whole fashion part of it, people just like to have fun and be silly and a mustache can help a lot with that.”

No one can be sure how long this trend will last, but it has been over two years and has not died out just yet. Kids love it, students love it and even some adults love it. It just might be one of those things that fade in and out through the years.

Above: The mustaches can even be found on nails. Stock Photo.
A YEAR OLDER AND EVEN WISER
Lynn Men’s Golf Team is More than Ready to Bring Home a Big Win

By CARLEE PIZZOLATO
Staff Writer

The Lynn University men’s golf team has always had the reputation for having a good season with exceptional golfers, but have yet to take home a championship. However, this year seems to be a little different; the men’s golf team really thinks they have what it takes to have it all now.

With the season only a month or so away from conference the boys are living up to their reputation. Fraser Thain, sophomore, from Edinburgh, Scotland, believes the team has done exactly what is asked of them at this point. “The team has preformed very well, with two wins and two third place finishes individually,” said Thain.

Yet the boys cannot stop their success now if they want to make it all the way. “The guys on the team have contributed solid scores, but there is always room for improvement,” stated Thain.

Daniel Young, senior, from Perth, Scotland, could not agree more with his teammate. “Our results are good but to get to where we want to in terms of a national championship there are still improvements that need to be made,” said Young.

As every team has throughout their season, there are expectations that are made and need to be kept. “This is go time for us it’s our season, so everyone needs to step it up since conference is only a month away,” stated Thain.

The guys on the team have worked so hard during the off-season and leading up to now. “I expect us to go out and play to win, we are good enough,” said Young. “I also expect the guys to (Continued on page 2)
(Continued from page 1) be working hard and put in the effort." Young would like nothing more to see a national championship, especially since it is his last season.

With every year that comes there are always new additions, this season they are very beneficial. "Jose Miranda, freshman, from Quito, Ecuador, has really done well," said Young. "He has showed us why he got brought in and he has a bright future ahead of him."

With last year behind them Thain and Young feel like the team is ready to win. "A year older a year wiser," stated Thain. He believes the team has learned a lot from the previous year and they want to make a statement.

With being such a key player for the men's team the past four years, Young has accomplished what some people only dream of. His sophomore year they made it to nationals and lost in the finals. "That gave me so much motivation to work hard, we got a taste of it," said Young. His junior year he won three tournaments on his own, St. Leo Invite, McDonough Cup and the Bob Cat Invitational.

The golf program here at Lynn has only improved over the years, the future seems to be very promising for the team. "We have four freshmen that are very good players so it should be only great," said Thain.

This year also brought a breeze of new prospective with a new coach. "With our new coach he brings new blood, a new spark to the program," said Young. Young only sees good things for the program after his final season.

Recently the team has participated in Florida Southern's tournament, the Matlock Classic, where they finished third. With everything continuing to be on the right track, the men's golf team should have no problem bringing home the gold this season. They are determined and ready to take it all.
TAKING OVER THE EVERGLADES
Recent Python Hunt Captures 68 Snakes and Pays Out $1,000

By DELANEY BREY
Staff Writer

The 2013 Python Challenge has come to an end with a surprising outcome of just how many Burmese pythons were caught.

To an average civilian the fact that 1,600 people signed up for the challenge and only 68 snakes were caught might come as a disappointing statistic. However, seeing that the Burmese is not a native species to North America it is a big step in the right direction.

“I’ve probably seen around 15 pythons just crawling around in my lifetime,” said Austin Bailey, senior and Florida native.

America might be the perfect example of a melting pot but these guests have overstayed their welcome.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission started the Python Challenge to help bring the species under control in order to protect the native wildlife living in the Everglades. Normally, encouragement to interact with a snake species non-the-less hunt it is more of a warning, but when $1,000 is given for the biggest snake caught it could be worth a snip or two.

“If I could do it with 100 percent safety I would totally do it,” said Kasey Murray, junior.

Ruben Ramirez is a founder of Florida Python Hunters and wasted no time catching as many Burmese as he could. “They’re there, but they’re not as easy to find as people think,” said Ramirez.

Despite the humble words, Ramirez still took first place with 18 snakes caught and he also caught the second biggest python around 11 feet long.

Wildlife Commission intends to plant tracking devices into the pythons caught and then release them into the Everglades in order to capture more and find their breeding territory.

If interested in helping stop the spread of these native species without doing the dirty work, call (888) IVE-GOT-1.

Above: Ramirez and other teams of snake hunters pose with their awards and snakes for this past Python Challenge. Stock Photos.
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FOUR GENERATIONS OF HEALTHY EATS
4th Generation Organic Market and Café Serves All Your Healthy Food Needs

By SARAH FRANK
Staff Writer

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There is a wide range of different food options at 4th Generation that are sure to please many. From vegetable and fruit smoothies to organic Mac and Cheese, there are tons of foods that make new customers want to eat healthy. Free samples are provided daily to guarantee satisfaction.

"I never used to eat organic," said Rachel Stolar, customer. "Since I have lived across the street from 4th Generation it has changed my lifestyle and the way I eat." There are many customers that come into the market daily for their fresh and healthy food.

Aside from the food and drinks, there are other great products that customers can purchase, including all natural lotions, cleanses and vitamins. "Most of the food and products come from local shops or growers," said Stolar. "It is nice to know that they really do care about keeping everything clean and close to home."

The organic market also appeals to gluten free eaters. "My roommate eats gluten free and they have tons of options for her," Stolar claimed. "She isn't limited to only a few different kinds of food."

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Above: Food section at 4th Generation Market. Staff Photo/ S. Frank.
LYNN’S BLAST FROM THE PAST
Throwback Thursday to Remember Lynn University’s 50 Years

By KEVIN SKAGGS
Staff Writer

This academic term marks Lynn’s 50 year anniversary and to celebrate the campus has been busy. There have been many free events for all students, staff and faculty to participate in all year, and specifically on Thursday during the lunch hour.

These activities have been dubbed as “Throwback Thursday,” and the first event was a flashback to the ‘60s. The cafeteria was transformed into a diner, complete with cherry pie, root beer floats and poodle skirts. During the lunch hour all visitors were able to get a special indulgence.

“It was a real treat to have a root beer float, cherry pie and hand scooped ice cream with my lunch,” said Jose Ramon, freshman.

Lynn has had similar fun events. For example, to celebrate the ‘70s, students were able to tie-dye shirts. For the ‘80s, students watched the iconic classic “The Breakfast Club.”

Today a DJ will play ‘90s music in the café and there will be an “I Love the 90s” trivia contest. All are encouraged to attend as there will be numerous giveaways.

Alumni Weekend will be starting next week on Thursday, March 21 to Sunday, March 24. Lynn is planning an even larger celebration during that weekend to celebrate its 50 years.

“I am really excited to see what the school has planned for its 50 anniversary,” said DJ Weiderman, senior. “I am excited that I will be able to attend the anniversary and be

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able to participate in all the events on campus.”

Many alumni will be attending the festivities and are eager to be part of the celebration.

The Lynn family will also be in attendance as the campus community is looking forward to hosting the anniversary, alumni weekend and parents weekend collectively.
THE REAL SOCIAL MEDIA GURU
Ford's Global Head of Social Media Scott Monty Comes to the Lynn Campus

By VICTORIA DE LA CRUZ
Web Editor

Recently, Scott Monty, manager for Global Digital & Multimedia Communication for Ford Motors Company, came to Lynn to speak about social media.

Monty is the perfect combination of street smart and book smart. He discussed the relevance of social media with students and professors. The discussion took place in the de Hoernle Lecture Hall where students had the opportunity to get up close and personal with Monty.

Monty is currently ranked by Forbes as one of the top ten individuals to influence social media, which is a title he has earned. Monty considers Ford as one of the most human of all auto companies and started by sharing a bit of Ford's background. He then followed the discussion with his thoughts on the importance of social media on corporations like Ford.

Social media involves people talking to people, and its main appeal is the opportunity of creating relations.

"People do not trust corporations," said Monty. "They trust academics, analysts and people like themselves." When people purchase a car, they are probably going to ask people they trust for advice like friends or family.

Monty went on discussing the deficit in trust in today's society and then mentioned how people do not have time.

"We live in a 140 character society," said Monty. He made a strong point by reminding his audience that people need to be given engaging information in order to pay attention.

Students also had the opportunity to get one-on-one time with this big time social media guru where they could ask him anything. Monty's advice can be summed up in the following words: find a niche, find something that interests you deeply and always be curious about things.

GROUND BREAKING NEW STADIUM

Construction of the new Bobby Campbell Stadium has Officially Begun

By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
Staff Writer

Lynn University is making headway on completing the 2020 Plan by beginning construction of the Bobby Campbell Stadium.

The Bobby Campbell Stadium is part of the university's athletic master plan. It will be home to women and men's soccer, and men's lacrosse. This new addition was made possible by the $1.2 million donation from Bobby Campbell, who is a local entrepreneur and business owner and another $1 million donation from an anonymous donor.

The stadium will include palm trees, covered seating, five locker rooms, lights—which will enable more games and more. Coaches and players hope that the updates will draw out more fans and larger crowds.

"It's nice to have a $3.4 million stadium for the first year [for lacrosse]," said Head Men's Lacrosse Coach, Brian Kingsbury. "There's a lot of Division II schools that don't even have a stadium or have lights on their field. We have our own locker room. I like the palm trees and the location on campus."

"We will be having night games which we hope will attract more people to the games. I hope that it brings out more fans. This is a national championship soccer team I hope people will be there, I'll be there."

"I would say it will be much nicer than the previous one," said Kerst Lehmann, men's soccer player. "The audience will be bigger because of two reasons. Of course because of more stances and having night games. They will be able to come to the games."

The coaches and athletes hope that the stadium will be more than just a new athletic building but add to the Lynn community.

"The athletic stadium I think is going to be a place where students gather and be a great place," said Kingsbury. "I think the best thing about the stadium is the attraction of people to gather. I have heard on campus that there needs to be a gathering place and the stadium will be that place."

Bobby Campbell Stadium marks a bittersweet end for the men's soccer team who won a national championship by playing at the McCusker Sports Complex.

Lehmann mentioned that when something new ends, something new will begin.

Fighting Knight fans will be able to enjoy the Bobby Campbell Stadium starting in January 2014, just in time for the inaugural lacrosse season.
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TRUMAN’S GRANDSON AT LYNN
Clifton Truman Spoke to a Large Crowd of Students About his Experiences

By LOUIS DAVIS
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Recently, Clifton Truman, the grandson of President Harry Truman, spoke at the AG Theater in the International Building. Truman spoke to a crowd of students and faculty about a variety of topics. Students and faculty alike enjoyed the intellectual presentation.
FROM THE FIELD TO THE TRACK
Lynn Student Athlete Takes on Cross Country After Playing Soccer

Above: Rio Hanlan takes on the challenge of being a dual athlete after having played for Lynn soccer and now cross country. LU Photos.

By CARLEE PIZZOLATO
Staff Writer

This year was the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for Rio Hanlan, a senior from Canada. Hanlan has spent the last four years of her college career as the starting center back for the Lynn Women's Soccer team. Since her days are over on the field she has decided to join the Lynn cross country team as a fifth year sport.

"I feel very accomplished with playing four years of soccer," said Hanlan. "It is very bittersweet having it end, but also knowing that starting a new chapter in my life is very exciting."

When Hanlan first came to Lynn as a freshman in 2009, she was one of a few girls on the team. They had a lot of players leave from the previous year so the team had to fill a lot of its starting positions with freshmen right off the bat.

Hanlan has enjoyed every bit of her soccer career. Even without soccer in her life, she will always see herself as an athlete.

"To continue to be affiliated with Lynn and to be apart of the cross country team will be an honor," said Hanlan.

Those who are familiar with Hanlan know very well how much she loves to be in shape. Recently, she has been looking into triathlons. "I think doing cross country will be a good base for a triathlon and I would like to continue attending Lynn."

During her time at Lynn, Hanlan has always loved being a part of the student athletes. As she starts a new sport, she also wishes to continue her (Continued on page 2)
academic career and work toward completing a masters degree.

Although the years playing for the Lynn soccer team has conditioned her to be a versatile athlete, soccer and cross country are two very different sports that require different physical and mental techniques. "As an individual player, I'm going to have to learn how to take responsibility for my results and rely strictly on myself to create a good outcome but still give good input and encouragement to my team," said Hanlan.

Hanlan was an outstanding player on the soccer team and she hopes to do equally as well with cross country.

"I think the sports are just so different but I still see myself doing very well, just in a different aspect," said Hanlan. She hopes to use some of the techniques she learned from soccer and apply them to this new sport. "I think the running and endurance I gained from soccer will be extremely helpful," she said.

Players are passionate for their sport, but having the same passion for two different sports is difficult. "A lot of my passion stems from the people I have played with and grew as a team with," said Hanlan.

Hanlan has accomplished a lot in terms of athletics at Lynn. She was announced captain of the soccer team her sophomore year and continued that leadership role through her senior year. Additionally, at the end of her sophomore year, Hanlan was named Most Valuable Player for Women's Soccer. "That was the best day of my life," said Hanlan. During her junior year, Hanlan succeeded in leading the team to the sweet 16 national tournament in 2011.

Hanlan could not be more excited to start this new journey. "The cross country team has welcomed me with open arms," stated Hanlan. "I'm excited to run with them and for Lynn." After being such a strong force on the field, Hanlan is now ready to bring the heat to the cross country team. Once having completed the continuing season, she will have the opportunity that so very few student-athletes have of being a double threat within collegiate athletics.
When asked why they have decided to leave the place they were born and raised to come to this beautiful country, each immigrant has their own answer for the question. Some call it freedom; some call it justice; some call it diversity. But all of them are about the endless opportunities this wonderful land provides its people.

Ashna Wallace, a graduate student pursuing her Master of Science in Applied Psychology, came to America in Nov. 2001 after which the Wallace's called Wellington their home. Though time-consuming and expensive, the process to move from South Africa to the United States was fairly easy since they already had business in the country. After attempting to apply to other countries such as New Zealand and Canada, the family decided to call the U.S. their new home.

“We came here mainly because of the opportunities for the future,” shared Wallace. “My parents want a better future for my sister and myself.”

Nothing is more beautiful than the guarantee of freedom, and nothing is sweeter than the taste of endless chances based on the belief that one can be anything they want to be. This represents the core foundation of the American dream. Whatever it is, everybody has the right to pursue their happiness and ambitions in life.

“The American dream is the reason we came here,” claimed Wallace. “We understood what it meant. It’s getting an education in the field I really enjoy instead of doing something for the money. Plus you have to make a career out of it.”

Unfortunately, not all Americans understand this concept because some of them still look down on immigrants, both legal and illegal. The fact that somebody has an accent does not mean they are ignorant and cannot speak English. The fact that somebody does things differently does not mean they do not understand, appreciate or try to adapt to our American culture.

When asked what she wants to share with native-born Americans, Wallace advised, “Get to know people that are different, and you will be surprised. Understanding why people are different can open your mind.”

As a nation, we have made terrible mistakes throughout history because of our ignorance and lack of tolerance. We supported slavery in the 1800’s, promoted anti-immigration during the two Red Scares and encouraged separate but equal laws during the 1960’s. Now is the time for change: to understand and accept people with differences.

In the end, we are all the same. We may speak English with a variety of accents, but the bond we share and the love we have for America are the same. Do not let different backgrounds and ethnicity divide us and tear us apart, but instead unite and stand together as one nation: the beautiful United States of America.
LYNN JUST KEEPS ON GROWING
College Applications for the Fall 2013 Semester Increase Dramatically

By MORGAN GODLESTEIN
Staff Writer

Lynn has reaped benefits from hosting the final Presidential Debate on Oct. 22 from donations to website visitsation, but the fame has now reached college admissions.

The current freshman class is the largest in the school's history, but that is likely to change in the near future. Although the final numbers will not be available until later this year, the admissions staff believes that it has to do with the debate.

"I have noticed a big difference with the tours and interest ever since the debate," said Katie Arriola, senior and admissions tour guide. "A lot of spark has come about with Lynn. When I ask a family how did you hear about Lynn, a lot say the internet or a guidance counselor; some say the debate caught their interest and they did further research."

Admissions Counselor, Federico Glitman, agreed with Arriola that the fame from hosting the debate has boosted applications, but thinks that Lynn's other attributes such as the dialogue curriculum and 2020 plan have helped as well.

"We won our 20 National Championship, celebrating our 50 anniversary year, introduced a brand new Business Center and Stadium as well as introduced the new mini iPad innovative," said Glitman. "I believe just word of mouth is spreading quicker through mass media and the majority of our applications have heard of us from either family, a friend or someone that has or currently attends Lynn."

Applications have been sent through the Common Application website at a greater rate than previous years. Glitman states that about 25 percent of all of the applicants are international, who could have been swayed by the foreign policy theme of the debate. With a greater applicant pool, admissions counselors have a tougher time choosing whom to accept to the university.

"Our policy has always been the individual," said Glitman. "We look at every aspect including the recommendation, essay, scores and extracurricular activities. We are very meticulous with this since Lynn University is not for every student. A Lynn University student is someone who balances their academic and social life to become a leader within the community."

Glitman encourages those who are interested in promoting Lynn to stop by admissions in the Schmidt Building to share their stories.

Above: Lynn student workers giving tours of the campus to prospective students. Staff Photos/ A. Cruz
BECOME HEALTHY NOT HUNGRY

A Delicious Spin on Mom's Meatloaf That Contains Half the Calories

By BROOKE BERGER
Staff Writer

There are many comfort foods that everyone enjoys indulging in, however these dishes are often packed with high calories.

Meatloaf is an easy recipe to make healthy, while still keeping the flavorful taste. Most meatloaf recipes use lean beef, but with this recipe it is replaced with ground turkey.

The other ingredients that will be needed are a small onion, a half cup of quick cooking oats, two adobe peppers, chopped celery, a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, a fourth cup of skim milk or almond milk, a half a teaspoon of salt, two egg whites, one garlic clove and ketchup to taste.

With this recipe, using turkey eliminates the fat that comes from beef and the oats replace bread crumbs which can be high in unhealthy carbohydrates. Using milk with a lesser fat content also eliminates unnecessary calories and fat while still retaining vitamins and protein. The adobe peppers add lots of flavor as well as the onion and the spice in the adobe is a good metabolism booster.

Using a food processor, add the cut up onions, Worcestershire sauce, celery, garlic clove and adobe peppers. Mix until everything is well blended.

In another bowl, mix the oats and the milk and let sit for five minutes. In a large bowl put one pound or one container of ground turkey, the two egg whites, salt and ingredients from the food processor. With a large spoon, mix all the ingredients together.

With the finished mixed product, take a loaf pan slightly coated in cooking spray and pat the product in so that the top is flat. Spread ketchup along the top and place in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until the inside is no longer pink. Once the pan is taken out and given time to cool, it is ready to serve. Even though most people prefer their meatloaf with mashed potatoes, spinach with avocado can be just as good and much healthier.

It is important to remember when cooking with any raw food to always wash hands and be careful as to which utensils have been in contact with the food. More importantly, remember to enjoy the guiltless food.

TAKING HOUSTON OUT OF TEXAS

Houston's Offers Fan Favorites, While Maintaining the Unique Vibe of Comfort

By SARAH FRANK
Staff Writer

Houston's Steakhouse is one of the top restaurants in Boca. The restaurant is part of the well-known Hillstone group, which has a very good reputation throughout the area. The menu is filled with American classics, and is always packed with people ready to eat a delicious meal.

All of the ingredients at Houston's are fresh and local and are made from growers in area. The dishes are made in a very unique way to please the senses of all. Although the prices are higher, it is still worth the experience.

The ribs and burgers are the most popular dishes and they are spectacular, and the size of the dishes are very large. With a side of the skinny fries or the fresh vegetables, customers will be satisfied and very full.

"I go with my boyfriend almost every week," said Lauren Abrams. "The ribs are to die for and the spinach dip is a must." Many of the customers that go to the restaurant go back for more.

Houston's is open for both lunch and dinner. For those in a rush, Houston's food is available for takeout. Customers can also make a reservation ahead of time for faster service.

The service at Houston's is very professional. The restaurant is known for their friendliness, cleanliness and speed. The waiters are always dressed to perfection with a strict dress code of black pants and a white button up shirt.

Although the restaurant is part of a chain, it feels like Houston's is its own individual restaurant. This reliable fan favorite offers consumers a comfortable and classy vibe. On most nights the restaurant is packed with people waiting to get a piece of the Houston's environment.
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FABULOUS NAILS
Simple Tips Can Make a Difference

By JOSELYN GALLARDO
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Yellow nails are very common nowadays and often give the appearance someone being dirty. There are many natural products that can be applied to the nail to curtail this occurrence.

The first way to get rid of yellow nails is by using lemon. Lemon is a natural whitening ingredient, and offer a natural glow to the nail. Start by squeezing five lemons in a bowl and mix it with five tablespoons of water. Next, put it in the freezer and in a different bowl squeeze four lemons and mix it with sugar until you have a thick paste.

Scrub the nails gently with the paste as this will help to get rid of the dead skin around while whitening the nails at the same time. After completing this step, wash with warm water and apply the product that was placed in the freezer for 15 minutes, then wash with warm water again. Repeat process three to four times a week.

An additional trick that is often consider the oldest secret to get rid of yellow nails is to simply use white toothpaste that contains whiten. Use a toothbrush with toothpaste on it and gently brush each nail for two minutes. After brushing them wash them with warm water. This will get rid the yellow stains. Repeat this process everyday in the morning and at night.

The last natural treatment for yellow nails is the use of garlic. Garlic will not only get rid of the yellow nails, but it will also strengthen and harden weak and brittle nails. In an empty bowl start by mashing three to four garlic cloves and mix them with two teaspoons of olive oil. Next place the nails in the bowl for 20-minutes. When finished wash them with warm water.

“I am looking forward to trying these ideas as I polish my nails often and am always interested in finding natural products to put on my nails,” said Erin Phillips, alumni.

Above: Transform yellow nails into beautiful nails. Stock Photos.
DORM WORKOUT FOR STUDENTS
Ways to Stay fit as a College Student Without Even Visiting A Fitness Center

By MEAGAN RICE
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Surely not everyone looks forward to going to the gym, especially if they do not play sports, but there are great ways to workout right in your residence hall to stay active.

Some people would rather sign up for a gym in order to use the proper equipment, but that costs money, so for some this is not an option and you have to work with what's available. On top of that, being on your feet and just using your body can be the best thing in order to stay in shape. There are just a few affordable things you will need if you want to get the full experience.

Using weights are an excellent way to gain muscle tone and it is good for cardio as well. It depends on the person, but three to five pound weights are great for the average workout and will definitely get you going. They can be found at most stores such as Wal-Mart or Target for about $4.

Another thing that might come in handy is a workout mat, mostly known as a yoga mat. It will help keep you steady and you will not have to worry about getting a rug burn from the carpet in your dorm. Prices will vary but they are very affordable if ordered from places like Amazon.

Of course comfortable clothing will be required to get the full effect from your workout and if you use some type of instructional DVD or YouTube video then you will have a great guide and most likely the best workout.

"I am planning on starting P90X really soon," said Chelsea Danahy, student. "My friend recommended it and it's way better than going to the gym with all those people around you. You get more privacy."

"I feel more comfortable working out in a private setting," said Hallie Greenwood, freshman. "Plus if you use a DVD or YouTube then it's like you have your own private trainer right there for you."

Using a DVD is not a necessary requirement, it is just used as a guide for people who do not know quite what they are doing. If you are experienced and feel you do not need it, then it is quite alright to do it alone.

Please note that simple things like remembering to stretch and not overdo it is important to your health and those working out for the first time on their own should be sure to do proper research or check out an instructional video before trying to do work yourself.

Above: Yaritza Luciano ready to work out in her room with sporty pink hand weights. Staff Photos/ M. Rice.
One of the most awaited book to movie adaptations, directed by the author Stephen Chbosky, finally hit the store shelves recently.

"The Perks of being a Wallflower," is the coming of age story about an estranged 15-year-old boy Charlie's freshman year of high school. The viewer's follow him on a journey of self-discovery, love, heartache, change and recovery.

It is a very realistic film, dealing with issues that are not often discussed all in one movie, such as sexual abuse, physical abuse in teenage relationships, suicide, drugs, mental illness and homosexuality. Though the topics seem to be depressing, the movie as well as the book, ends on a note of hope and healing. "Perks deserves points for going beyond the typical coming-of-age drivel aimed at teens," said Peter Travers on RollingStone.com.

Not only was the story line exceptional, but also the main cast used to portray these lively but somewhat troubled youth. The cast includes protagonist Charlie, played by Logan Lerman, his first love Sam, played by Emma Watson, and Sam’s step-brother Patrick, played by Ezra Miller.

"Sometimes an inexperienced filmmaker can use a helping hand from his cast," wrote Betsey Sharkey of LATimes.com. "That’s exactly what Stephen Chbosky got from Logan Lerman, Ezra Miller and Emma Watson in the adaptation of his popular young adult novel The Perks of Being a Wallflower."

The movie was released in both standard DVD and Blu-ray, which includes a digital copy. The special features include commentary by the director and cast, deleted scenes and a featurette. The movie is also available for rent on Netflix, Blockbuster and any local Red box.
A LOOK AT THE CAMPUS PARKING

Lynn University Security Cracks Down on Designated Parking Lots

By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
Staff Writer

Lynn security has been strictly enforcing the parking rules and regulations on campus for facility and students. Parking on campus is broken up into three different categories: freshman, upperclassmen faculty and staff. Freshmen and day students have green, upperclassmen have red and faculty and staff have blue decals. These stickers signify where students and staff can and cannot park. Only cars with red and blue decals are allowed to park in the EML parking lot. Majority of students park in the North Lot, which is located between the de Hoerne Cultural Center and the practice soccer field.

"Usually I park in the North Lot", said Ricardo Bendek, senior. "But I would love to be able to park in Assaf because all of my classes are there."

Over the years Bendek has struggled for parking even with a red decal.

"It was Transitions Day, like the campus was full of people, and there were no parking spots in all of campus. So I had to park in the staff parking lot and I got a ticket because of that." Bendek disputed his ticket and won his appeal.

Rachel Shaffer, junior, also parks in the North Lot, or a spot "wherever is closet to her first class." Shaffer was unaware of any parking violation until it appeared on her statement. There was no ticket on her car nor was she aware where the transgression occurred. "I will be going to the security shack to get more information about my ticket."

"I park between Trinity and EML," said Parker Ganassin, freshman. Ganassin admits that he has received a ticket for parking in the permit zone next to Trinity. He decided that he will be appealing the ticket. Unlike many students, he does not believe that Lynn should expand its parking because "they can't add more parking near so there is no point in adding it far away."

Currently parking is limited especially for those who have green stickers on their cars. It is recommended that day students park in the North Lot and residential students search for a spot near their residence halls.

Part of Lynn's 2020 plan is to add a parking garage and more parking for students and staff, which will hopefully reduce some of the parking issues.
Yakitori Sake House Brings Something Different To the Boca Scene

By RACHEL STOLAR
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Yakitori Sake House is an Asian restaurant located on Mizner Boulevard in Royal Palm Place, that specializes in delicious sushi rolls but at an affordable price. This restaurant provides lunch, dinner, and catering services, take out, and even delivery.

"My favorite roll is the spicy rainbow roll, I typically get rainbow rolls when eating sushi but I enjoy them at Yakitori the most because of the spicy twist with jalapenos," said regular Jackie Calagna, junior.

Yakitori has one of the best-priced happy hours deals around. Most of the rolls offered during happy hour are half off, but it doesn’t stop there, appetizers are as cheap as $3. Another great deal is the lunch specials. The rolls are slightly cheaper than they are at a normal hour, but all lunches are served with a soup or salad with a choice of a California roll, gyoza, edamame, or spring rolls.

The atmosphere in Yakitori is unique and modern but still gives off a warm welcoming feel.

"I love sitting in the outdoor area, the way it’s decorated and laid out makes you feel comfortable, it’s also enclosed so the weather doesn’t really restrict you," said Jackie Calagna.

Comparing Yakitori to other Asian restaurants offering sushi, it definitely has one of the largest selections. They have rolls ranging from the signature rolls, classic rolls, specialty rolls, and cucumber wraps, and the list goes on. Unlike many other restaurants similar, Yakitori has the advantage of being kid friendly providing families an option of a kids menu.

Yakitori is seemingly all about the convenience of its customers, you can even order on their website online. For a smaller sized restaurant, the large menu is incredible compared to other restaurants similar to this one. Whether you enjoy sushi and are familiar with different rolls or just curious about trying a new type of food, Yakitori has something for everyone.

Above: The Yakitori steak house. Staff Photo/ R. Stolar.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF HEALTHY EATS

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A YEAR OLDER AND EVEN WISER
Lynn Men’s Golf Team is More Than Ready to Bring Home a Big Win

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The Lynn University men’s golf team has always had the reputation for having a good season with exceptional golfers, but have yet to take home a championship. However, this year seems to be a little different; the men’s golf team really thinks they have what it takes to have it all now.

With the season only a month or so away from conference the boys are living up to their reputation. Fraser Thain, sophomore, from Edinburgh, Scotland, believes the team has done exactly what is asked of them at this point. “The team has preformed very well, with two wins and two third place finishes individually,” said Thain.

Yet the boys cannot stop their success now if they want to make it all the way. "The guys on the team have contributed solid scores, but there is always room for improvement,” stated Thain.

Daniel Young, senior, from Perth, Scotland, could not agree more with his teammate. “Our results are good but to get to where we want to in terms of a national championship there are still improvements that need to be made,” said Young.

As every team has throughout their season, there are expectations that are made and need to be kept. "This is go time for us it’s our season, so everyone needs to step it up since conference is only a month away,” stated Thain.

The guys on the team have worked so hard during the off-season and leading up to now. “I expect us to go out and play to win, we are good enough,” said Young. "I also expect the guys to be working hard and put in the effort.” Young would like nothing more to see a national championship, especially since it is his last season.

With every year that comes there are always new additions, this season they are very beneficial. "Jose Miranda, freshman, from Quito, Ecuador, has really done well," said Young. "He has showed us why he got brought in and he has a bright future ahead of him.”

With last year behind them Thain and Young feel like the team is ready to win. “A year older a year wiser,” stated Thain. He believes the team has learned a lot from the previous year and they want to make a statement.

With being such a key player for the men’s team the past four years, Young has accomplished what some people only dream of. His sophomore year they made it to nationals and lost in the finals. “That gave me so much motivation to work hard, we got a taste of it,” said Young. His junior year he won three tournaments on his own, St. Leo Invite, McDonough Cup and the Bob Cat Invitational.

The golf program here at Lynn has only improved over the years, the future seems to be very promising for the team. "We have four freshmen that are very good players so it should be only great," said Thain.

This year also brought a breeze of new prospective with a new coach. “With our new coach he brings new blood, a new spark to the program,” said Young. Young only sees good things for the program after his final season.

Recently the team has participated in Florida Southern’s tournament, the Matlock Classic, where they finished third. With everything continuing to be on the right track, the men’s golf team should have no problem bringing home the gold this season. They are determined and ready to take it all.

Above: Daniel Young and his amazing golf swing. LU Photo.
SHOE STYLE RETURNS AS TREND
Platform Sneakers and Sneaker Heels are Making Their way Back Into Style

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The inclining trend of platform sneakers dates back to the '70s and has made an appearance in almost every decade since Stevie Nicks placed her feet in a pair. The sneaker itself is an even-raised sole creating a platform. The shoe is made by various companies including Superga, Converse, Puma and Adidas.

However, many people are saying the platform sneaker is somewhat similar to another new trend known as the sneaker heel. The sneaker heel comes in all different designs and colors. The shoe looks like a men's high top sneaker but the heel on the inside is raised for the women's shoe.

"My birthday just passed and I used almost half my birthday money on the sneak heels," said Gabrielle Glenn, sophomore. "I'm absolutely obsessed."

The platform sneaker serves to be a very controversial issue because many people think the style is a quick fad. On the other hand, many also say that the sneaker heel is here to stay for at least another few years. These shoes are not cheap so many are rethinking the trend in terms of how long it is here to stay.

"For a heel, they're easy to walk in," said Lianna Demeshuhum, junior. "And they have a slightly funky edge."

The shoes offer comfort without giving up on the high views. Giving a new life to one's shoes by adding some extra inches of height is becoming one of the main trends for this new season.

"Platform sneakers were my thing in middle school," said Amanda Drapkin, junior. "They're my thing now; timeless at its finest."

There is definitely a platform sneaker craze in the air. Even the most feminine fashionistas are rocking this trend on a quite masculine piece. Students getting on board with this repeating trend will love what these shoes have to offer. Get ready to rise.
By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
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Over the course of his 29 year tenure at Lynn University, Dean Paul Turner has had an incredibly successful and diverse career.

Turner was first welcomed into the Lynn family as the assistant to Greg Malfitano as well as athletic director, when the university was known as the College of Boca Raton. During his time as athletic director, Turner hosted two National Soccer tournaments for men and one for women's soccer and was able to start the Scholar-Athlete Award for both men and women. From 1991-93 Turner was named the men's basketball coach. After his two year stint, Turner was named the new dean of students in February 1993.

"The thing I will miss most will be the constant interaction with the students and working each day with my Lynn family," said Turner. He worked hard during his career to not be the "Assistant Principal in 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off', but a true advocate for students and their parents on campus."

Helping the Lynn community grow was something that Turner put an emphasis on. He began many programs on campus including the Substance Abuse Prevention Project, the Adirondack Experience, Safe Ride and the Florida Experience Program. Turner also spearheaded many of the Lynn initiatives that make the school's community unique.

"I will remember my time at Lynn as part of my life. The entire Turner family was saturated in the Lynn experience," said Turner. "I find it hard to believe there was life without Lynn. I have been here for quite a while and given a great deal, but the Ross Family and Lynn University have given me and my family much more than I have given. It has been a wonderful journey as the dean."

While Turner added so much to the Lynn community from athletics to creating new programs to make students feel welcome, he continues to believe that he is not the only one who feels such a strong sense of accomplishment at Lynn.
TOPSWEATERS

Distressed Sweaters in Style

By JESSICA LEVINE
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As we come closer to the spring season, the weather patterns make it difficult for preparing a daily outfit. Distressed sweaters are perfect for keeping you warm and cool at the same time.

Some days can be 80 degrees and sunny, while other days are 60 degrees and chilly. It is hard to make a clear prediction as to what the weather is going to bring this time of year.

The reason why distressed sweaters are so excellent for these obscure weather patterns, is because they fulfill the job of keeping ones arms nice and warm, while the distressed holes keep the body nice and cool from the back.

Some people may view these sweaters to be pointless because of the holes, however, it is the perfect combination for creating the cutest and most comfortable look of the season.

One may find these sweaters almost anywhere. For great deals that will not be around for much longer, LF located in Mizner Park is still having their only sale of the season. Consumers can find the sweater that suits them best in almost any color.

"I get my favorite sweaters from LF," said Sheryl Stoppelmann, junior. "They are cute, comfortable and are on sale now."

When the LF sale originally began, all merchandise in the store was 60 percent off. Recently, LF has officially lowered their prices and have amazing new price points that are worth checking out.

Distressed sweaters can come in a variety of ways. Since skulls are very popular and in right now, the distressed skull sweater is a must have. Adding an edgy look to your wardrobe, the skull sweater is great.

Another great aspect of the distressed sweater look is that one can wear jeans, leggings or shorts depending on what mood your outfit is feeling. Do not miss out on this trend, and get a distressed sweater today.

Above: Fashionable distressed sweater. Stock Photo.
GREEK LIFE GETTING INTO LYNN
New Fraternity Shows Interest in Joining the Lynn Greek Life Family

By KEVIN SKAGGS
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The campus is looking to expand Greek Life within the next year and recently invited fraternity Kappa Sigma to tour the campus and educate the Lynn community about their fraternity.

Leo Brown, Kappa Sigma Director of Colony Development, toured Lynn and met with staff members to educate them about Kappa Sigma and their philosophies. Brown met with Lynn staff such as Theresa Osorio, director of student involvement and Phil Riordan, vice president of student life.

“We are hoping that Lynn University accepts us onto their campus,” said Brown. “Kappa Sigma’s main goal is to grow as a fraternity and help Lynn University Greek Life also grow.”

Kappa Sigma also invited all current Greek Life members to a slideshow to educate the student body about the fraternity. Students were able to learn about Kappa Sigma history, background, structure and principles.

“Kappa Sigma has pledged more men than any other fraternity in history,” said Brown. “We just finished up colonization at University of Miami where we had about 50 men pledge.”

Kappa Sigma was the second fraternity to visit Lynn this month. Earlier this month, Sigma Alpha Epsilon took a tour of the school and also made presentations to both the faculty and Greek Life.

Both Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are hoping that they will fit into Lynn’s diverse population of students and be allowed to start a colony on campus. Starting a colony on a campus is the first step to becoming a chaptered Greek society.

Currently Lynn has two fraternities, Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Phi Delta both having about 15 men each. If Kappa Sigma were to come onto Lynn campus they would need 25 men to start the colonizing process.

Lynn is looking forward to welcoming these fraternities and maybe more in the future.

Above: Kappa Sigma is one of the fraternities that recently toured Lynn University and has expressed interest in joining the campus greek life with other fraternities such as ZBT. LU Photos.
THE FINAL SHOT OF THE SEASON
Lynn University Intramural Basketball Finishes Regular Season

By LOUIS DAVIS
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Lynn’s intramural basketball program wrapped up its regular season recently.

The season featured 10 teams all competing for the championship title, giving out t-shirts to the winning team.

“Overall, I thought this season went pretty good,” said Ashley Dent, campus recreation coordinator. “We tried to make improvements from the first game to the last.”

Dent was also very pleased with the teams’ talent level. Teams “TTG” and “Average Height” were both tied at the end of the regular season for first place with records of 4-0. “The Titans” ended the season in second place with a record of 4-1.

“This year, I have noticed a lot more talent being spread out on different teams,” said Dent. “Last year, we had the same amount of teams but three teams dominated the league.”

One of the biggest highlights from this season was the standout performance of Lynn student Evan Hirschman. In a single game Hirschman scored an intramural record 42 points.

Dent now plans to improve the intramural basketball program for the future in a few different areas.

“In the future, we would like the officiating to be better,” said Dent. “On top of that, we want more teams involved to get people out of the dorm rooms and onto the court.”

From March 25 to 27, Campus Recreation is hosting a dodge ball league style tournament. If interested in participating, please contact Ashley Dent by going to his office, which is located next to the Fitness Center in the lobby of Lynn Residence Hall or emailing him at adent@lynn.edu.

Above: Intramural basketball had a successful season. LU Photo.
MAKING UP OUTSIDE BEAUTY
For one Lynn Student, Cosmetology has Added Color to her Life

Katia Zelaya shows off her cosmetology ability, after having graduated from Paul Mitchell beauty school, on several different models. Zelaya began her career because she believes that women should feel beautiful both internally and externally. Stock Photos.

By CAROLINA CHANG
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Katia Zelaya, senior, always had a passion for cosmetology since she was a little girl, but she never thought about the possibility of taking it a step further. This was until she joined Paul Mitchell, a beauty school in San Diego.

Despite her short stay at Lynn, Zelaya has already been requested to do hairstyles and makeup for students. This has given her the opportunity to educate girls about how to take care of their hair and how to do their own makeup.

Before graduating from high school in Guatemala, Zelaya was confused about what she wanted to do with her future. One day, Zelaya visited one of the best salons in her country and spoke to the owner, who inspired Zelaya to join a cosmetology school. That night, Zelaya did some research about a possible school where she could expand her knowledge about beauty and eventually found the Paul Mitchell School.

“In my teenage years, I started to read about makeup in magazines and I would practice on my sisters or friends. This helped me get better,” said Zelaya. “Then, my actual education started in Paul Mitchell School in San Diego and since then it has never ended.”

While growing up, Zelaya used to do her friends’ makeup and fixed their hair for parties. Zelaya enjoyed seeing her friends secure and happy about themselves because it gave her the satisfaction of knowing that she did a great job.

“I believe that it is important in people’s lives to feel good about themselves externally and internally,” Zelaya said. “The important thing about cosmetology is the purpose of...”

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(Continued from page 1) helping people feel better and more secure about themselves.”

After graduating cosmetology school, Zelaya went back to Guatemala where she was excited to start her new journey. Zelaya opened a little studio in her house and started to build her clientele. Word spread quickly and every weekend Zelaya had a new event to work for and many girls in line waiting for their makeup or hair to be done.

“My studio also worked as a classroom,” said Zelaya. “I started giving three day makeup courses to teenagers and outside my studio I started doing many photo shoots with different photographers.”

Zelaya also worked as a makeup artist with several magazines in Guatemala. A lot of her work is posted on her fan page on Facebook called “Do my Makeup” by KZ. One of Zelaya’s proudest moments was her cosmetology graduation, which was inspired by Tim Burton. Zelaya had the opportunity of choosing a model dressing her from head to toe. Zelaya chose her sister to be the model, who won the competition as Zelaya’s graduation project.

Zelaya’s advice to all girls is to clean the face at least twice a day. “Sleeping with your makeup on makes you get wrinkles seven years earlier than you would have had them,” said Zelaya.

In the future, Zelaya hopes to replicate the successful model that she has experienced at Paul Mitchell and open her own salon where she could help Guatemalan women be independent economically by helping them realize that each woman is beautiful in their own way.

Above: Zelaya demonstrates her talents. Stock Photos.
PRESIDENT SIGNS A CRUCIAL BILL
Obama Puts Forth A Significant Step Toward Improving Women’s Rights

By WILLIAM RAFFERTY
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President Barack Obama signed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) at the Department of the Interior in Washington, recently.

Over the past year, Congress had been relentlessly disagreeing over various controversial changes to the VAWA act.

"It’s so great to finally see politicians come together for the greater good," said Jennifer Morano, senior.

With a bipartisan 78-22 vote the Senate passed the bill while the House of Representatives passed it with a 286-138 vote. In the early stages of the bill’s development the support from the White House was quite evident.

"Violence is violence, it should all be treated the same," said Phil Allison, junior. "To me, this falls in with the Hate Speech/Hate Crime legislation; why do we differentiate among acts of violence based upon who the victim is? In my opinion, those who commit unnecessary acts of violence should be swiftly brought to justice, and that should be the end of that. Legislating specific responses to crime based upon the victim does a disservice to the victim and society as a whole."

With much assistance from Vice President Joe Biden, who as a senator 19 years ago was the first to introduce the act, Obama highlighted the more recent improvements to the bill. Not only does the act help to protect and service women, but it also assists immigrant and tribal victims, as well as gay victims with greater federal aid.

"I’m glad they did it," said Mark Pickering. "But I wish they would have included the victim in a same sex relationship."

"We’ll expand them to cover even more women," said President Obama. "Because this is a country where everyone should be able to pursue their own measure of happiness and live their lives free from fear, no matter who you are, no matter who you love."

Although the process was neither quick nor easy, this bill is certainly proof of both sides of the political spectrum being quite capable of coming together for one necessary goal and as a result it will help make America a safer and stronger nation for all.

Above: Crowds of women parade outside the capital building making their voices heard regarding the newly signed bill. Stock Photos.
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WARMING UP A COLD CLASSROOM

How to Dress for Class When the AC Overrules the hot Weather Outside

By JESSICA LEVINE
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South Florida is more than a perfect place to escape the cold weather and to get an education. Here at Lynn, students comfortably walk to class in shorts, tank tops, dresses and sunglasses, enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

The moment one enters the classroom, the precious sunlight is no longer there to keep students warm. Frigid temperatures inside the buildings that battle with the outside heat of South Florida, make it rather difficult to dress appropriately for class.

“I hate how the classroom’s always so cold,” said Sarah Frank, junior. “The weather is always warm and beautiful outside that I never know how to dress for class.”

How do students stay cool and comfortable during the walk from the north lot to ASSAF on the other hand, staying warm and content while learning in the classroom?

The first tip would be to always keep a light weight, neutral colored jacket, sweater or cardigan in a school bag. With this handy, one will have the access to easily throw on a cardigan and still look cute. Moreover, if one becomes too warm, one can easily remove the sweater and place it back in their bag.

A second tip is that females can never go wrong with a maxi. Maxi dresses and maxi skirts are long and can cover the legs and they are perfect for class. Not only will this tip help girls legs stay warm but maxi dresses are made for comfort and looking cute at the same time!

The third tip involves closed toe shoes. Although sandals and flip flops are more convenient, closed toe shoes will keep the feet warm at all times. From ballet flats to TOMS, there are a variety of these comfortable shoes that can be found in any color.

Nothing seems to be worse than trying to learn in a classroom that is too cold to sit in. At Lynn, although students are lucky enough to enjoy the warm sunshine while outdoors, it is still important to take into consideration ways to dress comfortably for indoor classroom conditions.

Above: An example of what girls can wear for class. Stock Photo.
This weekend, the university that has grown from a small institution in South Florida to an internationally-recognized university will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an abundance of campus activities.

Founded in 1962 as Marymount College, the two-year Catholic institution was run by nuns. The school underwent its first name change in 1974 when it was rechristened as College of Boca Raton. In 1991 the school was once again renamed to Lynn University in honor of Eugene Lynn who provided millions of dollars in donations to the university.

In light of the school's milestone birthday, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events. The celebration will include activities such as a barbecue, pool party, athletic games and a much-anticipated Passion Pit concert.

The extensity of opportunity for students to engage in celebrating their school's 50th anniversary is unbelievable.

"It's going to be like Founders Day on steroids," laughed Lynn University President, Kevin Ross. "It's going to be that much fun and have that much going on."

A reception for the Lynn community will be held in the gym where there will be different stations representing the last half-century of the institution. This will precede the pool party, alumni soccer game and Passion Pit concert that will occur on Saturday.

"It's great that Lynn is conducting all these events for our 50th anniversary," said Lisette Villegas, sophomore. "It shows the school pride that everyone in the Lynn community has."

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Lynn has also gained momentum for the anniversary celebration by putting on weekly events like "Throwback Thursdays."

"I feel like [Throwback Thursdays] are a unique way of showing our history throughout the years," commented Villegas.

Combined with other weekend events such as parents weekend and alumni weekend, the days designated for commemoration will be jam-packed with students and alumni. Many local residents and even some of the original Marymount nuns will be present to enjoy the events.

After the whirlwind of activities, Lynn will be serving brunch for students and faculty on Sunday morning.

"You only turn 50 once," reminded Ross. "Not a lot of people can say they were here for the 50th anniversary, so definitely partake in it because it's going to be a lot of fun."

For many, turning 50 is an achievement of bitter-sweet nostalgia. It marks what those who are optimistic would call being "50 years young." In keeping with this mind-set, those at Lynn University like to think that this particular milestone marks not the halfway point, but the beginning of a long and triumphant growth toward the future of education and community. This weekend only reiterates this concept of communal celebration and lasting camaraderie.

"I would like to tell Lynn congratulations on turning 50," said Lara Rosenthal, senior. "[Lynn] has gone through 50 years with some amazing memories."
FIFTY YEARS WITH MORE TO COME
Students Celebrate Lynn’s 50th Anniversary in a Fun and Unique way

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Students compiled their feelings about Lynn and shared them in one word. The student body wishes Lynn a wonderful 50th anniversary as they continue to endure every moment on its campus.

Above: Students express their feelings about Lynn with just one word in honor of the 50th anniversary. Photos by VM Photography.
EVENTS OVER THE PAST YEARS
Lynn Celebrates its Growths and Accomplishments Over the Past 50 Years

By LIZZY RAFFA
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The 50th anniversary of Lynn University marks half a century of eventful occasions that range from changing the institution’s name multiple times, to hosting a presidential debate.

As the 50th anniversary celebration approaches, many students will be reminded of the various events that dot the institution’s historical timeline. Although the school may be amongst some of the youngest institutions in the country, its youth has not stunted its growth. The university underwent several large changes that involved significant modifications to its framework. The first was evolving from a catholic junior college in 1962 to the College of Boca Raton in 1971, when Donald E. Ross presided over the small university. Today, after being renamed Lynn University in honor of benefactors, Ross’s son, Kevin Ross, now takes after his father as university president.

Current President Ross reiterated how much of Lynn’s growth has been kick started in just the last few years. “Many of our older events have been local,” said Ross. “While some newer ones have been more international like the debate.”

Just in the last decade, Lynn has taken on somewhat of a “growth-spurt” in national recognition as an institution of higher education. “The campus is evolving pretty quickly,” said Ross. “It’s a little bit of that mixture of people and places and programs and things that have been thrust upon us that makes the richness of each of our stories.”

Programs that were planned years ago are now being seen in effect on campus. The launch of the Dialogues of Learning was a huge step in Lynn’s education, and the Go Green movement that has swept through the nation has also revolutionized the effectiveness of Lynn’s environmental awareness enterprises.

Unfortunately, even amongst these astonishing successes, Lynn has also experienced incredible grief. The loss of four outstanding students and two phenomenal faculty members in the 2010 Haiti earthquake, reminded all who were touched by these people the fragility of life and the impact one has over their peers. Last year, the campus memorialized these students and faculty with the beautiful remembrance plaza that stands in the middle of campus to honor their legacy.

“I think the remembrance plaza is a great way to never forget the Haiti earthquake victims,” said Lara Rosenthal, senior. “It’s a beautiful place to come together as a whole campus.”

Of course the first thing that comes to mind when one thinks of the largest occurrences to happen at Lynn would be hosting the final presidential debate in October 2012. As the world watched, Lynn hosted an event that brought in millions of dollars worth of recognition across the board and revealed to the world the capability of the small South Florida institution no many had heard of before.

Recently, several new advancements to change the way students learn have included the iPad initiative that Lynn will be implementing with the incoming freshmen in the fall. Another future event will include the new College of Business building and soccer stadium that will be built in the upcoming years.

“Our goal is not to get huge,” said Ross. “Because then we can’t do what we do well. But I think we’ve gone through our adolescence really well.”
Looking back on Lynn’s Athletic National Titles Over the Last 50 Years

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Looking back on the last 50 years, Lynn boasts numerous accomplishments in every aspect of the university. The athletics program attributes to many of these achievements; 20 in fact.

The Fighting Knights have accumulated 20 National Championships in numerous sports since the establishment of the university. The men’s soccer team won Lynn’s first national championship NAIA division in 1987. From 1991 on, the Fighting Knights won multiple national championships every consecutive year thereafter. The most impressive year was in 1995 when Lynn brought home three national titles from women’s tennis, soccer and golf.

In 1996-97, Lynn joined the Division II Sunshine State Conference known as one of the strongest Division II conferences in the nation. As the competition toughened, Lynn stepped up to the challenge winning nine NCAA national championships including one this year by the men’s soccer team.

Since joining the Sunshine State Conference, Lynn has been one of the top contenders in every sport. With 14 teams now on the roster, Lynn has collected 331 All-American selections since 1984 with more to add this season.

“Numbers do not lie,” said Coach Mike Perez of the men and women’s tennis teams. “Lynn is a university that wins championships and always strives to break out and demonstrate what we are all about.”

Coach Perez knows all about winning having the most national titles under his belt with seven. Having coached the men and women’s tennis teams for 24 seasons, Perez has set the standards high for the athletics program.

Perez stated that the most important aspect in winning a national championship is “Talent.”

Talent is something that can be found on every team from the coaching staff down to the players themselves. With this talent, Lynn has proved to be champions through and through. However, the Fighting Knights also promote team camaraderie to the fullest extent.

In 2009, Lynn’s baseball team won its first ever national championship title against Emporia State. The 2-1 game was one that would never be forgotten by the baseball program as well as the alumni who brought the huge victory home.

“Even to this day thinking about winning the championship gives me chills,” said Christian Chavez, former first baseman. “In the moments right before the last out, everything was in slow motion. It was unbelievable.”

According to Chavez, everyone coming together as a team was the secret to their success.

“As a team we were always very close. Throughout the year we had some tough moments but winning that in the end created a bond that we will have forever. Nobody can take that from us,” said Chavez. “We are a family.”

Winning a national championship may look like it comes easy for the Fighting Knights but it has proven to be a difficult task time again demanding hard work and determination.

The men’s soccer program made it to the national championship last season but failed to bring home the trophy in a heartbreaking loss against Fort Lewis. Instead of the defeat breaking the team, the squad became closer working harder each day to get their chance again at a national title.

This year, the team made it to the finals once again but instead came home with a national title as well as memories of their long, hard journey. Former captain Jason Sangha battled through both seasons hoping to leave a legacy that would never be forgotten.

“From losing in the national final in 2011, there was only one thing that every single one of us could do from the coaching staff to the players and that was to seek revenge,” said Sangha.

“We came back hungrier and determined. From the day of preseason, I saw every single player give 150 percent in every session and game. Our heart and soul went toward being champions for life.”

The Fighting Knights are a close-knit group supporting each team with tremendous encouragement and school spirit. The administrative staff as well takes great pride in their program attending games to support the student-athletes they push to succeed in every aspect.

Sara Quatrocky, assistant athletic director and also a former Fighting Knight, has been a tremendous advocate for all the teams along with the rest of the administrative staff. With her excitement for the players and the passion of the game deep in her heart, Quatrocky takes great pride in the success of the athletics program.

“I feel lucky to work at a school where winning a national title in any of our sports is a realistic goal,” said Quatrocky.

“Winning makes me feel so proud of what we do everyday as educators because in college athletics everyone is a part of the process and all the wins and losses. It makes me emotional to think of all the hard work the students have put into being champions and I have so much pride to be a Fighting Knight.”

As Lynn continues to add new, successful programs each year such as the women’s swim team that sent two swimmers to nationals their very first year as a team this season, the Fighting Knight pride continues to grow. Lynn has set out a legacy to be seen throughout the nation for years to come.

Kristen Migliano, director of athletics who also served as a Fighting Knight on Lynn’s very first women’s basketball team, has re-established Lynn as one of the prestigious NCAA Division II programs in the nation. Migliano hopes that Lynn will continue to be successful in years to come.

“The legacy for Lynn athletics is to offer an exemplary athletic and academic experience for every student-athlete,” said Migliano. “By committing to this vision, our legacy will be lived through successful athletics alumni who will always be significant to the Fighting Knights family.”
THE ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENTS
The Innovative Academic Improvements on Campus Over the Past 50 Years

BY MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
Staff Writer

In the 50 years of Lynn’s history there have been many academic improvements that have changed the way students learn.

The growth and advancement in Lynn’s academic structure was established in 2005 through a 17-member committee, consisting of executives, deans and faculty, as well as education planner George Keller. What these men and women created is known today as the Lynn 2020 plan.

This plan is an outline of what the committee members would like Lynn to be in the future and features topics ranging from academics and athletics to residence hall additions. Committee members recognized the good aspects and areas that need to be improved upon and seek to revamp Lynn.

“We met and we came up with Lynn 2020 which is kind of a general, broad based, description of the future or at least what we aspire for the future,” said Vice President of Academic Affairs, Gregg Cox.

The formulators of Lynn 2020 believed that there were a few areas of improvement in regards to education. They recognized the need to modernize the university and have begun implementing these changes since 2005.

The alternative academic terms alluded to in the 2020 plan is now known as J-Term. J-Term, established in 2008, is a three-week term that is held when students return back after winter break. Courses for J-Term range from the Citizens Project to seminars and study abroad trips.

“I think J-Term gives students a chance to come back from the break and not immediately dive back into five highly rigorous academic classes,” Cox said.

Students enjoy these unique courses as a way to adjust back into college life after a long break. In the years to come, the J-Term curriculum will be changing slightly and new courses will be offered.

“We are constantly evolving with the January term. Next year you will see two more thematic courses,” said Cox. “One is a career graduate school preparation course and the other course is language and culture.”

As Lynn created a unique term, a new innovative core curriculum was formed five years ago. Also, The Dialogues of Learning is a way for students to learn about math, science, technology, critical thinking and reading at one time, rather than through separated courses.

“The research has shown for years that [separating skills] doesn’t work very well,” said Cox. “We came up with this idea that we need to continually reinforce these ideas for four years. The way the dialogue came to be is we focused on broader ideas.”

The honors program was another aspect that the committee wanted to improve. Historically, Lynn never had a successful honors program. Cox believes that relates back to the size of the university. The honors program was recently replaced with the 3.0 and 3+1 programs.

“A couple of years ago we looked at [3.0] and said maybe more students would be better served if we developed the Lynn 3.0 program which allows students to graduate in 3 years,” said Cox.

In the first year of the 3.0 program two years ago, 18 students graduated. This year there will be 20 3.0 students graduating. The current 3.0 class has 60 students in the freshman class.

With J-term, 3.0 and Dialogues of Learning, one of the biggest advancements in Lynn’s history, according to Cox, is the Institute for Achievement and Learning.

 “[This] is a program for students with learning differences,” Cox said. “I think Lynn was one of the first institutions to recognize a population who was not being served by higher education and we are one of the first schools to do so, probably one of the leaders in the country.”

Through Lynn’s short history so much has been accomplished, including evolving the degree programs, offering alternative terms, modernizing the core curriculum and updating an acculturated program.

Above: Students studying at the library. Staff Photo/ M. Goldstein.
Music Conservatory

CELEBRATING THE CONSERVATORY

Lynn University’s Music Conservatory Celebrates Many Years of Success

By MEAGAN RICE
Staff Writer

The Lynn Conservatory of Music has many accomplishments to be proud of since its establishment in 1999. Lynn’s conservatory is composed of a stream of talented musicians from all over the world. Each year, they perform over 35 melodic pieces both on and off campus. It is composed with highly gifted students and world-renowned faculty from all over the globe and has earned international acclaim.

“The conservatory has a fundamental belief,” said Jon Robertston, dean of the conservatory of music. “When talent meets inspiration the results are extraordinary. We attract some of the most talented young people from around the world.”

In 2008 the conservatory had a memorable opportunity to perform for a Boca Magazine photoshoot.

“We’ve played in places like Mizner Park, Boca West, Boca Resort and other places,” said Wynton Grant, conservatory student and sophomore. “So we really get out and give back to the community.”

The conservatory features excellent faculty support. Thomas McKinley, composition and music theory department head and professor, ensured that his students get as much out of the program as they possibly can and are able to make a long lasting career for themselves.

“It’s very important to study with world class faculty,” said Robertston. “You’re getting the finest teaching possible.”

This year was a very exciting time for the conservatory students as Zhen-Yang Yu and Hsin-Hui Liu were named the winners of the 2012-23 Ars Flores Young Artist Competition.

A good support team contributes to making better students and better musicians. Lynn’s conservatory has grown stronger over the decades and will continue to do so in the future.

Undergraduate pianist, Jie Ren, also won the southern division in MTNA competition in January.

“I feel really happy,” said Ren. “I did hard work on my practicing and I really enjoy it. I love music so I think this is something I want to do for rest of my life.”

The Conservatory of Music also hosts an annual concerto competition in which certain students are selected to do a solo performance with the Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2010, Lynn students Valeriya Polunina, Seba Ali, Zhenyang Yu and Ciprian Stancoi were the four winners who competed against 22 other students.

Their next orchestra concerts will be on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and April 21 at 4 p.m. in the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. Concerts are always free for students and tickets can be bought by others in the community.

The conservatory’s mission is “to provide high quality professional performance education for gifted young musicians and to set a superior standard for music performance worldwide”.

The institution has done quite an excellent job at maintaining that thus far.

“These are great people,” said Grant. “Everyone knows everyone and they are stellar musicians. I feel I’ve made a lot of growth being in the program.”

Above: The Conservatory performing in front of a large audience in the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. LU Photo.
The Ackerman Family Members Talk About why They Only Chose Lynn

By SYDNEY PUTNAM
Staff Writer

Beginning the Lynn-Ackerman family legacy in 2009 as the first three siblings to ever graduate together from the young university, Brandon, Lindsay and Jennah Ackerman kick started many influential and unforgettable college experiences that were viewed as motivational—soon they were carried on by the youngest, Jordan who graduated in 2012.

Brandon, 27, the twins: Lindsay and Jennah, 25 and Jordan, 23, all thank Lynn for various reasons.

But what did Lynn so prominently accomplish to entice all four of the Ackermans to enroll in the quiet and compact institution?

"What attracted me to Lynn was the small family feel," said Jennah "We are from the middle of nowhere in New Jersey with not much more than farm land and deer."

But, Brandon takes ownership for the idea of change.

"Originally, I was the only one looking at colleges in Florida. My sisters were set on staying close to home," he said.

Lindsay was sold on the idea of year round warmth, sun and palm trees.

As for Jordan, Lynn felt like home as early as his sophomore year in high school, which he refers to as: "[both] a blessing and a curse."

"My siblings were already attending Lynn, so it was nice to be able to have connections and such warm welcomes from students and faculty members, such as Dean Turner and Stacy Baumberg [whom] I met during a visit to the campus while still in high school. But, at the same time, some days I wanted to just escape from beneath the shadow of my [brother and sisters]," he said.

In the end, nothing held any of the Ackermans back from achievement, and they were all able to distinguish their own individualistic destinies.

Between extra curricular activities and academics, each of the students were interested in a plethora range of events available to them on campus; all of which they took advantage of.

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Alumni

MAKING THE GOOD TIMES LAST
Katrina Lavadan Decided That Five Years Sounded Better Than Four

By DELANEY BREY
Assistant Editor

Katrina “Trina” Lavadan is an alumnus that has made her way back to Lynn and is now working and earning her master’s degree in education.

“I came to visit Lynn with my parents and fell in love with the campus, the weather and the student life that was portrayed,” said Lavadan.

When Lavadan was approached with the opportunity to play softball for Lynn it seemed like the perfect pick for the native Canadian student athlete. While studying at Lynn she had a fantastic experience because of the individualized education and positive relationships she built with professors.

During her four undergraduate years, Lavadan made her own impact on Lynn Athletics. During 2007 she represented her university while helping out the Canadian Junior Olympic softball team place fifth overall in the eighth ISF Junior Women’s World. In 2011 she was named All-Sunshine State Conference second Team, Daktronics All-South Region second Team and Cosida Academic All-District first Team.

Graduating and returning to Canada was a bittersweet moment for Lavadan. Excited to get started in her career choice she was sad to leave the friendships she had made during her time at Lynn.

“I felt very prepared for the real world,” said Lavadan. “Lynn prepared me as best as any university could for my profession.”

Though she had an internship set in place at an elementary school, there were no permanent jobs available for the long term. Lavadan hoped that she would once again return to visit Boca and because of the lack of job opportunities in Canada, she soon found her way back to Lynn. She began an administrative fellowship position a year later.

“I wouldn’t choose to go anywhere else to get my Master’s but Lynn,” said Lavadan. “So although it was a later decision, everything worked out because I was back at Lynn in the gorgeous weather, with my boyfriend and friends.”

Lavadan is currently enjoying her days working at Lynn and studying to complete her master’s degree. She still wants to someday work her way back to Canada and give back to her community by teaching.

One thing is for sure that the college experience at Lynn has given her everything she could ask for.

Lavadan is also a prime example of how hard this great university works with students and alumni to make sure they always have the upper hand education wise. Lavadan has a positive outlook on her return to job hunting once her master’s is complete.

“Who knows where life is going to take me,” said Lavadan. “All I know is that Lynn has granted me several opportunities.”

Above: Trina Lavadan with her teammates and friends during her time Lynn. LU Photos.
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GREEK LIFE THROUGH THE AGES
Greek Life has had an Impactful Presence in the Lynn Community for Years

By KEVIN SKAGGS
Copy Editor

Lynn has seen many Greek organizations come and go in its 50 years of establishment, most of them leaving a lasting impact on the its community.

Greek Life at Lynn started popping up in the early 90’s. Fraternities like Pi Lambda Phi and Theta Xi were present on campus. Both fraternities are no longer on campus.

During the late 90s Lynn had its largest growth of Greek organizations. At one time Lynn hosted about six different fraternities and sororities on campus, the most the campus had seen.

During this time, there was a large growth of sororities. Sororities like Delta Zeta were present along with Sigma Sigma Sigma. Sigma is one of Lynn’s oldest and still functioning Greek organizations dating back to its colonizing in 1998.

“Greek organizations come and go all the time,” said Jonathan Colon, ZBT brother and ‘10 graduate. “Like Lambda Sigma Upsilon was on campus in ’06 to ‘09 and Phi Mu was colonized in ‘09.”

Lynn currently hosts two fraternities, Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Phi Delta and two sororities, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Theta Phi Alpha. With Theta Phi Alpha being the newest to join the Greek family this year.

Alpha Phi Delta found its way onto campus in ‘03 and Zeta Beta Tau was colonized in ‘06.

“Greek Life allowed me to meet some of my closest friends and get to know them better than I would have if they weren’t my brothers,” said Josh Lentin, ZBT brother and 2012 graduate. “It also allowed me to be apart of a group of people, who I probably wouldn’t have hung out with if I wasn’t a ZBT.”

Lynn is still looking to expand Greek Life even more in the near future. Fraternities like Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have recently taken tours of the campus. Greek Life at Lynn University is here to stay.

Above: Some of the Greek organization members throughout their years at Lynn. LU Photos.
EN ESPAÑOL

El trayecto que he recorrido en Lynn

Por AURA CRUZ
Editora

Muchos se refieren a este lugar como un paraíso ya que esta regado de palmas, hamacas y gente alegre. Lo que muchos no saben es que no sólo es un paraíso estéticamente, pero también porque está lleno de individuos extraordinarios.

La historia de esta institución se asemeja a la mía porque en poco tiempo ha alcanzado grandes logros. Los 50 años de esta universidad han tenido altibajos pero con esfuerzo Lynn ha derrotado obstáculos y se ha aprovechado de sus dones. Ese fue el recorrido que creó una maravillosa institución.

El trayecto que he vivido en Lynn es único, y sinceramente me siento muy afortunada de ser parte de su comunidad. Lynn se destaca en brindarle a sus estudiantes una educación individualizada, una de muchas oportunidades que no habría podido encontrar en otra universidad.

En mi jornada de tan sólo tres años he tenido oportunidades de calidad. Durante el debate presidencial trabajé como corresponsal de MTVu que aparte de ser una experiencia única, me dio la oportunidad de adentrarme en el apasionante mundo del periodismo. También asistí a la conferencia académica, National Collegiate Honors Conference donde exhibí una investigación con la cual recibí primer lugar en la categoría de carteleras. Recientemente recibí el segundo lugar de la mejor periodista multimedia del sureste de la nación.

Todos esos logros, que por cierto no son los únicos, en gran parte se los debo a esta institución por darme la oportunidad de poner en practica mis habilidades. Por ejemplo, el conocimiento que he recolectado siendo parte de este periódico ha ampliado mi potencial como periodista. Así mismo, la dedicación de mis profesores, que me mantienen motivada, también ha ayudado a perfilar mis destrezas.

Si Lynn ha logrado impactar mi vida en tan poco tiempo, no puedo imaginar la diferencia que esta universidad ha logrado hacer en la comunidad y en las vidas de sus miles de estudiantes durante 50 años. Tuve la suerte de parar en un lugar, que a pesar de que esté tan distante de mi familia, se ha convertido en mi segundo hogar. De corazón y de parte del iPulse le deseo a Lynn un feliz aniversario.

SWEET MEMORIES

The Editor’s Journey at Lynn University

By AURA CRUZ
Editor-in-Chief

Many refer to Lynn as paradise, since it is lavished with palm trees, hammocks and gleeful personalities. However, what many do not realize is that it’s not just esthetically beautiful, but also composed of extraordinary individuals.

This institution’s history resembles my own, since in such a short time it has managed to accomplish so much. The time that I have been on campus is unique, and I honestly feel very fortunate to be part of this community. Lynn focuses on an individualized education and I can enthusiastically express that I would not have had the same opportunities that this university has offered me anywhere else.

In the course of three years, I have had quality opportunities. Being the editor-in-chief has afforded me so much, specifically during the presidential debate. Namely, I was fortunate to work as an MTVu correspondent, which aside from being an incredible experience gave me the chance to delve into the thrilling world of journalism. Also, I recently received second place for best multimedia journalist in the South East Journalism Conference. In addition, I also attended the National Collegiate Conference this past fall, where I exhibited an investigation that received first-place in a poster competition.

In great part I owe these achievements, in addition to others, to Lynn for granting me the encouragement to put my skills in practice. For example, the knowledge that I have gathered by being part of this newspaper has expanded my potential as a journalist. Likewise, my professor’s motivation, which not only keeps me inspired, has helped perfect my skills.

If Lynn has impacted my life in such a short time, I cannot imagine the difference it has made in the community and the lives of thousands of students in 50 years. Despite being so far from my family, Lynn has become my second home. From my heart and on behalf of iPulse we wish Lynn a wonderful anniversary.
EVERY DAY IS A MEMORY AT LYNN
Editor-in-Chief of iPulse Gives an Inside Look into her Experience at Lynn

BY MEAGHAN BOUTWELL
Editor-in-Chief

Lynn University may just feel like a typical college to some of the students on campus, but most of the students that I have come across tend to think of Lynn as their home, as I do.

My time here, while it is unfortunately almost over, has been extremely accelerated since I was able to take college classes in high school. Now that I have come to love Lynn so much, I do not want my time here to end. I could not have come at a better time, and I feel like since the day I walked on to this campus everything has just fallen into place so nicely. Most students expect to get a typical college education upon entering a university, but I truly believe that I have had a better college experience than most within my two-year period at Lynn.

When I decided to come to Lynn, I did not know of the changes that were planned to occur within my time here. I was just expecting to earn a degree from a great program in the College of International Communication. However, I soon realized that my idea of Lynn was wrong. I was instantly thrown into iPulse. Unlike the typical Florida universities, I was able to be part of the newspaper staff my first year on campus, something that typically would not happen until your junior year. I was also fortunate enough to get a job working in the Admission Office, a job that may be rather time consuming but fun and extremely rewarding at the same time. I even ended up working for Housing and Residence Life, something that I never even had thought about beforehand.

Then we found out that Lynn would be holding a Presidential Debate. I remember being extremely excited when I learned that Lynn had applied to be a host and each time the school learned that the amount of schools was narrowed down and we were still on the list, my excitement grew. The day we found out we would be a host, I was in a meeting with Taryn Hamill and most of the admission crew for an upcoming open house. Suddenly someone came into the meeting to announce that we were chosen to be a host for the debate. Admissions was a great place to be that day because everyone was equally as excited as I was. I never thought that my dream of reporting on politics would come so soon, but because of Lynn, in my second year here I was able to do just that. By allowing the iPulse staff in to the Media Filing Center, Lynn helped myself and the rest of my team do something that most journalists cannot even say that they have done. From meeting Governor Rick Scott to pushing our way through the crowd just to interview Senator Marco Rubio, not many journalists will get that opportunity. I can proudly say that because of Lynn, I was able to do so.

There are so many more exciting things that are taking place on campus. Whether it be our fabulous traditions like Founders Day or Multicultural Day or the groundbreaking of the Bobby Campbell Stadium, Lynn keeps growing and proving to the Boca community that we are a great place for students to come for the next chapter in their lives. Being able to experience Lynn during its 50th anniversary is beyond exciting.

Lynn could not have asked for a better 50th anniversary because of all that the university has been graced with this past year. The Lynn community has realized that this school is now destined to do even greater things in the next 50 years. My only hope is that the students of the future feel the same way that I do about Lynn, that it has become my home and the people I have come across here are all part of my family.

Above: A portion of the iPulse team working at the Media Filing Center during the debate. LU Photo.
LYNN IS GOING GREEN WITH STYLE
Campus Quality Enhancement Plan Shows the Importance of Sustainability

By MISSY MONTGOMERY
Copy Editor

The Going Green initiative is a popular trend that has not been overlooked by Lynn. In fact, the campus has developed a school-wide sustainability plan to enforce the importance of each.

Lynn’s Quality Enhancement Plan is to create awareness about environmental responsibility through the efforts of campus civil engagements, which emphasizes the importance of active citizenship. The Lynn community will be able to improve and build healthier conditions, as long as one understands the obligation and responsibility of sustaining the surrounding environment.

“We would save 10 percent on our electrical consumption if people would just turn off the lights and turn off their computers when they leave a room,” said Tom Heffernan, dean of administration. “We really need to educate the university about the social, environmental and economic impacts we have on the world.”

The institution’s QEP mission, “Our mission is to provide the education, support, and environment that enable individual students to realize their full potential and to prepare for success in the world.” Lynn therefore, strives in educating students about the importance of citizenship with the combined efforts of academics and various co-curricular activities.

The Dialogues of Learning curriculum offers 20 various courses that intertwine the theme of citizenship into lesson plans to educate students of their responsibilities as a citizen both in a national and global context. January is dedicated to courses that have students step outside of the classroom and complete hours of community service with Lynn partners such as Habitat for Humanity, Gumbo Limbo, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department and United Way.

From a non-academic standpoint, Lynn has many sustainability successes that have been a catalyst in the enhancement plan. Lynn has partnered with various green companies that have aided in the decreasing of Lynn’s carbon footprint. A contract with Siemens and Waste Management are just two companies that have partnered with Lynn in order to improve the sustainability of the campus community.

An agreement with the city of Boca Raton, has allowed Lynn to water lawns with grey water which is clean water that has not been contaminated with any unwanted harmful chemicals. Also, a now tray-less cafeteria conserves water and the planting of indigenous trees and shrubs in the nature area all aid in the efforts of sustainability.

As for the future, Lynn has many focus areas that will be additional sustainability success stories. By 2030, Lynn plans to reduces the campus’ carbon emissions by 50 percent, reduce the building water use by 40 percent and reduce the overall site water use by 30 percent.

“Our goal is to make measurable impacts on what we are doing in each of these areas,” said Heffernan. “Although cost savings is one part of the overall plan, the real goal is to reduce our overall greenhouse emissions by 50 percent.”

Interweaving the practices of sustainability in Lynn’s academic courses will open student’s eyes to the importance of conserving the envi...
By VICTORIA DE LA CRUZ
Staff Writer

Lynn's 50th anniversary weekend celebration will feature the live performance of Passion Pit this Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. on the soccer field.

"I can't believe a band this popular is actually coming to our very own university," said Michelle Misas, sophomore.

The Boston-based Passion Pit began as a one-man project of singer and songwriter Michael Angelakos but eventually became a full-fledged band. The past year was a crucial one for Passion Pit. Last fall, the band performed their single "Take A Walk" and debuted the band's follow-up single "Carried Away" on Saturday Night Live.

"Carried Away is actually my favorite song from Passion Pit," said Maria Isabella Herazo, sophomore. "This is actually how I learned of them."

In addition to the popularity of their singles, their songs have been used recently in the new Twilight movie and a national TV spot for Taco Bell.

The Passion Pit concert will be open to the public, but for Lynn students there is a tempting bargain. Tickets will cost $25 for anyone with a current student ID, there is a limit of two tickets per student, and tickets are available only in person at the box office.

"It is good to have the opportunity to buy more than one ticket," said Carolina Abello, sophomore.

General admission tickets will be $50 and preferred seating tickets—which include padded chairs, access to tented areas, a private rest room and cash-only bar—cost $75.

Since the concert is open to the public, tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at (561) 237-9000 or online at www.lynn.edu/tickets. The concert will be held whether it rains or shines and all ticket sales are final.

Above: Passion Pit members performing live and spending time together as a band. Stock Photos.
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A GREAT "KNIGHT" IN MIZNER PARK
Alumni Join in the Debate Spirit with "Red, White and View" Parties

Above: Alumni at the "Red, White and View" debate party at The Dubliner and Mizner Park Amphitheater on debate night Photos/ C. Gonzalez.
SOCCER SISTERS COME TO LYNN
The Schults Sisters Created a Dynamic duo for This Past Season

Above: Kirstie Schults competing for the Lynn women's soccer team this past fall in a game against St. Leo University. LU Photo.

By CARLEE PIZZOLATO
Staff Writer

Every year, Lynn recruits athletes that bring new dynamics to the student body. This year, women's soccer added a sister duo to the team.

Kirstie Schults, sophomore, from Merritt Island, Fla., joined the team last year as a freshman. This year her younger sister, Summer Schults, freshman, also made the decision to come to Lynn and play soccer.

The sisters played together on the same team for 16 years. Although, once they entered middle school their one-year age difference became an issue, forcing the girls to separate and play for different teams.

K. Schults decided to go to Lynn when Chip Dutchik, head coach of the women's team, started to recruit her.

"I liked the school and the campus was small," said K. Schults. "It had a small community feel to it."

A year later, S. Schults was being recruited by Dutchik as well. She had many other offers from different schools to play soccer, but she knew that Lynn was the right fit.

"I wanted to be far away from home, but not too far and I wanted to play soccer with my sister," said S. Schults.

Not a lot of people get the chance to play a college sport with their sibling. Some might say it could be frustrating or create jealousy, but for the Schults sisters they could not be happier about sharing this experience together.

"It's cool because we understand each other on the field," said K. Schults.

"There is nothing like having your best friend and your sister right by your side every step of the way."

"Having Kirstie on the (Continued on page 2)
same team as me keeps me motivated to play," said S. Schults. "Kirstie is a huge influence on why I play soccer."

Sometimes being on a new team with new teammates, is difficult to be comfortable and create a bond on the field. However, when it comes to being on the same field as your family, it makes things a lot easier. The girls are able to create a specific kind of chemistry on the field. "I've been playing with her my entire life," said S. Schults. "Of course I'm going to be comfortable." With both of the girls playing the same position, forward and outside middle, they are able to make great plays together.

"I always know where she is going to be," said K. Schults. "Which makes things easier." As opposed to playing with their other teammates, it is as if the girls can read each other's minds.

Both sisters know exactly how the other plays, which helps the team reach many victories with more to come in the future.

**BEST MOVIES FOR A GIRLS NIGHT**

Some of the Best Movies for a Girls Night Include Some Classics

By CHRISTINA BEATTY

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Every girl's night consists of talking, makeovers and music, but no girls night is complete without movies filled with good laughs and some girl power.

Girls' night movies consist of films that are funny, relatable and exude massive amounts of girl power. There are many movies that can fit the criteria for a girls' night film, but the top three most popular movies are "Mean Girls," "Spice World" and the new blockbuster, "Pitch Perfect."

Almost every girl across the world has seen the movie "Mean Girls" (2004) many times over. This movie stars Lindsay Lohan, who plays main character Cady Heron, Rachel McAdams, Lacey Chabert and Amanda Seyfried. They all play the members of the high school mean girl clique called "The Plastics."

"When [Cady] develops an unfortunate crush on the head Plastics' ex-boyfriend "the girls declare war on each other and all hell breaks loose," wrote Gregory Freitas of Hollywood.com.

The movie also includes the comedic talents of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. The movie is filled with hilariously quotable moments but also makes a serious statement about the power of bullying and friendship.

"Spice World" is definitely a movie filled with girl power. Released in 1997, the film features the wildly popular international girl band The Spice Girls. The movie is filled with crazy antics, the power of the bond between girls and upbeat songs performed by the spice girls. It will turn any average girls' night into a mini party.

Last but not least is "Pitch Perfect," released in 2012. It is a glee-esque story about an all girl college singing group that learn how to work together to regain status over the rival all boys college a cappella group. "Pitch Perfect," wrote Todd McCarthy of Hollywoodreporter.com, "Is an enjoyably snarky campus romp that's both wildly nerdy and somewhat sexy." This movie embraces differences. Each member of the girl's group has a different type of personality and interest which ends up setting them apart.

These are not the only movies one can watch during girls' night but these are definitely the top three and will have you feeling closer to your girls, as well as liven up the night.

Above: Summer Schults playing hard during this season. LU Photo.

Above: Every girls favorite movies for a night in. Stock Photo.
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O.P. IS BECOMING THE NEW O.J.
Former Olympian Runner, Oscar Pistorius, Goes on Trial for Murder

By DELANEY BREY
Staff Writer

Within the past few weeks the media has been booming with news that Oscar Pistorius might just escape the hands of justice, in a similar fashion that O.J. Simpson did almost two decades ago.

What makes Pistorius’ and Simpson’s cases similar is that no one seems to believe what they have to say, and their only consistent story is that they did not do it, at least not on purpose.

On Feb. 14, the 26-year-old paraplegic athlete opened fire through the bathroom door to shoot what he believed to be an intruder. Soon after he realized it was actually his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. Steenkamp was 29-years-old and a well-known model from South Africa.

Recently her father, Barry Steenkamp, spoke out about the trial. Though he did not infer whether he believed Pistorius story, the almost lack of words said enough.

Mr. Steenkamp said, “Live with his conscience.” The comment was made after a South African newspaper asked what Pistorius would deal with if he got off and was indeed lying.

As of now the next trial date has been set for June 4. Any hopes of Pistorius sitting in jail to ponder on his actions were destroyed after he made bail Feb. 22. So far the only thing Pistorius has paid is the 1 million grand or $113,000 U.S.

If he is indeed found guilty he could spend the rest of his life in prison with no parole. This leads to another issue people cannot stop talking about.

Pistorius not only lacks a believable story but also two limbs, his legs. So what would be the most appropriate way for Pistorius to spend a life sentence? Special treatment for a murderer is not the normal discussion that takes place, but this is no normal inmate.

“You have to give him legs, maybe not the kind he uses to run but something,” said Alex Reiner, sophomore.

“You have to give him something,” agreed with the saying that it’s not the normal inmate. “That’s the only special treatment.”

As the debate heats up and new details emerge about Pistorius relationship and life, there is no doubt that this will continue to be talked about. Simpson’s lawyer coined the phrase “if the glove doesn’t fit, you must acquit”; maybe Pistorius’ lawyer will say something close to “if the door is closed”... or maybe not.
By LIZZY RAFFA
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Last week, Mizner Park was filled with the music and lectures of world-renowned artists and authors who visited Boca for the Festival of the Arts.

Charlie Siemon, chair and co-producer of the festival, has been directing this event for the past seven years and plans on continuing the tradition. "We bring the greatest and the brightest in the world here," said Siemon. "We've done a lot of community redevelopment around the country and one of the things we have observed is that great cities, particularly cities that sustain themselves, have at their core an appreciation for the arts."

Much of the performances were musical acts such as the "Lady Gaga of the violin," Amadeus Leopold, and acclaimed organist, Cameron Carpenter. Aside from musical talents, the festival also featured famous lecturers from the Authors and Ideas Program. Amongst these were Washington Post columnist David Ignatius and Harvard lecturer, Michael Sandel. Both speakers were just two of the many famed intellectuals invited to speak at the festival.

Leopold, 26-year-old violinist from South Korea, brought a new style to classical music. "I thought it was very cool," said Delray Beach resident, Andrew Stein, 24. "Typically I think of classical music like this as just kind of a bunch of people sitting around but he was very active and up and moving. He had a very 'out-there' style of clothing."

Known for his erratic style of wearing cos-

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...tume-like clothing and theatrical movements across stage, Leopold wowed the audience with his phenomenal stage presence. "It seemed like he was almost acting," said Stein. Other musical artists, such as organist Cameron Carpenter, made incredible appearances on stage. "The first thing is to have a vision," advised Carpenter. "If you have a fundamental vision and you have no interest to pursue anything else in which you can be happy with yourself, then you have to pursue that in every way you can do so."

Speakers from across the board came to speak on behalf of the Authors and Ideas Program, meant to open the minds and dialogue of audience members and lecturers. In conjunction with this program were speakers Ignatius and Sandel.

Ignatius informed audience members about his experiences in foreign policy and economics. "I often tell young people who are interested in journalism," said Ignatius. "This is one thing where it doesn't require a license, it doesn't require a professional degree, but it should."

"Journalism is external, not internal," commented Ignatius. "When you sit down and write something, that can have some art to it. When I write I try to get in my state of mind that is vivid in my use of language."

Sandel spoke on an alternate topic regarding philosophy and morals. He engaged the audience with proposing philosophical questions and opened up the microphone to members who wanted to take on his challenging scenarios.

The weeklong schedule of festivities brought excellence from the musical, theatrical and intellectual side of every aspect of the arts. From vocal talents to acrobatics, teachers to band musicians, the festival was a huge hit amongst the Boca community. Nothing but positive statements were to be heard amongst the enlightened citizens. The festival is sure to continue to be successful in the coming years.

EXPERIENCES TO LAST A LIFETIME

19 Countries, 30 Different Cities and One Center for Learning Abroad

By VICTORIA DE LA CRUZ
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Lynn University's Center for Learning Abroad offers a variety of study abroad opportunities which can all be seen in their recently launched website.

The Center for Learning Abroad (CLA) has been helping with international student services for a while, but the office is now focusing more on promoting education abroad. This new CLA program was created to give students the possibility of studying abroad while having the same opportunities as at Lynn.

"We have 19 countries, 30 cities and 40 programs within the program," said Brian Pirttima, director. "What is nice about them is that one student can participate by themselves, rather than having to be subjected to a minimum of 10 people or so," said Pirttima. In these programs, the vast majority of the courses are in English which means students can go to France and still take courses in English. This is a great advantage because students can take a language as an elective but have classes in English in order for students to earn credit for these classes.

With the advances in the CLA, students are gradually becoming more interested in studying abroad and now it is easier for them to have access to this opportunity.

"I think studying abroad is important because people need to know different cultures," said Christian Rempel, sophomore.

These programs are based on Lynn's curriculum. The cost of tuition, room and board remain the same as well.

"Financial aid travels with you," said Pirttima. "That is a thing the President decided."

For those interested in a shorter opportunity to view the globe, the CLA also offers faculty led programs during the summer and J-Term. It should be noted that these have an additional cost.

"I went on a January term cruise and it was amazing," said Rachel Levinson, senior.

"I recommend these programs to students."

Make sure not to waste the incredible opportunity of studying abroad because this is something people never regret. Now, with the help of the CLA, it is easier for students to study abroad anywhere they want. For more information, visit the CLA's website at: lynn.abroad-office.net.
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The Miami Marlins Look to Make The Most of the Upcoming MLB Season

By TANNER BERMAN
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With spring season here, the Miami Marlins look forward to a new season of baseball full of amazing possibilities.

The Marlins had many off-season trades including several star players such as shortstop Jose Reyes, third baseman Hanley Ramirez, pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson, catcher John Buck and outfielder Emilio Bonifacio. The team cleaned house, after a 69 win and 93 loss season. The Marlins are looking to rebuild after an extremely disappointing season.

“I was shocked that the Marlins traded away all of that talent for pretty much nothing,” said Dylan Petit-Jaques, sophomore. “Yes we came in last in the division but I believe that Loria should’ve gave it another season.”

The Marlins continue to look forward to the upcoming season and plan to reconstruct their team around outfielder Giancarlo Stanton. Stanton is a 23-year-old powerhouse hitter that the Marlins are hoping to lead them to the World Series in the near future.

“Stanton is a great building block to start out with,” said Keith Whitley, sophomore. “He can do almost everything and he’s young so he should be around for a long time.”

In the 2012 season, Stanton hit 37 home runs, had a batting average of .290 and was one of the best defensive right fielders in the National League. This season, the Marlins are looking to put him in the three hole in the batting lineup where he will hopefully be able to produce for this young blooded team.

Another big change for the Marlins this year happened in their bullpen. The team traded two of their starting pitchers and is reeling off of a season with weak performances from the starting rotation.

“I’m excited to see this new rotation,” said Hobbs Karg, senior. “I feel really optimistic about how they will perform.”

As the 2013 season approaches, the Marlins look at it as a clean slate. The Marlins are hoping that their updated roster will make them a World Series contender in the near future.
OFF TO THE RACES AT DAYTONA
Lynn's Sports Management Travels to Daytona 500 to Work

Above: The students and faculty who had the opportunity to attend the Daytona 500 enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience. LU Photos

By MORGAN GOLDSTEIN
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The sports management program's hands-on learning sent several students to work at the Daytona 500 recently for their annual NASCAR race. Even though everyone enjoyed the race, it was not all play and no work.

"I learned things that cannot be told in the classroom," said Mike Weiss, senior. "I have to give all the credit to Professor Curtis and Dr. Barr for making this possible."

Students worked for different companies promoting the Daytona 500 and selling tickets. This class was a great way to develop fan relations and make business connections through class work in the field.

"I wanted to get experience in sales," said Anirduh Rallabandi, freshman. "I worked signing up customers to Daytona rewards. They got a chance to win free passes like garage excess, Sprint fan zone and Gatorade victory lane."

Most college students do not have this type of "on the job training" until they are an upperclassman, but at Lynn, a student is never too young.

"This class was worth the time and money," said Lauren Kenney, senior. "You got to meet people and make new friendships."

The advantages of a close knit sports management program coupled with the hands on learning from the sports experience series sets Lynn apart from other colleges. The sports management travel experience is a great way to build up one's resume to distinguish themselves from other job applicants.

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No matter one's major, anyone can participate in these sports experiences. Trips range from attending the Final Four to the World Cup next summer in Brazil. Students receive course credit for the trips.

"When you go on these trips, you meet so many different people," said Kenney. "You experience so many different things that you would have never experienced if you were in a classroom. These trips will help out your resume and future careers within sports."

Students agree that these programs are not only education based, but also enjoyable. For more information about these types of trips in the future, visit Lynn's sport management facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/
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AN INTERNATIONAL WELCOME
The Ceremony for the new Business Building Honored all Nationalities

By LIZZY RAFFA
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Last week, Lynn’s International Business Center was officially ground-broken with a celebratory demonstration of international flags and aeronautics displays.

The procession was highlighted by a surprise donation of $900,000 by guest of honor, Dr. Alhaji Muhammadu Indimi.