HE IS SKATING INTO SUCCESS
Lynn Alumn, Daniel Robins, Ventures into the Wakeskating Industry

Nick Robinson, wakeskater, along with Daniel Robins, Lynn alumn, work everyday with their team to produce top quality waterskating boards through Robins' company, Southern Wakeskates. R. Lugo.

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Daniel Robins, former Lynn, dream of becoming a professional wake-skater comes true.

Not only did Robins succeed in pursuing his dream of becoming a professional athlete, but even began his own company. Growing up, Robins spent his summers on ski boats, skateboards and wakeboards but little did he know his decision to attend Lynn would change his passion and career goals.

"I originally decided to go to Lynn University to further my skills in wakeboarding," Robins said. "But Brandon Thomas, also a Lynn University student, talked me into taking up wakeskating" Robins continued.

After Robins decision to try wakeskating, he, along with friends, turned their attention on wakeskating rather then wakeboarding. Only about four years later, Robins was competing professionally along side Thomas. Robins went on to finish top 19 at the 2012 Wakeskate Tour.

For many years, Robins purchased wakeskates from a company until they went out of business; that was when Robins took matters into his own hands. In order to fine tune and design boards to his personal specifications Robins decided to build his own.

"I wanted to build a product for riders by riders," Robins said.

It was in Robins' garage that the board designs started to develop into the Southern Wakeskates brand. Robins experience in the industry as a rider gave him the awareness and knowledge needed in what he expected out of the performance of a wakeskate.

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The development of Southern Wakeskates was not always easy. Southern Wakeskates had faced many challenges along the way. As Robins alluded to the fact many factories were not able to meet the needs Southern Wakeskates demanded.

“It was very difficult finding a factory that could meet our demands regarding quality control and time frames for boards to be made,” Robins said.

Robins took it upon himself to create Southern's product in a manufacturing plant in West Palm Beach called ASD Technologies. ASD Technologies is able produced more than enough boards in a short period of time. Southern Wakeskates is now looking to start building boards for other brands.

With the help of social media, contest results and team trip videos have aided in Southern's recognition, although the key to Southern's success has been the quality and diversity of the riders.

“The biggest influence on Southern’s recognition is the fact that we have a very strong team,” Robins said.

Southern has one of the biggest international wakeskate teams and has been focusing the majority of their attention in Europe.

Southern's riders vary from Boca Raton local such as Nick Robinson, to professionals from France. Southern's team members have competed in a number of events earning themselves many titles.

Nick Robinson, has been featured in Alliance Wakeskate Magazine for rookie of the year. He was also the triple crown champion in 2011. From Toulouse, France, Clement Depremoville was 2012 world champion at only 18 years old. Pierre Atruz, also from France, was the European Champion back in 2009.

Southern has many plans for the summer. The team will be competing in a number of events in Europe, pushing the riders and brand along the way.
Boston Welcomes Boston Proper
Boston Proper, One of Two Flagship Stores, Joins the Town Center Mall

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Last month, Boston Proper opened its doors to the Boca Raton Town Center Mall after the company recently went from catalog to store.

For over 25 years, Boston Proper was a catalog and website business catering to women with unique styles and chic effortless looks. Owned by Chico's FAS Inc., which consists of White House Black Market, Soma, Chico's and Boston Proper, this company has proven to be a household name.

Their main focus is customer service and a more personal direct experience for consumers. "They have some staple pieces every girl needs in her closet," said Lauren Kenney, senior. "I actually bought my mother an outfit there last weekend."

They have many apparel pieces to go to a job interview including decorative blazers, business skirts and professional blouses. The store also offers casual elegance with their assortment of patterned maxi dresses and a variety of cork wedges.

"Boston Proper is striving to be technologically advanced with the use of iPads and tech tables," said Laura Gilli, senior and Boston Proper employee. "However, we still want to provide her with the same personalized shopping experience that we've given our clientele since our first catalog."

One should definitely keep Boston Proper in mind when shopping for important staple items and pass on the word to mothers and her friends.

Helping to Secure the Campus
Travis Major, Security Guard, Spends His Work Hard to Keep Lynn Safe

By Jane Silver
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Travis Major has been working hard for three years at the security shack at Lynn University.

Major's hours require a large commitment to the student's safety. He arrives on campus at 6 a.m. and stays late until 6 p.m., which leaves Major plenty of time left over to spend with family, while off campus.

Major works hard all year round to make sure the students are well taken care of and out of harms way and is what Major enjoys most about his job working with students. "Helping students is what I find most fulfilling," he said.

Major recalls that there are fewer students on the north end of campus during the summer.

However, this is not the only difference Major recognizes between May and August.

"The campus is quieter during the summer," said Major. The reason being is most students head home to their safe havens, while others stay at Lynn to catch up on credits and complete the schoolwork required for graduation.

The campus is only as quiet as the students, who tend to be louder during the spring and fall semester. Aside from teaching two different sessions of college level courses, Lynn is also transformed into a camp ground, for Pine Tree Camps, over the summer.

"The feeling in the environment changes significantly when the Pine Tree campers head on to campus," Major stated.

Although Major spends much of his summer hours doing building checks, he has plenty of time to relax while still working hard to maintain a safe campus environment.

To contact campus security, dial 7226 from any campus phone or call (561) 237-7226. Student can also stop by the security shack located in front of the softball field.

Above: Boston Proper in Town Center Mall./H. Held.

EXPLORING NATURE’S BOUNTY
Discussing Some of Florida’s Natural Areas and Wonderful Wooded Escapes

By CHRIS GOCKLIN
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Florida has gained quite a bit of unwanted commercial attention, to the point that most people feel it has lost its luster. When walking the grided out roads of Southern Florida, lined with corporate franchises and multimillion dollar high rise condominiums it is a bit hard to appreciate beauty of America’s sunshine state when the sun is hidden behind a concrete jungle.

However, all is not lost as you can find a plethora of natural trails, wooded parks, and winding roads away from the strait business like monotony that has raided Boca Raton in particular. Most of the time people think that the only places to go to get away from the whoosh of dense auto traffic and tall buildings is to sit on a beach and look east. But from personal experience as well as the testimony of others many are finding the diamonds in the rough of the daily hustle and bustle.

Located close to campus and filled with theme park natural attractions, we can find Sugar Sand Park which is on the corner of Palmetto Park Rd. and Military Trail on left hand side coming from our campus. The park has a state funded playground as well as various sports fields, even a planetarium. If you are looking for a more natural escape the nature trail is the walk for you. Anyone from those who enjoy a few civilized comforts to those who want to forget about civilization all together can enjoy this park.

“I love it” said Jennifer Murillo, senior. “I go there every day to eat lunch and just relax; it’s probably the best part of my day.”

Along with Sugar Sand there are many other parks and beaches locals and visitors can go relax and enjoy the native greenery has to offer such as Spanish River Park or Patch Reef Park. However, none of them quite match up to the size and proximity of Sugar Sand if you’re a Lynn student.

“You want to know a great day?” said Jordan Lambke, Florida resident. “[Go to] the beach, Gumbo Limbo, Flannigan’s and call it a day.”

Gumbo Limbo has a great deal of attractions such as different animal species native to Florida both aquatic and land based, as well as a surplus of literature and information about Southern Florida’s wildlife and natural areas. They also host a program each year where volunteers can come either help hatching sea turtles or protect their nests throughout their breeding season.

Most Lynn students restricted to campus get cabin fever and start to feel antsy. Particularly during summer session when there aren’t many people around. But with all of the natural areas around sometime escaping from the club scene is just what the doctor ordered, especially when those areas are within reach of those traveling by bike or board.

Above: Some of the beautiful sights in the natural areas in Florida. /C. Gocklin.
Five Guys, One Awesome Burger
Tasty, Low-Cost Burgers and French Fries and Conveniently Near Campus

By CELESTE NASH
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Five Guys Burgers and Fries is one of the best places if one is in the mood for an inexpensive, juicy burger, conveniently located near Lynn in Glades Plaza.

The restaurant first opened in Arlington, VA by four brothers. Since then they have opened over 1,000 locations all over the United States and Canada. Many newspapers have raved over how great the burgers and fries are. When walking into a Five Guys location this is evident from the quotes from many critics.

If one does not enjoy beef burgers, the good news is that Five Guys also serves kosher hot dogs, grilled cheese and veggie sandwiches. They also have Cajun and regular fries.

If someone has a peanut allergy, it may be advised to steer clear of dining at Five Guys, since they have bulk peanuts as a snack and cook their fries in peanut oil.

Not only is Five Guys known for having fewer menu items, raving reviews and serving the burger and fries in a brown paper bag, but they also aim to have their food served as quickly as possible. It is almost like fast food, but somewhat healthier food and fresh, not frozen. They are also known for giving you a king sized order of fries.

When ordering at Five Guys, the customer has the option to choose from over ten free toppings to put on their burger. Some of the toppings are not limited to, but include, jalapeño peppers, grilled onions, hot sauce, Al Steak Sauce and condiments.

"I usually get a cheeseburger with almost everything on it," said Leigh Barker, Lynn alum. "I [also] get the Cajun fries. I make Five Guys an occasional thing."

If you are looking for a decently priced burger and fries with a little kick then Five Guys Burgers and Fries is a nice place to go with friends.

Some people are extremely serious about their Five Guys outings and when anyone goes there, they are sure to have a great time and, of course, great food.
Two very similar food chains, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Italio’s Modern Italian Kitchen compete against one another in the Boca Raton area.

Chipotle, conveniently located on Federal Highway and other stores nearby, provides a wide selection of choices to place into a burrito, taco or bowl. They offer several topping such as brown/white rice, peppers, cheese, salsa, steak, pork and chicken. The taste of the finished product was more than satisfying.

Their burritos are stuffed to the maximum and could barely be closed. While they have a wide selection much like Italio’s, the end result seemed to be a lot more satisfying due to the amount placed inside the meal.

Italio’s, much like Chipotle, offers a wide variety of choices. Instead of Mexican food, it allows for you to choose an assortment of Italian components to place into either a bowl, wrap or salad. These include things like spaghetti, chicken, cheeses, sauces, and more. While the restaurant does provide a decent amount of the selections, the meal was not as filling as Chipotle.

The overall restaurant cleanliness was slightly better than the inside of Chipotle. But if your goal is the get full and a wider selection of flavors, Chipotle is definitely the way to go for lunch or dinner.
Coffee and tea are both very popular drinks in and around Lynn. In these summer months, there might be ongoing debate about the health benefits of both drinks, but the common sense has often been that tea is healthier because it is more natural than coffee. But numerous studies have shown it may not be as simple as that.

For many people on campus and around the U.S., the ideal way to start their morning is a great cup of caffeinated coffee. This is how companies like Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts have become so popular. Both of these companies also sell tea products as well, for those who reject coffee and instead prefer the comparative calmness and relaxation brought by a nice cup of hot tea, whether it be white, black, or green.

Tea and coffee both have antioxidants, which are tiny cells that can help fight off different types of disease. Dr. Beth Bence Reinke, MS, RD, of the Christian Broadcasting Network, wrote in a special article that coffee contains quinines and chlorogenic acid, as well as trigonelline, which are all anti-bacterial antioxidants.

"Research suggests coffee may lower the risk of liver cancer, colon cancer, Parkinson’s disease, type II diabetes, and gout," said Reinke. "The jury is still out on whether or not coffee raises the risk of heart disease in some people. Research shows conflicting results, so more study is needed. According to the American Heart Association, one to two cups of coffee per day does not seem to be harmful. To be on the safe side, discuss caffeine intake with your doctor if you have heart disease or high blood pressure. The caffeine content of coffee and tea vary depending on what’s in your cup, the size of your cup, what kind is used, and how it is made. An 8-ounce cup of brewed coffee has about 85 milligrams of caffeine compared to 40 milligrams in a cup of hot tea."

Conor Darken, junior, enjoys both coffee and tea. He is especially partial to coffee because he thinks it tastes stronger, and has more flavor.

Overall, there are both strengths and drawbacks for both coffee and tea, so whichever Lynn students pick, be sure to know what’s in your cup, and have fun!

Above: Lynn students use coffee or tea in the mornings to satisfy their needs and give them a head start for the day. Stock Photos.
ENJOYING THE LIFE OF A SKATER
Skateboarding Helps to Influence the Lives of Many Students at Lynn

By SARAH HIGGINS
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Thursday, Davidjack Wedmer, senior, displays how skateboarding intertwines with his everyday life.

Lynn, as a community, has more people skateboarding to class and around campus than Northeastern schools. Some people believe that the warm weather in Florida has allowed people to be outside more therefore allowing them to use other means of transportation as opposed to walking and having to deal with the snow as some do in most northeastern schools.

"I have been skateboarding since freshmen year," said Wedmer. "I started skateboarding after I borrowed my friend's longboard. I taught myself how to skate board."

Skateboarding has allowed college students an alternative form of transportation to get to class. Not only is it faster it also allows people to have a fun way of staying fit.

"I love skateboarding to class," said Wedmer. "I feel as if I am in a different world when I do."

While skateboarding appears simple, it is actually quite difficult and takes practice.

"I believe my coordination was improved from skateboarding," said Wedmer. Skateboarding is the new way of traveling, short distances, and is becoming more and more popular with Lynn students.

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Senior Valerie Cuadros has always had a strong passion for helping the world through shaping the generations to come.

Cuadros, although a United States citizen, was raised in one of the poorest countries of the nation: Nicaragua. She likes to call Nicaragua home and is where she began to get involved with helping children.

"I have always been involved in helping children. Back home I was involved in many organizations," stated Cuadros. "Like Operation Smile, an all-girls orphanage in Nicaragua which aids children with cleft lip and palate get surgeries and medical care."

Being involved in those types of organizations along with being a daughter of an elementary teacher have been the main two reasons that have influenced her to major in elementary education with a specialization in early childhood education, which happens to be her passion in life.

Along with being involved in her native country, Cuadros has been involved within the Lynn community. Ever since her freshman year, she has been involved in different clubs revolving around her passion, including Just About Kids and Kappa Delta Pi (the Education Honors Society).

With the help of some students from the College of Education, they created Pencils of Promise, which is a nonprofit organization where all the proceeds would go to help build schools in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Laos.

Starting in freshman year, students in the College of Education are required to complete a certain amount of hours in various schools around Palm Beach County which helps them gain valuable experience. During senior year, the students must take a practicum in which they complete 150 hours in two different classrooms.

"All of these experiences, including all those summers back home in the summer camps I would volunteer in, have been able to make me more certain each day of my decision of becoming a teacher. I have been able to realize what a rewarding job it is," said Cuadros.

From her involvement in various organizations and being an excellent role model, Cuadros has surely found her calling in life.
REBEL HOUSE TAKES OVER BOCA
A Unique Style of Food Conquers Taste Buds Making Everyone Want More

By LINDSAY KRAUSE
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Rebel House, located in east Boca Raton, has created a unique menu enticing one's taste buds to want more.

Rebel House offers a "renegade" menu. The food on the menu has very different flavor combinations, leaving one's taste buds pleasantly surprised with each bite. Even their complimentary popcorn has become a signature staple.

While I had the chicken potpie popcorn, the flavor changes every day, keeping the customer excited for the surprise next time. I started out with a chicken and goat cheese empanada that was absolutely delicious. The macha salsa and the purple colored beet crème added for a great accent flavors to the empanada.

Next on the list to try was the spicy tuna chop chop. This dish came with spicy tuna placed on top of a crispy square of rice, jalapeno and sesame oil powder. The added sauces of spicy mayo made for scrumptious flavor combinations. Lastly, the "OG" recipe fried chicken and biscuits made for an explosion of mouth-watering delightfulness. An all-natural ½ chicken is topped with candied bacon syrup with a side of watermelon relish and jalapeno biscuits. This is a must have item on the menu, turning a classic chicken dish into a much desired sweet.

As their website states, "Rebel House takes chances and experiments with different flavor combinations, while putting twists on the old classics."

There is no doubt that Rebel House stays true to their word in creating very different flavor combinations, making traditional meals exciting and compelling to eat. Not only was the food phenomenal, but also the service was fantastic. The server was eager to help with the orders and was very knowledgeable about the menu and the dishes.

If anyone is looking for a new and exciting restaurant with a very different menu, Rebel House is the place to go. Not only will one get great service, but also the environment in itself is luring.

The non-traditional "rebels" theme creates for an attention-grabbing dinner and environment.

Above: Krause gives a thumbs up and enjoys her platter at Rebel House in East Boca. /A. Czajkowski.
By JON BURTIN
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Dope Arcade, located right outside of Orlando, was created of two like-minded individuals who sought to create a new sound that impacted the electronic scene.

Being huge video gamers, the main goal of this project would be to integrate their love of video gaming with music to create a genre of music that is sure to strike nostalgia and some serious fist pumps.

Max Burtin and Drew Eberhardt are the two founding members of the electronic group. Having started this group only two years ago, the duo is still considered to be a work in progress.

On the other hand they are growing rapidly and have already released two albums on sites such as Beat Port and iTunes. The duo is finally beginning to reach what they have been so desperately chasing after.

The day to day grind of an electronic duo may never be the same as anyone with a blue collar job. Needless to say, it can be just as demanding. Burtin begins his day at 10 a.m. by setting up that night’s playlist. His next stop is the local launder mat where he does his laundry. With his playlist finished and clothes sparkling clean, he utilizes the rest of the day to get himself focused and in the right mind-set for the show.

By the time 1 a.m. rolls around, the crowd is roaring with excitement and awaiting Dope Arcade to give them all what they have been waiting for; a fat bass and insanely catchy hooks. At around 4:30 a.m., the nightclub closes down and Dope Arcade heads home. From there, they begin their crazy cycle all over again.

This is definitely a worthy experience for anyone looking to have a good time.

Above: 23 year-old, Max Burtin and bandmate Drew Eberhardt, 21, play a show at a nightclub in Miami named Mecca. LU Photos.
OFFICIALLY HURRICANE SEASON
Florida is Bracing Itself as the Storms Blow in for the Summer of 2013

By CHRIS GOCKLIN
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South Florida is gearing up for a highly anticipated hurricane season after a calm seven years.

After Hurricane Wilma many Floridians thanked the heavens after seven short years of rest were bestowed upon the sunshine state. But now at year eight, attention is being directed toward radar and climate patterns as a higher than average number of named storms is predicted for the next six months.

"You can never be too prepared," said Jessica Wein, graduate. "It’s just something you have to deal with when you live in Florida."

According to the St. Augustine Record, "the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Climate Prediction Center, which issues the government’s annual pre-season forecasts, warns there could be from 13 to 20 named storms this year compared to the average of 12."

According to meteorologists, Florida’s 2013 season does not need big storms to have dangerous storms. Lasting effects of hurricanes can continue to cause damage. Tropical storm Debby, which formed over the Gulf of Mexico this past Sunday, had significantly faded winds. However, lasting rain from the low pressure system brought 30 inches of rain which pushed rivers over their banks as well as creating sink holes.

With summer just outside the door and the humidity rising one can only enjoy the numbered days at the beach whilst at the same time preparing for what may come.

"I’m not too worried" said Cole Schaffner, freshman. "My uncle lives in Florida too so I hear about it all the time. But why worry about something you have no control over, you can only do so much after that you just have to enjoy it."

Whether running for cover or grilling in the rain, the 2013 hurricane season is surely a season to proceed with caution. Officials warn the public to prepare as best as they possibly can for a worst-case scenario.

Above: Hurricane Season is rolling in. /C. Gocklin.