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Concerned NSU Students Propose Owl Solution

by Krista Harness
Contributing Writer

Environmental Studies students at Nova Southeastern University, concerned about loss of habitat for a threatened burrowing owl species, propose an owl sanctuary on undeveloped property of the Davie campus.

The Florida burrowing owl is protected by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission from harassment and/or disturbance of their eggs and nesting burrows. Several owl burrows can be found around campus, often in areas of heavy student activity. One particularly threatened nest is located in the center of one of NSU's athletic fields, which is currently used as the intramural football field. Football games have been played on ground directly around and literally over the owls' burrows. During games, the owls can be seen standing outside of their nests attempting to protect themselves and guard their threatened nests. When players come too close, the birds retreat to the fence line or swoop over the heads of the spectators in protest.

This poses a problem for both the owls and for employees of NSU responsible for grounds maintenance. It is in NO WAY legal for the grounds crew or any other human to fill in or cover the owls' nest. State law often allows relocation of the owls when the proper procedure is followed and an official permit is granted through a specific application process.

Tom Iannarone, Grounds Supervisor for NSU, explained that the permits are very hard to get during the owls' mating and egg laying season, which runs from October through May.

Burrowing owls mainly eat insects, especially grasshoppers, beetles, roaches and mole crickets, and they prefer to build nests in fields of short grass. The natural grassland habitat that these owls need has become increasingly limited in recent years. Therefore, owl nests often appear in inconvenient locations, such as athletic fields.

Academics and Entertainment Draw an NSU Crowd

by Piper Griff
Editor-in-Chief

November 15 marked a day of midterms and amusement. Between the hours of 11AM - 2PM, an academic fair lined the upper sidewalk of Parker and below. CEC had a table along with The Knight Newspaper and Phi Sigma Sigma. Fourteen academic programs and faculty representatives helped students learn about programs available. More than anything else, students and professors chatted at the tables. The event had incredible turnout of professors, staff and students.

Radio X played some tunes and kept the spirit high as students passed between professors, staff and students. The Knight gave away tee-shirts, popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy. The Knight also invited a travel agency who gave away a free trip. Different cell-phone companies also attended the event looking for student customers. This newspaper took every opportunity to collect information from the students in the form of a survey. The survey asked questions to help The Knight better accommodate students with information about their interests, and features they would like to see in the paper.

The surveys have been very helpful for The Knight. Overwhelmingly, students requested more university sports coverage! Consequently, we will have new press releases in the next few issues concerning the NSU Knight Basketball teams. However, a few press releases could never satisfy our sports-hungry readers, and we know this, so we eagerly welcome contrib-

In This Issue

NSU students visited Butterfly World and found more than just an educational experience. Proposed ideas for an NSU Butterfly Garden are even floating around the NSU community.

Sigma Alpha Mu's annual Bounce for Beats went on without a hitch for 36 hours.

A once in a lifetime view at the amazing and personal accomplishments of a local doctor. Find out more about Dr. Shecter.

Looking for ways to save some cash and still travel? The Internet might be just the place to find the right price for all your travel needs.
The Future of NSU

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

On Thursday, November 16, Nova Southeastern University hosted "An Exciting Sneak Peak into the Future of NSU." The event began at 11:30 A.M. with statements by President Ray Ferrero, Jr. The media was invited, and the publications and stations represented included the Miami Herald, the Sun Sentinel, WTVJ NBC 6, WTVN-TV 19, CBS 4.

President Ferrero used a slide show of the university to show all the existing buildings on the NSU campus, including the Shepard Broad Law Center, the Malcitz Psychology Building, the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, and the HPD complex.

The special sneak peak into the future of NSU revealed the new buildings and plans that President Ferrero and the Board of Trustees have created. The new buildings include the new state-of-the-art library that is currently under construction at the heart of the Fort Lauderdale campus.

Future plans for NSU include the construction of the Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship, a three-story, 110,000-square-foot facility with 40 classrooms featuring state-of-the-art technology. It will be located next to the law school along with a parking garage complex, which is set to begin construction at the turn of the new year.

After those buildings are completed, the university will begin a new Family Center Village complex, a $6.5 million dollar facility where parents can come and learn with their children of all ages from infants to young adults. The facility will also house the research studies that are currently being conducted on autism, a neurological impairment that affects young children including ex-Miami Dolphin's quarterback Dan Marino's son.

The last proposal is for the construction of a Field House where students can play indoor racquetball, basketball, handball, and much more.

According to Ferrero and the board, NSU is currently Florida's largest independent institution of higher learning and is one of the largest employers in South Florida. NSU is expanding in every field possible. The President predicts that we will be on the forefront of all kinds of research in conjunction with the University of Miami and FIU, FAU.

NSU currently conducts research (through the National Coral Reef Institute) with UM and the United States Navy in the field of Oceanography, at NSU's Oceanographic Center in Dania Beach.

Nova Southeastern University is growing and will continue to grow in the future to meet the needs of students.

APA Awards Honor to NSU President

Press Release

In a noon ceremony at Nova Southeastern University on November 22nd, President Ray Ferrero, Jr. received the American Psychological Association Presidential Citation. APA President Pat DeLeon, Ph.D., MPH, JD and Ronald Levant, Ed.D., MBA, dean of the Center for Psychological Studies, presented the award.

Presidential Citation recipients are selected each year by the APA president and are generally awarded the citation in recognition of contributions to the science and practice of psychology, efforts to improve and expand mental health services, and efforts to promote human welfare.

Ferrero was recognized for his ongoing efforts to create partnerships between the communities served and the academic activities of the university and for establishing linkages that provide a scientific perspective to understanding and developing effective solutions to human problems. He was also honored for acknowledging the importance of a psychological perspective in resolving complex social problems and for establishing and maintaining the shared South Florida resource of a comprehensive Community Mental Health Center.

Past recipients of the APA Presidential Citation have included Donna Shalala, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Rosalyn Carter, Tipper Gore, Senator Daniel Inouye, Nancy Reagan, C. Everett Koop, David Stacher, Surgeon General, and former head of the Peace Corps Carolyn Peyton.

The APA is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists. Founded in 1892, the APA's membership includes more than 159,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students. APA works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare.
Butterfly World: An Example for NSU

by David Caplivsky
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 students in the environmental studies program toured the grounds of Butterfly World, located on the corner of Sample Road and the Turnpike. Butterfly World is a prime example in the world of successful butterfly gardening. The purpose of the trip was to learn about the diversity of butterflies in South Florida and the world, and to learn about butterfly gardening with the hope of creating a small garden on campus to increase the dwindling populations of native species in our area.

Class began as five environmental students packed into Dr. Barker’s useful dark green “school bus/SUV.” While on the turnpike, Carolyn, an environmental studies and marine biology double major, took advantage of Dr. Barker’s attentive ear and put the finishing touches on the air route of the environmental studies “around-the-world” journey she is organizing. Dr. Barker and everyone else were so involved in the important financial and administrative conversation we missed the Sample Road exit that would take us to Butterfly World. If you have ever driven north of the Sample exit on the turnpike you know the smell that invaded Dr. Barker’s “school bus.” There is an extremely large landfill on the east side of the turnpike here. Right next to the landfill is a factory with a clearing the size of a football field with rows and endless rows of vending machines.

The reason I mention these seemingly unrelated places, which stand in such sharp contrast to where we were supposed to go and eventually ended up on this environmental studies field trip, is because it manifests the reason why Butterfly World was created. We humans, as resource consumers and waste producers, have destroyed the ecosystems in which butterflies used to flourish, especially right here in South Florida and the Keys.

All ranting aside, we arrived at Butterfly World just in time for our tour. The tour guide’s name was Ana and she was very knowledgeable. She guided us through the different sections answering all our questions. At any time during the course of one year Butterfly World keeps a minimum of 3,000 butterflies from 50 species. Over the course of one year, 150 species of butterflies will live their entire life from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly at Butterfly World. To do this, Butterfly World has a horticulture department that propagates thousands of specialized plants to feed caterpillars and countless flowering specimens to provide nectar for adult butterflies.

Butterfly gardening is a practice taught by Butterfly World on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM and which many residents of South Florida have already implemented in their backyards. According to the instructor, “The best way to get started is to plant the caterpillar food plants upon which adult butterflies lay their eggs.” Female butterflies find these plants by smell. Male butterflies find the females by smell.

A proposal is currently being submitted to Dean Goonen to see if a butterfly garden would be feasible here on campus. Monarchs, Zebras, Queen, Julias, Giant Swallowtails, and Gold Rim Swallowtails are just some of the many butterfly species that would grace our proposed garden. If you’re interested in seeing this garden become a reality, please e-mail the author at dcaplivs@aol.com.
Psychology Club Events

Press Release

The Psychology Club successfully completed its 2nd annual Graduate Assembly on November 7 from 2-4PM in the Rosenthal private dining room. The speakers included Dr. Pat Cole from the Family Therapy Program at NSU, Dr. Lewis from the graduate admissions department, and Nathalie de Fabrique, a student in the Psy.D program at NSU.

The speakers were very informative and were able to answer many questions about graduate programs at NSU. The students who attended were pleased with the speakers and left feeling better about where they were headed after getting their bachelor's degrees.

Psychology Club also held its first Faculty Dinner on November 21st from 4:15-5:45 PM. This will give psychology students a chance to meet their professors and get to know them in an informal setting.

Psychology Club is always looking for new faces to join us! We are currently planning a service project at a nursing home on Broward Boulevard for which we will be playing bingo with the residents and serving refreshments. We also plan on holding our second annual Jobs Assembly sometime in February. Get information on what jobs you can get with your bachelor's degree in psychology. Our meetings are currently on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM, but we are discussing a meeting day change. If you are interested in joining, let us know and you can be included in the decision about when to hold meetings. Email our listserv at psychclub@list.nova.edu for more information about the events in this article, or to join the club.

Bounce for Beats 2000

by Craig Dean
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, November 16 at 8 AM, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu began their annual Bounce for Beats, which raised money for Pediatric AIDS. The tradition started back in 1998 when the brothers first started this event bouncing a basketball for 12 straight hours. The bouncing of the basketball symbolizes the heartbeat of a child afflicted with the AIDS virus, and their hope to keep the dreams of these children alive. In 1999, the brothers furthered their endeavor by bouncing the basketball for 24 hours. This year, the brothers took it one step further. Finishing at 8PM on Friday night, the brothers accomplished an amazing feat, bouncing the ball for 36 straight hours. The brothers bounced the basketball all over campus: at the Parker Building, Goodwin Dorms, and the Rosenthal Student Center. The event was concluded in the Flight Deck during TGIF in which many members of the NSU community enjoyed a night of Karaoke.

We would like to thank you for making this event a complete success and helping us raise over a thousand dollars for our national philanthropic organization.

Look for the following events to be hosted by Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity:

- Etiquette and Professional Workshop—Co-sponsored by the Career Resource Center and Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority
- Drug Abuse Workshop hosted by Ray Black, 3rd year Pharmacy student.
- Howl at the Moon comes to NSU—Co-sponsored by the Campus Entertainment Committee

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ISA Shows Us What it Can Do!

by Dinakar Sarma and Bindu Niravel
Contributing Writers

It had dancing, music, food, culture, and fun. No, it wasn't a trip to Disney's Epcot Center. It was the Indian Students Association (ISA) first ever Indian Cultural Show. ISA wanted the event to be an educational service to the local community, so it was free to all who wished to attend. Over 250 people attended the show at Alumni Hall on NSU's East Campus on November 11, 2000.

The event featured an astounding collaboration of hard work and talent, and over 25 actors and actresses mesmerized the audience with their performances. Dances representing every region in India and spanning generations of dance styles were merged into the play. The costumes were bright, colorful, and elaborate. The music ranged from classical to pop, and the performances ranged from wonderful to indescribable. This energy kept the play moving at a pretty fast pace, so the audience was on its toes throughout, immersed in a presentation of Indian culture and festivities.

In charge of the show was the executive board of ISA. Reenuka Arjoon, president of ISA and writer of the play, was also a dancer. Aneesa Niravel (Treasurer) danced, and also played the part of Mohini - the beautiful female version of Lord Vishnu. Bindu Niravel (Secretary) was a dancer, and Dinakar Sarma played the part of Narad Muni. Praveen Mootiram (Vice President) was the narrator, and Dr. Venkatesh Shanbhag (Faculty Advisor) gave the introduction and congratulations. The board also doubled as a tech crew. They built the sets, made the props, and took care of the costumes.

Much of the artistic and performing talent in the play came from community members outside of NSU. These participants came from as far away as Miami and Boca Raton. Many parents also came out to help whenever possible. Some of the clubs that helped out were NUTS, PASA, IVCF, Pre-Pharm, and Pre-Med. Student Life, NSU Physical Plant, and Cleveland Ferguson III also helped. The entire NSU community pulled together to make the show a success.

Over 250 people shared an amazing celebration of entertainment and diversity in the ISA's first ever Indian Cultural Show, and the executive board of the ISA is looking forward to sharing future events with the NSU community soon.

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工人补偿赔偿伤害管理 • 大多数保险公司接受
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I had sex, so my boyfriend wouldn't. Now, I have a baby. And no boyfriends.
My interview with Dr. James Sheeter provided me with optimism that any student would be happy to accept. For those of you who feel like you won't be able to achieve what you desire, this story will show that no matter what position you are in, a positive outlook will take you a long way.

Sheeter grew up in Philadelphia and had the typical teenage life. He was not a very serious student and ran with the wrong crowd. His interest in pursuing a career in the medical field did not arrive until his family had to cope with the illness of a family member. Sheeter's grandfather was falling ill and was forced to see a cardiologist, a doctor who was a close friend of the family and very willing to help. Everyone in the Sheeter family always talked about the doctor in the highest regard. The respect that was given to this doctor amazed young Sheeter. He examined the doctor's life: drives a nice car, plays golf, and is respected by everyone. These characteristics sparked his interest in the medical field. In the 12th grade, Sheeter became involved in a program that allowed students to work with a neighboring medical school. Two days a week Sheeter shadowed a surgical team, observing the work that they did. Sheeter became fascinated with the idea of knowing how the human body works and enjoyed the satisfaction that could be achieved by helping people.

When Dr. Sheeter went to college, he decided to study as hard as possible. Despite his effort, he could not cut it in his classes. His family began to think that something else must be wrong with him, so they had him see a behavioral optometrist. The optometrist gave him bifocals, and the impact was immediate. He continued to study hard and made the Dean's List at school, a huge accomplishment considering where he started. His professor at Emory University, Thomas R. Flynn said, "Never in over a decade of college teaching have I encountered a person with a greater determination to be a doctor." However, the years of struggle left Sheeter unable to gain admission to an American graduate school. Determined not to lose sight of his dream to become a doctor, he opted to attend a medical school in Mexico.

At school in Mexico, Sheeter ran into another problem. He had not taken a Spanish class since high school, and the entire school was taught in Spanish. He picked up a book to teach himself Spanish and learned as he went along. During his years at the medical school in Mexico, he continually tried to transfer into an American medical school. However, he had to pass a certain test to be accepted into an American medical school since he was transferring from a foreign school. The test was extremely difficult, taking him two and a half years and five tries. But he was determined to become a doctor. He studied for months, sometimes twelve hours a day. He was not going to allow his dream to fade; he was going to succeed.

Finally, on his fifth try, Sheeter passed the test and was granted an interview at Temple's medical school. The person who interviewed him said they had never seen anyone as determined. When most people would certainly have given up, Sheeter continued to chase his dream.

After spending four years in the Mexican medical school, he was forced to start in the second year of medical school at Temple. He went through med school and went into surgery. After one year, he decided that surgery was not for him and decided to try emergency medicine. Emergency medicine provided the immediate results that Sheeter was hoping to provide people with.

Dr. Sheeter then decided to come to Florida to practice medicine. He first started working in hospitals, but found the environment not to his liking. Major companies controlled the hospitals, the work schedule was crazy, and the staff was treated poorly. These factors lead Sheeter to start his own private practice. He could not start the practice on his own. He asked a registrar clerk from the hospital he used to work at if he would like to become his office manager. Together the two of them, along with other doctors, got the business going. He found an ideal location in Davie, on University Drive, slightly south of I-595 in the Promenade West Shopping Center next to the Longhorn Steakhouse.

His practice provides people with emergency treatment, instead of waiting endless hours in the hospital. At his practice he works with several other specialists, including two family practice doctors that his patients can see for follow-up appointments. His office provides a very friendly atmosphere. Everyone who works there cares for the people, trying to make things as easy as possible for them. The staff treats the patients as real people, rather than simply as a piece of paper in a file cabinet.

Currently, Dr. Sheeter's life is going very well. He teaches ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) at Nova Southeastern University's medical school. While teaching at the school, Sheeter met his future wife, Robin Goldberg. After Robin completed the class, the two started to date. After dating for some time, the two took a trip to Walt Disney World where Sheeter has planned on proposing to Robin. Without an idea of how to go about proposing, he called Disney and asked for suggestions. The evening they were there, the two had dinner in Cinderella's castle. During the meal, a Cinderella look-a-like brought out the ring in a glass slipper. Robin excitedly said yes. The story was so remarkable that it was documented on the Learning Channel's A Wedding Story. When asked to compare getting married to being a doctor, Sheeter said, "It's more stressful planning a wedding than working in the E.R." Robin is also a doctor working at a family practice in Sunrise.

Sheeter is working hard to keep his new practice growing. The office is very well equipped to handle medical emergencies without the extensive wait of a hospital E.R. The environment is great, providing an uplifting friendly atmosphere for the people who come to be seen. Sheeter is very willing to help anyone, especially students interested in medicine. With his dedication, and the same effort from his staff, the practice is sure to succeed. The determination that Sheeter showed throughout his struggles to become a doctor should provide inspiration to anyone who believes that they can't make it.

Sheeter has a plaque in his office that reads, "Attitude Gets Altitude." Having the right attitude and belief in yourself can help you to achieve any dream. Dr. Sheeter's story truly shows that the right attitude and determination will pave the path to success.
Business World

by Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

The rocky ride on Wall Street continues, but the problems in the market can be linked to Washington D.C. The markets were finally seeing an up trend until Election 2000, which may become Election 2001 by the time the final verdict is in. The controversy in the Presidential race led to great problems in the market. The market was hoping for a Bush victory because his policies will greatly benefit the drug companies, among many others. When a decisive winner was not announced on Tuesday night (or Wednesday morning for those of us who stayed up), the market began a downward spiral. In the days following the “nonelection,” the Dow lost 434.93 points while the Nasdaq lost 449.07. On Monday November 13th the Nasdaq fell below 3000, which is roughly 40% down from its all time high. The Nasdaq is now down approximately 30% from its year high. In the past two weeks, the Dow has lost 208.08 points landing at 10629.87 points, and the Nasdaq has lost 424.09 points to 3027.19 points. The major factor in these losses can be directly linked to the Presidential election. Had Bush been declared the winner on November 7, the market would probably have continued to climb up. The market will hopefully begin its climb back up as soon as Bush is declared winner of Florida and the Presidency.

The upcoming holiday season will also hopefully help the retailers in the market. The season should meet and hopefully exceed the levels attained last year. However, interest rates and higher energy prices have hindered spending in the country, which saw a decrease this past month. Unfortunately, a good market and spending money go hand in hand. Right now, the market is not in a good state, which only bodes poorly for the retailers this season.

It may be some time until the market returns to higher levels. The New Year is slowing approaching, which often generates a large amount of selling due to tax reasons. The market must either recover before then, or avoid the large sell-off that usually occurs at that time. The eventual election decision may not provide the burst into the market that was expected and needed.
Surf the Net, Take That Trip, Save a Buck!

by Althea Mease
Associate Editor

As I write this article, I anticipate my mini-vacation from the shackles of daily life. Those who read my article last issue on mistakes in the course schedule might recall my frustration at the small amount of actual vacation time we get this term. So, I checked the Internet and within minutes found the itinerary for me, situated perfectly between the beginning of the term and midterms, for a rock-bottom price. By any means, we can find the information I needed for a specific airline, or if you wish to travel in business or first class. To find the website of your favorite airline, do an Internet search.

Then again, not all of us can afford to use the airline websites. For a bargain, try a website that searches many different airlines for the cheapest tickets available, such as www.priceline.com. Priceline works like an auction. You enter your flight information, then the price you would like to pay for round-trip tickets. If any airlines accept your bid, you pay the price you asked. Be careful about the amount you bid, because once you submit it to the airlines you are legally obligated to buy the tickets, provided the bid is accepted. Keep in mind that to get the best prices you may end up flying at 3 AM and making two stops to get where you’re going.

Of course, once you get where you’re going, you need a place to sleep. For the cheapest possible places to spend the night visit www.hostels.com. Hostels.com is a registry of youth hostels around the world. A youth hostel is a very low-cost, dormitory-style place to spend the night, particularly for college students and international travelers. At Hostels.com you can learn the basics of hostelling and research hostels in your chosen area of travel. If you’d rather spend a little more for a private room at a hotel, visit more general travel sites. You can search for a site specific to the area you will be visiting, or visit a larger site such as www.travelocity.com. Travelocity.com has information on flights (many different airlines, somewhat more expensive than priceline.com but with the risks), cruises, vacation packages, hotels, and much more. That provides a more detailed search if you are not sure which kind of vacation you would like. Search for a romantic cruise, and you are also offered other kinds of romantic vacations, all within your specified price range. Also, some search engines (such as www.ask.com) have a list of sites where you can research a trip online. Hunt around your favorites and see what kind of information they have.

On the Internet you can get a good deal. However, watch out for deals that seem too good to be true, because they probably are. Read all terms of service and purchase carefully. Don’t think that just because you use a fake name on Priceline.com (which requires a contract to get the lowest fares) you are free from legal responsibility if you don’t like them. The sites have the technology to track you down if you try to cheat them. Also, some of the cheapest airline tickets you can buy online cannot be canceled or refunded, so if you aren’t positive you can go you could lose money. Respect the limits of the medium, use common sense and good judgment, and you can get a great deal without the risks.
What, Me Worry?: The 2000 Presidential Election

by Althea Mease
Associate Editor

I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but lately it seems like the whole country is focused on Florida. It’s those darn Democrats, right? Or those darn Republicans. Whichever. This election is turning out to be just a big, Wild West style shootout. The gunslingers: Bush and Gore (or is it Gush and Bore?) The weapons: lawyers and rhetoric. The dusty street where the combatants meet: our own little corner of the world, Florida. For those of you who need a review, let’s run through the facts together.

On election night, we get live news coverage and running political commentary all night long, until the results are estimated solidly enough for everyone to sleep comfortably. Within minutes after the first polls close, we get the first statistical estimates of the popular votes from some states. We get those estimates from “exit polls,” where pollsters ask random voters who they voted for as they exit the voting booth. This gives us a statistical estimate of who received the majority of popular votes for that state, which determines who will probably get the electoral votes for that state. From those numbers, political analysts tally the projected electoral votes and arrive at an accurate prediction of who will win the election when all the votes are counted and the electoral votes are allotted. (For a complete explanation of the electoral system in this country, see the accompanying article, “The Electoral System.”)

This year, however, things went just a bit differently. Every voter preference poll up to Election Day showed a fairly even split between the two main candidates. And, although it should have been no surprise to anyone, the country seemed rather incredulous about the fact that the more electoral predictions we received, the more the race seemed to be a dead heat. In several states, the exit polls were inconclusive, leaving statisticians to declare that state “too close to call” instead of claimed by Bush or Gore. Later on, states with fewer electoral votes went to Bush, but a few states with a larger proportion of electoral votes went to Gore. All of the suspense came to a head around 9 PM, when statisticians declared Florida (which would grant near-certain victory to the candidate who claimed it) to belong to Gore. Democrats and those who feel Gore is the lesser of two evils rejoiced! However, the joy was not to remain.

The Electoral System

I realize that there are a lot of people out there who don’t entirely understand the electoral system and how it relates to the votes we cast, so here’s a brief explanation.

The votes we cast do not really elect the president. The Electoral College does. The Electoral College is formed of 538 electors, with each state being responsible for a certain number of those votes. Each state gets a number of electoral votes equal to the number of representatives the state has in each house of Congress. Florida is responsible for 25 votes, and a candidate needs at least 270 votes to win. Thus, our state can determine nearly 1/10 of the election.

When the citizens of a state cast their votes, the one candidate who has a majority — even a slim one — is recommended to the electors for that state. A candidate who wins even a slight majority wins all of the electoral votes. Of course, electors are people, not machines. The votes are not automatically allotted. The electors hold their own voting day, and cast their votes. The electors usually vote for the candidate recommended by the citizens of the state. If they choose to vote for another candidate (GO NADER! THERE’S STILL TIME!!!), then that electoral vote goes against the popular vote for the state. However, it is just one vote, and no “faithless elector” (as those who go against the popular vote are called) has ever altered the outcome of an election. Some states make it illegal for electors to vote against the popular vote, but no state has ever punished an elector who did.

Theoretically, enough electors could vote faithlessly to give the election to the candidate who loses the popular vote in Florida. If that happened, it would make history. Therein lies one of the main arguments against the electoral system. Candidates don’t need to win the majority of the population to be president, and we give our votes to failable people as an intermediary to the real election. However, the system is as old as the country, and has served us well so far it seems. This year may prove monumental, as the 2000 election circus brings about change to the system we know now.

The Storm Rages On...

When the actual votes were counted and we had a “true” result (instead of the exit polls we relied on for initial estimates), Bush was ahead by several hundred votes. Several hundred votes. Those of you who didn’t vote consider this margin. You could have made a difference in this election. Most analysts consider that to be the primary reason for the extraordinary voter turnout this year.

So, Bush was ahead in initial tallies, but that meant little. The state still had to receive and count absentee ballots (mailed in ballots from those who could not physically be at the polls in their county, such as those in military service). Also, Gore realized at this point that he was probably in deep trouble, and if he wanted the presidency this year he had to contest the election. Bush, on the other hand, knew that if Gore successfully contested the election he would probably be president. And thus begin the fights over whether or not the election was fair.

The easiest way to contest such an election is to pick on the machines. Gore decided to fight for hand recounts of the ballots, which had originally been counted by machines that are not unlike the machines that grade Scantron forms. Now, we’re all familiar with the fallibility of Scantrons. Those things are wrong all the time…otherwise you’d never have failed biology midterm sophomore year, right? Exactly…much like the jilted student who contests his grade to the professor and insists on a standard grading, Gore called for hand recounts. Recount after recount after recount. Recount this county, recount that county, recount ALL the counties and do it over again! There were fights over which ballots to count, as some were incomplete. The strange thing was that the difference in votes between Bush and Gore generally lessened with each recount. In the end, the secretary of the state of Florida certified a lead by Bush of 537 votes.

The End?
Not on your life! There is more to contest. In Palm Beach County the
The Voting Storm

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ballots did not conform to legal standards (which does not disqualify the votes per se, but leaves room for legal challenge), and many voters claimed afterward that they accidentally voted for Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. If the votes in Palm Beach were adjusted to expected statistical levels for Buchanan and the excess tallied in the Gore cache, Gore would win Florida and the presidency. As the date for the electoral vote grows closer and closer, Gore is running out of options. If his lawyers can beat Bush’s lawyers and get a remedy for the situation in Palm Beach County (a revote, a statistical adjustment, or something else) then he will be president. If not, Bush will probably be president. In the end, it all comes down to lawyers fighting over our votes.

Why Worry?

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Within an hour, the statisticians changed their mind about the Trophy of Florida, and tallied it as “too close to call.” The nation settled into fatigue and confusion, as it became increasingly evident that the candidate who won Florida would indeed win the election. Late that night, the statisticians changed their minds yet again and awarded Florida to Bush. Republicans and those who feel Bush is the lesser of two evils rejoiced, downed their Scotch-and-sodas and went to bed with a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. Democrats awoke the next morning with a feeling of doom, observing the Republican jubilation, only to turn on the TV and discover that, lo and behold, the statisticians had changed their minds AGAIN and declared Florida to be “too close to call.”

And the REAL presidential race began.

Five Dumb Blondes, Pt.

1 Dee Wright
Contributing Writer

Although I know that I probably will get into a lot of trouble with just the title of my article, you will come to appreciate my willingness to laugh at myself and the people who mean the most to me: my four best NSU girlfriends.

To explain: the four women in my life are totally beautiful, independent, courageous and loving. You may think we have it made—a great friendship, education and empowerment. Are you waiting for the hook? Well, while we are empowered, enabled and all that jazz, our love lives are hilarious as well as pathetic. Let me tell you a little about us:

Veronica is a 22-year-old biracial woman with insecurities that all somehow are related to men.

Maria Conchita (aka Chiquita) is a 21-year-old Puerto Rican goddess, who feels that the whole world revolves around her.

Karon is a 23-year-old caucasian party girl who is definitely “down for whatever.”

Tina-Maria is a 21-year-old black, insecure, social recluse and dependent friend.

And, finally, me Dee. I’m a 23-year-old black woman who has been living in the “post-relationship phase” for the last two years. (I’m the most pathetic one.) And “Here is the story of the girls...”

Well, to start, this week’s commentary is about the word impotence. It seems that impotence is an issue of discussion all over, from the premiere of Friends, to an episode of Felicity, to the topic of blood circulation in one of my science classes. Going along with that theme, it seems that one of the five dumb blondes, my friend Veronica, is having a little problem with her new beau. Can you guess what that problem is? And the winner goes to the girl in the blue who responded, “he is impotent.”

Many may criticize me for being crass, but her beau is twenty-three years old and his plumbing does not seem to be functioning—in this case it is not only failing to respond, but it is also seems to be out of order indefinitely.

I have no advice to give, but me and the other three dumb blondes have suggested ice, hands and a lot other unmentionables, yet all of our collaborative efforts and ideas have been to no avail.

This relationship was off to such a good start, and the chemistry was immediate sparks and fireworks, but this new turn of events definitely makes one realize that it is no longer the fourth, but that we are certainly experiencing the effects of fall.

Of course this has caused the relationship to fall into a rut and now I’m considering the question:

How much, if any, of the relationship depends on how good the sex is?

If you know the answer, or if you’d like to share your advice or comments, send email to deewright@hotmail.com.

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Movie Mistakes: Alien Series

by Erika Diaz
Layout Editor

All right, ladies and gentlemen, I took this little group directly from one of my classes. We happened to watch Aliens for the sake of critically analyzing the movie, and as most of you know I’m a nitpicker so I had no difficulty with that aspect. I did, however have difficulty getting past the raw mistakes in the film. I figured that since I’d had such a chance to very thoroughly pick the movie to pieces I’d share it with you. As always, feel free to contribute. You can contact me at LadyofOnyx@aol.com

Alien

In the scene where the crew is chiding Brett saying nothing but ‘Right’ all the time, Brett’s cigarette is first short, then long, then short again.

When Ripley goes down to check out how Brett and Parker are doing by is any comparison), far more than she had the ammo for. You’ve really got to love that suspenseful counter trick.

Haven’t people in the future learned from the Titanic disaster? Every ship nowadays has enough lifeboat capacity for everyone. Why doesn’t the Nostromo?

Aliens

When Ripley and the mother alien are fighting above the floodgate, we can clearly see that the light on the top of Ripley’s robot is broken, but in the next scene this light is absolutely fine.

When Gorman and Burke come to see Ripley to persuade her to come to LV-426, Burke hands her a plastic card so she can call him if she changes her mind. At this point Ripley lights a cigarette. The scene then cuts to a view of the whole room, and Ripley can be seen lighting the cigarette again.

In the part of the film where Ripley and Gorman are inside the RV tank, and Ripley is trying to get the marines to get out of the bowels of the atmosphere processor before anymore get killed, she has the headset on. In the next shot she doesn’t, then she does again, and then it gets ripped off by Gorman.

When Ripley is in the atmosphere processor, trying to get away from the queen and gunning down drones, the camera keeps tracking the ammo counter, and it gets down to really low...about 9. She then shoots lots more rounds (if the previous speed that the counter goes down by is any comparison), far more than she had the ammo for. You’ve really got to love that suspenseful counter trick.

In the Reactor Room scene, where the Marines first encounter the aliens, there’s a part where Dietrich is grabbed from behind and accidentally ignites Frost with her flame-thrower, causing him to fall down the stairwell. As he’s falling, if you look, you can see part of a leg and a cable belonging to one of the technicians on the set. As an actress I must say this, techies ruin EVERYTHING! (Just kidding...sort of.)

When Ripley is giving Newt the cup of Hot Chocolate the handle is on Newt’s right. When it shows the close up shots the handle is on Newt’s left.

In the scene where the Marines first enter the reactor room, the “Mission Time” readout on the shoulder mounted cameras jumps backwards and forwards in time with every cut.

Alien 3

Just after the doctor starts the autopsy on the little girl the front of his gown is covered with blood. Yet, a few seconds later, after the two other guys appeared, his gown looks better, with less blood. And during the whole autopsy scene, the blood spot actually changes its size a few times.

Alien Resurrection

At the end Ripley has to cut her hand in order to burn through the glass, and the alien gets sucked out. But Ripley manages to hold onto the cargo nets with both hands, without them burning through. She also holds on to Call without burning her either...

When the whole crew of the Betty are being arrested in the Mess Hall, Christie puts his hands behind his back to get the guns on his arms. But in the next shot when Christie is behind Wren his hands are by his sides. There’s no way he could put his hands by his sides without the guns showing.

Ripley kills the alien in the corridor after it has killed the first member of the Betty crew but there is no melting of decks or bulkheads from the creature’s acidic blood. Also, the Betty crew seems unaffected by all the acid.

Ripley can melt metal with her acid blood, but at the beginning of the movie when they surgically remove the alien from her chest none of the scalpels melted, smoked or sizzled. In fact, there was no reaction at all. One could assume that the tools were made with a special acid-proof metal, but if that technology was available why weren’t more things made of it? Some people never learn.
Bounce Doesn't Bounce Too High

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

Buddy Ameral (Ben Affleck) is a popular, charming advertising executive who likes to drink. He gives up his seat on a plane to Greg Janello, a father who is going home to see his family. The plane crashes and the subsequent months cause great emotional turmoil for Buddy who's drinking accelerates rapidly into alcoholism.

Buddy begins to have a different look on life. He looks up Abby, the widow of the man who took his seat on that fatal plane ride. He feels like he is responsible in some way for the death of Greg. He finds out she is a real estate broker and orchestrates a plan in which she sells an office building to his company an office building his company was considering to buy. Abby invites him to a baseball game and things seem to be going well but Buddy is afraid of commitment.

One other little detail: there is videotape of Buddy and Greg at the airport before he died. Buddy forgot to mention this to Abby when he met her. They fall in love but she finds out that he is trying to atone for his guilty conscience and then has to decide if he is worth keeping.

I would recommend this movie to students. The script is above average but falters in how long it takes Buddy to finally tell Abby his dark secret. In this movie, Ben Affleck proves that he can be the main actor in a romantic movie. Ben and Gwyneth are two very marketable actors.

I am sure that many people just will go to see the movie based on their appreciation of these two actors. The movie wasn't really a tear-jerker but somehow almost every female who left the theater was teary eyed. I am not certain if the large teenage female audience was crying because of the movie or because they wish they could meet Ben Affleck.

The two definitely have real chemistry at least on the screen if not in real life anymore. People love gossip and rumors especially about movie stars and celebrities. When two glamorous movie stars that have been a couple star in the same movie it causes lots of intrigue.
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**Buca di Beppo**

*by Caleb Kennedy*

*Staff Writer*

Welcome to Buca di Beppo, a neighborhood restaurant where our guests feast on family platters of real immigrant southern Italian specialties in a boisterous, celebratory environment that recalls the Italian-American supper clubs of the 1940s and '50s (Buca di Beppo Website).

I had heard great things about Buca di Beppo. If you are sick of dishes from Campania, Apulia, like the Olive Garden, Buca di Beppo Italian looking. They have Italian portios and the rest of southern Italy. Their is a must. They specialize in cooking philosophy is massive dishes to satisfy griest idea of "la cucina povera" (The kitchen dered nontraditional Italian food. We was served on. No dressing was served with the dish and none was needed. Each year, City Link hosts the event to showcase a variety of local bands ranging from jazz to blues to folk to rock. Look for City Link’s December 6 “Music Issue” for a complete schedule of bands playing at the fest or visit www.citylinkonline.com the week of the event. City Link’s Music Issue is the most comprehensive guide to South Florida’s active local music scene.

My dinner companion and I ordered nontraditional Italian food. We ordered a mixed green salad with Prosciutto and Gorgonzola cheese. It was excellent as the Prosciutto was fresh baked and the salad overwhelmed the constraints of the rather large plate it was served on. No dressing was served with the dish and none was needed. An order of soup was served at another table in a soup bowl of gargantuan proportions. We didn’t try the more traditional chicken or seafood dinners but ordered Veal Cutlets, which were excellent, but on a much smaller scale than expected. Desert consisted of an enormous bowl of tiramisu.

This restaurant serves great food at good prices. The prices are a little steep for a couple but are great for a family or a group of friends.

Buca di Beppo roughly translates to Joe’s Basement in English. This restaurant is great at providing a nice comfortable atmosphere and providing a distinct style of service. The restaurant is enormous but is partitioned off into little sections to maintain a nice ambiance. Upon arriving at the place and being taken to your seats the customers are walked through the very clean kitchen. This is somewhat reassuring for those who have seen and heard bad things about restaurant practices. The restaurant seats 300 people and on the weekends about 800 people a night are seated. I highly recommend this restaurant so make your reservations now.

In immigrant fashion, we serve our food family-style, in portion meant for sharing (Buca di Beppo Website).

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Sports Press Release

Tony McAndrews,
Head Coach (6th Season)

Coach McAndrews enters his sixth season as head coach for the Knights. Last season, McAndrews led his squad to a fourth place finish in the regular season conference standings and was upset by Palm Beach Atlantic College in the first round of the conference tournament. As McAndrews looks to improve upon last season's 14-14 (7-5) record he will be aided by returning senior starters Eric Windell (Coral Springs, FL, Douglas High) and Troy Railback (Fort Lauderdale, FL, Western High).

McAndrews has been building a respectable program since he arrived at Nova Southeastern University in the fall of 1995. Joining the Knights after a successful stint at the NCAA Division I level, McAndrews took over a young and inexperienced Knight squad. After his first season, McAndrews was able to improve the Knights' record by an amazing 10 wins in his second year posting a respectable 15-18 record. After another 15 win season in 1997-98, McAndrews' team climbed to 18-14 in 1998-99 and posted their all-time best conference mark of 9-5.

Coach McAndrews brings a myriad of experiences to the court having been a head coach at Division I Colorado State University, from 1980-87, and an assistant with the University of Arizona 1987-93 (guiding the team to six consecutive NCAA Championship appearances and a Final Four berth in 1988), the University of Iowa (1975-80), Penn State University (1974-75), the University of Detroit (1969-71), St. Ambrose College and Georgia Southern University (1994-95).

Jim Darr,
Assistant Coach (5th season)

A winner wherever he's been, Darr first came to Nova Southeastern University in 1989 as the university's prep coach and immediately found success, coaching the Suns for seven seasons and taking them to a district championship in 1992-93 and four other district title games (losing two of those at the buzzer). Darr, the

Sun Sentinel's coach of the year in 1991-92, began coaching in Indiana for Culver High in 1977 and in Chicago for West Pullman in 1978-79. His first head coaching job was with Prince of Peace (1980-86), during which he also assisted at Lutheran High.

Darr left the Suns after the 1994-95 season and joined the Knights in 1996, seeing them go from 6-7 in FSC play his first year to 8-6, 9-5, and 7-5 records in the past three. He has a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Valparaiso University (1976), with a minor in sociology.

Lang Cook,
Assistant Coach (1st season)

Lang Cook joins coach McAndrews' staff after a much traveled college playing career. Cook ended his playing days at the University of Oklahoma where he competed at the highest level of college play in one of the toughest conferences (The Big XII) in the nation.

One year previous, Cook played for Stephen F. Austin State University, another Division I program, where he averaged 4.9 points, 0.6 rebounds, and 1.1 assists per contest.

In junior college, Lang played for St. Louis (Mo.) C.C. where he averaged 18.5 points and 5.0 assists per game as a sophomore and 15.0 points and 4.0 assists as a freshman. Cook was an All-Conference selection as a sophomore, and was recruited by such schools as New Mexico State, Colorado State, and Florida International University.

Originally from Miami, FL., Cook played high school ball at Hialeah-Miami Lakes and averaged 23 points and 7 assists per contest, and earned team MVP and All-Dade honors his senior year. Cook holds an associate's degree in Secondary Education and anticipates graduating with a degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Marilyn Rule-Heinrich,
Head Coach (3rd season)

In 1998, Marilyn Rule-Heinrich became Nova Southeastern University's first ever women's basketball coach and began her career with a bang posting a 13-7 record and a 9-1 conference record, leading her first-year squad to the regular season conference title. Prior to that feat, no other NAIA first-year team had ever won a conference title and only five had ever posted winning a record. For her achievement, Rule-Heinrich was named Coach of the Year.

Last season, the Knights finished 12-16 overall and 7-3 in their conference bringing coach Rule-Heinrich's all-time conference record to an astounding 16-4. The Knights finished the year runners-up in the regular season and were edged out in the conference final 55-57 by Flagler College. Coach Rule-Heinrich will rely on her ten returning players and an influx of new talent to, once again, carry the Knights to the top of the Florida Sun Conference.

Prior to joining the Knights, Rule-Heinrich spent five years coaching and teaching world history at Coral Springs High School. During her four years as head varsity girls' basketball coach, she turned the squad into one of the top teams in Broward County. In her last two seasons, she lead the Lady Colts to consecutive 18-9 records and were two-time District 11-6A runners-up. She received Coach of the Year honors in both 1995-96 and 1996-97. While coaching at the prep level, Rule-Heinrich spent off-seasons coaching several AAU and club teams. Along with her husband, Jeff, she took two teams to AAU national tournaments and one to the YBA nationals.

As a college player, Rule-Heinrich enjoyed success first at Florida Southern College and later at Florida Atlantic University. She posted a career 70-37 record as a player helping FSC win the Sunshine State Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships. At FAU her team received an at-large bid to the NCAA II regional tournament. She also served as captain her senior year.

A native of Detroit, Rule-Heinrich has resided in Coral Springs for 21 years. She played for J.P. Taravella High School where she led the Trojans to a 75-20 record during her four years as a starter. She was a four-time All-Broward team and a two-time All-State selection. A 1993 graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Rule-Heinrich received her bachelor's degree in social science with a minor in secondary education.

Jeff Heinrich,
Assistant Women's
Basketball Coach (2nd season)

Jeff Heinrich enters his second season as assistant coach for the women's basketball team, Previous to his run with the Knights, Heinrich served as an assistant basketball coach, assistant football coach, and head track coach at Coral Springs High. Included in his coaching resume, is experience with under-16 and under-14 AAU National Basketball teams in Cincinnati, Ohio and Lafayette, Louisiana. He holds a degree in Criminology from Florida Atlantic University where he graduated in 1995, after transferring from Western Carolina where he played Division I football. Currently, Heinrich serves as a distinguished member of the Coral Springs Police Department.

Gina Graziani,
Assistant Women's
Basketball Coach (1st season)

Gina Graziani joins the Knights staff this season after a decorated playing career at the University of Miami. Graziani finished her career at Miami as the all-time Big East assist leader with 474 conference assists and 742 total assists. In 1998, she led Miami to their first NCAA bid in five years. She participated on the Big East/Nike Women's Basketball all-star Team that toured Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. Graziani graduated Miami this past May with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Graziani is a graduate of Cooper City High (1996) and lives locally in Pembroke Pines.
Women's Basketball Roster 2000-01

Returning Players

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Coaching Staff: Head Coach: Marilyn Rule, Assistant Coach: Jeff Heinrich, Assistant Coach: Gina Graziani
Support Staff: Athletic Director: Corey Johnson, Sport Information Director: Vicki Greenbaum, Head Trainer: Sarah Donner, Head Trainer: Shane Levenson

Men's Basketball Roster 2000-01

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Medicinal Gardens Dangerous?

by Julie White
Contributing Writer

I recently enjoyed a walk through the Medicinal Gardens behind the Parker Building at NSU's main campus. The gardens have a great variety of plants. It was fun to view the plants and then read about their medicinal values. I was even impressed at seeing some common plants to Florida and reading about them. It occurred to me however, after seeing Angel's trumpet and Brunfelsia grandiflora, that these gardens are somewhat dangerous. Common to many, are the hallucinogenic effects of simply ingesting an Angel's trumpet!

It is true the garden has posted signs that warn the viewer from touching the plants. All plants are easy to be reached, especially by a toddler or a roaming child, who could easily walk by, tear off a leaf from a plant, and eat it.

True, the odds of this happening are slim. Surveys have been taken that show that poisoning from plants is the second most common cause of poisoning to children under the age of five (see: http://www.singapre.gov). (The most common cause of poisoning to children under five being ingestion of medication.) Columbia University College of P & S Complete Home Medical Guide cites facts that there are over 700 species of plants that are potentially poisonous. Some plant poisoning causes a simple rash isolated in a small area of the body where others could cause death to a child. Some of the most poisonous plants are foxgloves, birds of paradise, Thai panda-nus, Couroupita guianenses, Jerusalem cherry, White indigo berry, Deadly nightshade and Angel Trumpet.

The Home Medical Guide also indicates that poisoning from plants is on the rise. This flora is being planted for its ornamental value. It is common for a Jerusalem cherry plant or a bird of paradise to be bought for its decorative appearance, forgetting that the seeds, fruit and sometimes leaves are highly toxic. An Angel trumpet can cause harm to a child or adult by ingesting the leaf or the flower. Apple seeds, apricot seeds, mistletoe berries, daffodil bulbs, and some mushrooms all cause a different type of reaction if ingested.

So what's the big deal? These plants can be found all over, not just in the Medicinal Gardens behind the Parker building. Besides, who would ever blame an occurrence such as poisoning on the school anyway? It has posted signs! The fact is, we live in a society that would see this unfortunate incident as a good way to make a lot of bucks from NSU. The other fact is kids do walk around this area. Even with parental supervision, children run ahead of them and are known to get into mischief before the parents catch up with the child.

I think to be cautious, it would be in NSU's best interest to take the more poisonous plants in the garden and make them a little harder to reach. Simply putting chicken wire around the plant or even surrounding a poisonous plant by other plants would be better than leaving it wide open for children to grab. I enjoy the Medicinal Gardens and feel they are very educational as well as aesthetically beautiful. In this case, however, a bit of extra caution could save NSU from dealing with a potentially dangerous situation.
What Happens to Them?

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

What happens after a person makes the commitment to be a physician? Well, usually the person enters an undergraduate school and majors in a scientific field such as biology, chemistry, or physics. During the four years of undergraduate education, the student will have to endure classes like organic chemistry, anatomy, general chemistry, and physics. Many students fail at organic chemistry, which is usually taken during the third year. Hopefully, the student can pass these courses and proceed with their education.

If the student maintains a decent grade point average as an undergraduate there is one more obstacle in his or her path to becoming a doctor. Like every graduate school, medical school requires an entrance examination. For medical students, it is called the Medical College Admissions Tests (M.C.A.T.). It is an eight hour exam and it tests for different skills that are known to be required for medical school. If the student is still “afloat” after all of these obstacles, he or she must go through a two-paper application process to apply to medical school.

On average, 70 to 80 thousand people take the M.C.A.T. each year but less that half of those people actually apply to medical school. What happened to all of those people? Do they just give up? Didn’t all these people attend four years of college and jump the required hurdles to get this far? We really don’t know the answers to these questions, and they are the subjects of many of AMSA’s studies on medical school applicants. The fact is, wanting to be a doctor and actually being a doctor are two very different issues.

This raises several questions about the entire medical school education and application system. What happened to all of those people who took the M.C.A.T. and did not apply to any of the over 130 medical schools in this country? The second question is whether or not the “system” is a good system for evaluating potential medical students for medical school. Is tradition playing a role in the system? Is it family ties? Who decides the system of evaluation for potential medical students, and is this system fair and accurate all the time? No one truly knows the answers to any of these questions.
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