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WHAT IS THE SLATE THANKFUL FOR AT NYIT?



David Muscat
I am grateful for the staff and faculty who actually care about the students at NYIT and aren't there just to collect their paycheck. (i.e. Make sure the students understand the material, go out of their way to hold office hours, make sure the students succeed in the class and are fair in and out of the classroom).



I am grateful to get my education close to home and in an environment that allows me to connect with the professors as well as my classmates.
Dan Canobbio



I'm grateful for NYIT's beautiful, wooded campus.
Robin Bensignor



Stephanie Belizaire
I am grateful for the great faculty members in the Communication Arts Department that consistently ask how everything is going and if I need help with anything don't be afraid to ask them for help.



SanJ Singh
I am grateful for my friends at NYIT.



I am thankful for the great Communication Arts staff, full time and adjuncts. Their real world experiences help us understand our field better and lead us into the correct direction of our careers.
Jessica Whittaker



Although NYIT has much to improve, I am grateful for the great professors that I've met, who think outside the box...who are passionate about what they do here and try to make college fun and practical at the same time. **Maciej Krasienko**

The great cafeteria food and cheap tuition!
Brian Jensen



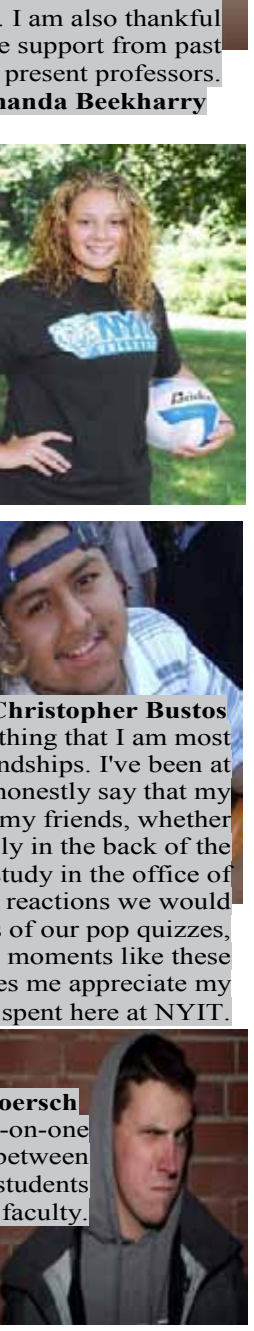


Douglas Guerra
I am thankful that NYIT has taught me how to feel powerful emotions, like hatred, regret, anger, sorrow, futility, and how to work through depression (which was not due to the NYIT depression counseling). Thank you, NYIT, for everything!

I'm grateful to have the shuttle bus to travel between buildings such as the Quad, NYCOM (500 building), deSeversky and Education Hall. I'm grateful to have access to computers that are continuously being upgraded, to have the Student Government Association that compensates various groups at NYIT to purchase food, merchandise and other events. I'm grateful for big events like the Halloween party (Night of the Living Dead), Relay for Life, Mayfest and commencement for Seniors. I'm grateful for professors who care about a student's success in class and for the tutoring center to help educate and provide help for students who are having difficulty absorbing the content. **Ralph Demayo**



I am thankful for the friends and experiences I have had here at NYIT.
Lynsey Michaud



I am thankful for all the great experiences I had at NYIT especially with The Campus Slate and Carleton Group. I am also thankful for all the support from past and present professors.
Amanda Beekharry



I am grateful to my family and friends for their love and support. Also the NYIT student, who comes to my class with an open mind and a determined spirit, offers a bit of honesty that connects us all.
Professor Cindy Davis



The one thing that I'm grateful for at NYIT is the hands on production classes. You really understand what it takes to make movies and put TV shows on TV.
Rajay Edwards



I am thankful for all the teachers and friends I have made throughout all the four years I have been here. Because of some of the great teachers I have had, I have grown from an incoming freshman into an "almost" graduate; ready to go out into the real world head first with a great education under my belt. **Nina Cicero**



I am grateful that NYIT has allowed me to make some of the coolest and closest friendships from staff members to my peers. Without NYIT I would have not meet none of them.
Blanca Mejia





I am grateful for the family that I have, it is no accident that I'm getting good grades these days.
Alfred Martin

Christopher Bustos
I would have to say that the thing that I am most grateful for at NYIT is the friendships. I've been at NYIT for three years and I can honestly say that my fondest memories have been with my friends, whether it's laughing spontaneously in the back of the classroom, joking around at work study in the office of admissions, or even the instant face reactions we would make upon receiving the results of our pop quizzes, which we would fail miserably. It's moments like these that I'll always cherish and makes me appreciate my time spent here at NYIT.

Anthony Steglik : I'm grateful for the opportunities and education of NYIT. The school very much does one thing that I have not seen at many other schools which is it doesn't leave education at book smarts. NYIT gives opportunities to many to better prepare for "real life" and problem solving in the business environment.



At NYIT, I'm grateful for the people that I've met along the way. Networking is important, and I've made some quality connections over the years, as well as friends!
Joseph Petchonka

What is NYIT's President Grateful For?
"85,000 graduates for a starter. We have done our jobs well if we create the human capital to lead our world in the coming decades. And whenever I walk across one of our campuses, I am thankful for the common spirit and the sheer energy. Faculty and students from dozens of countries are working to get ahead, not just for their individual careers, but to improve education, health care and sustainable architecture everywhere."
President **Edward Guiliano**





I am grateful for IVCF. NYIT is also very diverse which is awesome
Suiith Abraham



I am grateful for life and art. I am grateful for the freedom of expression and my family including and my loving dog Kutna. To health and happiness. -**Nicole Rosenberg**

Richard Floersch
The one-on-one communications between Communication Arts students and the faculty.

By Sujith K. Abraham

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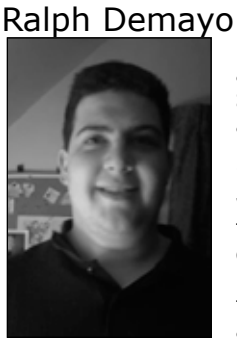
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Letters From The Editors



Dear Campus Slate Readers,

Last week, I was in Cancun, Mexico for several days enjoying the hot sun and partying for my cousin's wedding. I arrived back in New York on Tuesday, November 16 and felt flustered since then, trying to catch up on everything. Getting back into school and work mode is a challenge especially when returning from a wonderful vacation in paradise. But this pre-Thanksgiving vacation was worth it and I had a great time. We all need a break sometimes. Speaking of a break, Thanksgiving break is only a few days away (or hours for some of you).

This issue of The Campus Slate mostly revolves around Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? Within the issue, read about what the Slate Staff is grateful for at NYIT. For the shoppers, we have an article about Black Friday deals and new gift card laws. For those who are preparing dinner this Thanksgiving, check out *The Frugalista* Blog for tips on an affordable meal. There is also an exclusive Mac n' Cheese recipe on The Campus Slate's website (www.thecampusslate.com). For those that want to go somewhere, there is an article within the issue about local Thanksgiving hot spots. For sports fans, check out our sports section for the top 5 NFL Thanksgiving holiday football games that occurred throughout the years.

We have other articles inside the issue that are not holiday related but will also spark an interest. For instance, have you ever wonder where and why the Campus Life Office in the Student Activity Center moved from the second floor? Read more about the Student Activity Center renovations. We also have a piece highlighting NYIT's IL Circolo Italiano, the Italian club on campus. It is open to other nationalities, not just for Italian students. It's a great way to learn about another culture so read more about it in the issue. There are many other fun and informational stories ahead so read on!

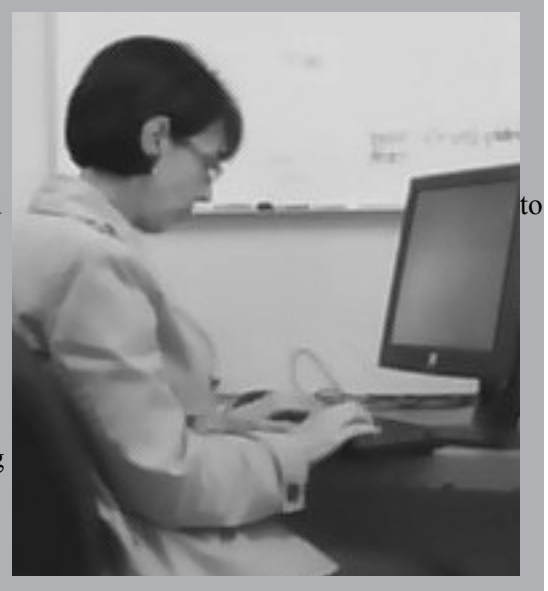
Even though the semester is coming to an end, there is always a beginning for you at The Campus Slate. We are always looking for team players to join us and with mixed talents (we don't only need writers). If you would like to learn more about The Campus Slate and becoming a part of the team, please email slate@nyit.edu.

Happy Gobble Gobble!

Sincerely,

Amanda Beekharry

Editor-In-Chief



Dear Readers,

As you read this, many of you are packing up or are already on your way to visit family and friends. So, as you load up your cars, head to the airport, or just make a short trip home, take a few minutes to think about what Thanksgiving means to you and what you're grateful for.

Or, if that's sounds too clichéd and unoriginal to you, try thinking about this instead—imagine all the things in your life that you *don't have* and you *don't want* (for example: illness, poverty, homelessness). Maybe it will help you to focus on how much you really do have to be grateful for.

As for me, well, I wish you the following over the next few days:

- Meaningful moments spent with family (even if they drive you crazy once in a while);
- Fun, relaxing time with friends (even if it's never enough time);
- At least one delicious, hot, home-cooked meal (turkey, tofurkey, or whatever makes you happy);
- Lots of days in a row to sleep late (there's never enough days to sleep late!); and
- A rejuvenating break from your demanding school schedules (even if you have a paper that's due the day school resumes).

And, just in case it feels like the Thanksgiving break seems to be over before you've even begun to relax—remember, once you do get back, there's less than four weeks until the end of the semester.

So, stay warm, stay safe, have fun, and we'll see you back on campus not too soon (well, five long days to be exact). Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,

Robin Bensignor

Web Site Editor

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

NYIT's History in the Military

By: Anthony Steglik

Listening to military stories is how I spent my Veteran's Day this year. No, I didn't need to go to the VFW or even to a base to hear these stories. I simply sat around at NYIT's luncheon for the veterans of our school. The conversation quickly turned into history of our school. This is when I realized our school has an enriched history of service members.

In 1945, there was a trade school that was founded in New York City to help soldiers returning home from World War II. The school eventually blossomed into a junior college. The founder of that school is a familiar name to our institution as well, Alexander Schure. Besides being just the name of one of the buildings on campus, Schure was the founder of NYIT in New York City in 1955. Even before all this Alexander Schure served in the United States Signal Corps, stationed in Colorado Springs, during World War II.


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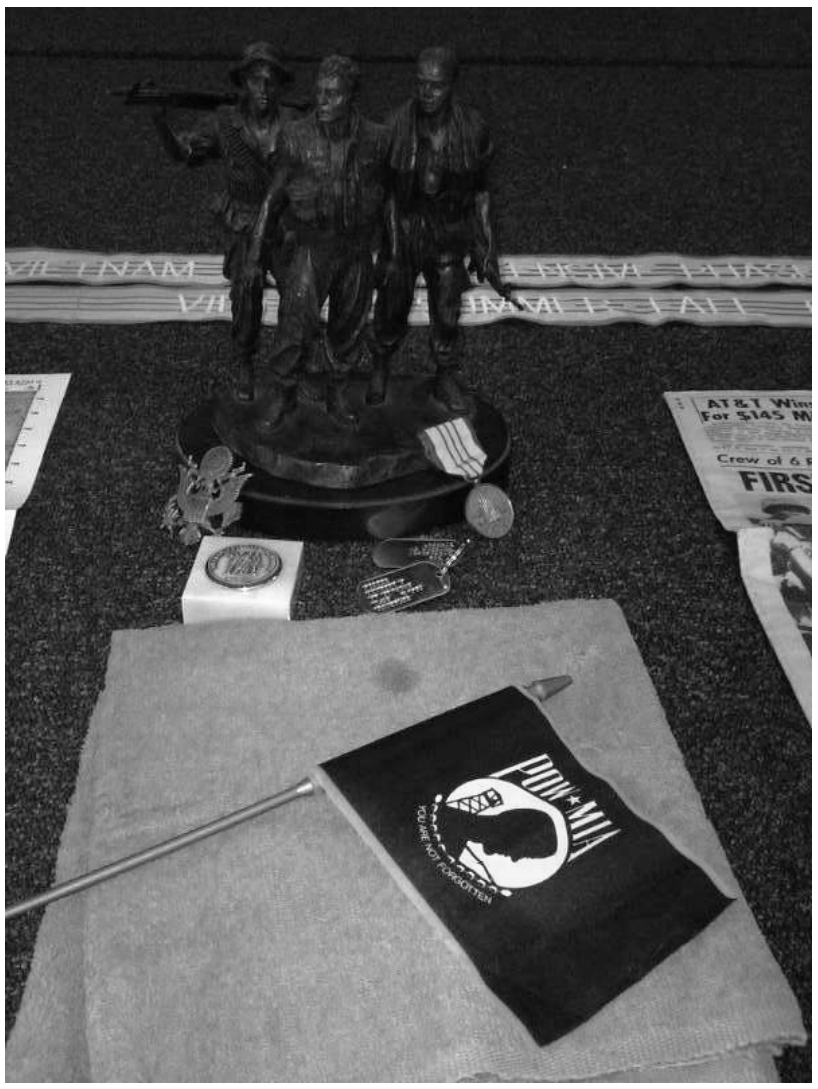
Sometimes, War's Swell

Army Sent Wrong Body Home–Mom

DeSeversky may be another name that we as NYIT students only associate with a name on a building on campus, however, the mansion is named after Alexander DeSeversky. Alexander DeSeversky was a member of the Russian Imperial Navy during World War I. In 1918 he was stationed in the United States as an assistant naval attaché at the Russian Embassy. Because of the Russian Revolution he decided to make the United States his new home. In 1927 he became a naturalized United States citizen and that same year was granted commission as a major in the Air Force or at the time as it was called the Army Air Corps. The air force was originally the Army Air Corps until 1947 when it was separated into his own branch now known as the Air Force.

Today there are well over a hundred and twenty veterans that are students at the Old Westbury Campus of NYIT. The general consensus of the veterans I talked to is that NYIT is a very military friendly school and environment. The faculty of each perspective study field are very understanding to the unique situation of the service members. Air Force Staff Sergeant Anthony Vaspa explained a situation recently where training conflicted with his start date of school and the computer sciences department granted leeway with the first two weeks of class for him to be able to fulfill his military work and come back to dive straight into his classes.

One name that came up quite a bit while talking to some of the student troops was Nancy Borchers. Nancy is Associate Registrar but also the veterans affairs representative for NYIT. Majority of the veterans say Nancy was the most helpful when returning to school. Some of the service members had a long break in between education for some as much as 10 years. Which left me wondering -- how hard was it to return to school? Surprisingly, majority of the troops I asked said it wasn't too difficult considering their military training. The military teaches strong work ethic, discipline, taking initiative, and leadership, all of which are valuable in the classroom setting. At the luncheon I also realized that apart from the founders and active service members, there is a large population of faculty that served during their respective war time eras, from professors to supporting staff. There are veterans in all walks of life all throughout our campus.



The best part about hearing the tales from the faculty was it was a unique perspective that I never heard before. The faculty and staff spoke a lot about the difference in the military over the years, advice to the service members, and how it helped them in their career. In the words of Kenneth Masarovich, Assistant Director of Academic Computing, gave some of the best advice in my opinion. He says, "Basically do what you like to do and everything else will fall into place. Learn as much as you can as the world changes so quickly now and you need to be competitive with other countries in education and technology." Ken served in Vietnam after being drafted in 1968. He went on to explain, "It is a great honor to serve your country and to continue to defend its freedom that many countries do not have and we at times take for granted."

My Veterans Day was definitely celebrated the way I think all people should celebrate it by taking the time to listen to a story or two from a veteran, whether at a NYIT luncheon or going down to your local VFW. Each veteran has their own story with a similar backbone, service to our nation.



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The Student Life Experience & Self Evaluation @NYIT with President Guiliano

By Alfred Marten



Note: I recently had the opportunity to ask Dr. Guiliano a few questions on a variety of topics some which are seen throughout this issue of The Campus Slate.

While many students these days may not have the opportunity to spend time speaking with the President, I used to take classes with him years ago, and I remember the days well. His classes were of an intimate size and having also taken English classes at NYU I can unequivocally state that I was taught more effectively and most importantly retained more of the lessons that were usually held in the 300 Building and use those skills regularly. I was pleasantly surprised upon my return to classes, to find that he was now the President of NYIT. I had also known the previous president, Matt Schure rather well and often had dealings with him and his staff on behalf of the SAE.

Through a contact who works closely with the President, I was able to ask Dr. Guiliano what in the President's experience does he believe is the most important experience a college student can have?

"I have spent a considerable amount of time traveling the world and I have no doubt that this generation is the first truly global one. I want our students to feel comfortable working and living in different parts of their own countries, as well as countries with vastly different cultures and traditions." Dr. Guiliano continued, "We can embrace the world in part digitally and partly in our classroom experience and curriculum, wherever we may be sitting. Also, we graduate professionals, so we want our students to be prepared for this century's career, those that exist today and those that will exist tomorrow."

The college experience no doubt is vital for all those who attend, but as an individual, it is often easy for us to become lost in the machine that is to an extent the experience. As we face these challenges, we often look at other schools to see where we stand amongst our peers and judge ourselves and the school we attend. So I put the following question to the President.

On the issue of NYIT as an institution of higher learning, where does the President feel that we can do a better job, and in what way can we each participate to make that a reality? How much of that vision is dependent upon the student body and faculty?

"In just a few years, we have made so much progress turning NYIT from a Long Island school to one that is known and embraces the rest of the world. We are determined to contribute to dozens of countries through our teaching, research and community service. Moreover, we want to continue to raise the quality of our faculty--who are already outstanding measured against other institutions--and programs here in Old Westbury. The message about how great NYIT is getting out...and it is a function of the quality of our graduates, our students and our faculty," says Dr. Guiliano.

Meaningful progress is rarely measured in days or weeks, but over years. Since I've left Old Westbury, many things have changed. We still have the Manhattan Campus but there once was a campus out in Central Islip. It was as depressing as one could find and fortunately long ago sold. Not far from where I live there was once a campus here in Florida, and when you exit I-95, there is still a sign post, old, faded and partially bent pointing somewhere to the past.

Instead today we have our campuses in Bahrain, Canada, China, Jordan, The Eau and Online. Dr. Guiliano is correct in his assessment. In a few short years the school has grown tremendously, and I would challenge anyone to think about what it would take if they had to create just one of these programs. From his comments, it seems as if he is intent upon strengthening the NYIT Old Westbury Campus in the quality of its faculty and it programs to the betterment of the students, and subsequent graduates and employers will be the beneficiaries by virtue of these efforts. It is a goal that must be met, if the core campus and by extension the entirety of NYIT is to truly and honestly hold merit amongst its peers, student body and prospective applicants as it deserves.



A New Student Activities Center!

By: Alfred Marten

Note: I recently had the opportunity to ask Dr. Guiliano a few questions on a variety of topics, some which are seen throughout this issue of The Campus Slate.

For several years the Student Activity Center has been for lack of a better term, depressing and in need a design that blends form and function, with common sense real world applications. Fortunately, it appears that time is finally approaching. In its new inception The Bears Den, Cafeteria and The Barn, will all be brought together in one state of the art new building.

The project has apparently been on the books since early 2009 but due to revisions in what the desired outcome is to be, design work, permitting, and repermitting have all taken a toll on the speed of the project. Regardless, there is no doubt that these buildings are in serious need and I had an opportunity to ask President Guiliano how this one building on the NYIT Old Westbury Campus, fit into the global community that NYIT is attempting to become.



"We see the expanded Student Activities Center as a symbol for the kind of global university that we have become – a place where students of all backgrounds come to exchange ideas, challenge each other, and enjoy friendship," says Guiliano. "The college experience involves all sorts of learning outside of the classroom, and a comfortable setting to share a meal, play a game, have a meeting is all part of the pleasure of the collegiate experience and preparation for the next phase in life."

Francy Magee, Dean of Campus Life, whose offices will now be located above The Bears Den says, "…With regards to the whole building, there was a need to improve the integration between the SAC and the Athletic complex, given their proximity to one another. As such, an attractive new façade that will link the buildings is being built along the side facing the soccer field."

Magee continues, "With regards to the Campus Life suite, there was a need to improve the space overall as well as to enhance support of student leadership functions. The goal of all the improvements to the building is to upgrade the space, continuing to enhance students' and other members of the NYIT community's experience. The new space will be more functional and inviting to students, enabling staff to better serve NYIT students. We are excited and feel fortunate to be able to have these upgrades completed at this time."

On the issue of completion, it appears that this new façade is so much more than ever initially anticipated according to Ray Maggiore (Assistant Director, Design & Construction) in that "this building strives to bring forth many important physical elements that need to be known. In the re-construction, all three of these buildings are being joined together and a new second level over one third of the newly joined buildings, as well as an additional third floor over the entire structure."

When asked why this might be called a reconstruction or a re-use, Maggiore explains that "rather than throwing out the three old buildings and starting new, which besides being expensive, time consuming and bad for the environment, the concept was to take the three buildings tie them together using long life steel framing and masonry wall construction. The finished building would be encapsulated within a brick masonry façade that ties the entire project together literally under one roof while utilizing green fixtures for plumbing, lighting, heating and a\c in an effort to reduce the NYIT carbon footprint." If all stays on schedule, the building shell is hoped to be completed by commencement.

According to Dean Magee, as a direct result of this project she has found new and improved cooperation between different departments to the betterment of the student body, and cites the recent Halloween party at the deSeversky Center, as such an example. The programming of events takes months of planning in some cases and the cooperation and improved relations with other offices such as the library, Athletics and deSeversky add to the improvement of campus life.

On a project of this magnitude, the efforts in order to complete a project such as this require the participation of many departments. So I posed the question to Dean Magee, how have you found working with the Design and Construction Department?

"Working with Design and Construction has been a pleasure. Communication has been consistently strong as that office kept affected departments well notified while involving offices in providing feedback as appropriate. I have high praise for Raymond Maggiore in leading this initiative," says Dean Magee.

According to several people I interviewed, it appears that the Bears Den will go "off-line" at the end of this semester, but that it should be back in business if all goes according to plan in the Spring 2011 semester. The space as it currently is being developed has not yet even been fully programmed. However, some of the items in store may include a leadership resource room for student groups and the SGA, where they would have access to dedicated computers and printers; and smart room, where it is conceivable that global SGA and Slate meetings could be held. This type of a room could be available to the faculty for live interactive online class broadcasts well. Time will tell.

If you have any input on what might be best for the available space or perhaps a suggestion as to what to call this building (as none has yet to have told me what it is to be called), please drop me a line at slate@nyit.edu and place my name in the subject line: Al Marten

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This Thanksgiving, Your Wallet Will Be Thankful

By: Jessica Whittaker

We all know how expensive a full Thanksgiving dinner can be, but up until now you've been sitting at the kiddy table so it didn't matter. As we're getting older and not living close enough to our parents to make the 3-day weekend trip, friends have become our new family and the Thanksgiving budget is coming out of our pockets. Luckily there are ways to save even during the Holidays.



First off, if you aren't serving 20 people there's no need to buy a whole turkey. A turkey breast will run you about $15. A regular sized fresh turkey will cost around $35. If you are making a whole turkey, don't waste your leftovers. Although I didn't think of this (I got it off of rachaelray.com) I think it's a great idea. Here's a great recipe for Thanksgiving leftovers:

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Leftover stuffing

Leftover cranberry sauce

Leftover turkey, shredded

Leftover gravy, warmed

Leftover mashed potatoes

Leftover crusty bread, cut into big chunks

Leftover cornbread, cut into big chunks

Pre-heat the oven to 400°F. Brush an 8-inch x 8-inch baking dish with the melted butter. Add leftover stuffing to the bottom of the pan, squishing it down into an even layer. Continue layering everything up with the cranberry sauce, shredded turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes (drizzle any leftover melted butter on the top of the potatoes to get them extra browned on top). Place the dish on a baking sheet and bake until the mashed potatoes are golden brown and the inside is heated through, about 20 minutes. Use the leftover crusty bread and cornbread to scoop into the dip.

Another way to cut corners on your receipt but not on flavor is to make your own side dishes instead of buying pre-made. It sounds more expensive but dollar for dollar you will get more use for your money with ingredients, plus prepared foods are taxed whereas raw ingredients aren't. And it's better for you and you can control the ingredients. For my family's homemade mac n' cheese recipe go to www.thecampusslate.com. Desserts are also a big budget buster. A pumpkin pie will cost over $8.00, but baking a pie with refrigerated pie dough will only put you back $4.25.

A great way to save on your Thanksgiving dinner is to do it like the Pilgrims and Indians and ask your guests to bring dishes to take some of the workload off you. Maybe your friend makes the world's best stuffing or can pick out the best wine. Everyone will feel good about contributing.

One of the best ways to save money is to skip the lavish decorations. One great way to decorate the table on a budget is to go outside! Find a thing in nature, leaves, pinecones or anything else that's in your backyard and brush them with a little glue and cover in glitter. Put it in a bowl on the table and your whole centerpiece would have cost you $10. Or you can pick up a few mini pumpkins at your grocery store for really cheap, core them and stick dollar store candlesticks in them.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for what we have. So even if you're on a budget, be thankful for the friends and family you have around you to celebrate the holidays with. Not to mention, gift-buying season is just around the corner and you'll need to save all you can! Happy Saving!

Blackboard: Online or Classroom?

By: Nicole Rosenberg



There are a lot of pros and cons when it comes to a class online. We are missing out on the face-to-face communication where you build a relationship, not only with your peers but your professor. Creating this relationship is very important throughout the semester because the better your professor knows you, the better he or she will understand you. When attending your class online, a very small relationship if any is created with the professor. Plus, you never get to meet your fellow classmates and that sucks. One of the best aspects of going to a new class is the excitement of whom you may meet. Whether it is a new friend or maybe something even more (this does not just mean relationships) you could meet someone within your careers goals who can help you out, this being the whole purpose of college. Another issue is that when you do not have to go to a classroom, there is a tendency to forget about the class all together. I am currently taking two online classes because I have to in order to graduate but I am paranoid so I do not forget, but most do and it makes sense. We all have lives outside class and sometimes our lives can make us forget about an online class.

A major con for me is if there is something in the assignment that I just do not understand and I am unable to reach my professor. This leaves us stranded and worried. I lucked out and both my online professors can be reached at any point in time but I know it is not always like this. This makes the workload and course even more difficult.

The pros seem obvious to me and I am sure to you. You do not have to be on campus so much, so we save gas, money and time. You are able to do your work at home in your own private area but some do not even have that private area to work so this is debatable. Taking online classes are great when you have to work a full time job and can't attend a class room setting every day. This helps out a lot of friends that I know.

Online classes are great in some aspects and horrible in others but I do believe that there are improvements to come especially with all the new technology that is coming out. Some say in time everything will be on the Internet and I am caught between uncertainty and interest on that topic. How do you feel about our worlds only online? Personally, in many ways it scares me and saddens me at the same time.

Denise Berger Presents: Career Success

By: Blanca Mejia

During Denise Berger's opening statement she quoted Amelia Earhart; "The woman that can create her own job is the woman who will win fame and fortune." Mrs. Berger is a great representation of that opening quote. She has set goals, and taking the opportunities that have landed her way to be the successful professional she is today. And to think our very own New York Institute of Technology was a great part of it!



In her special presentation, Denise Berger shared with us her personal experiences as a college student, and a college graduate entering the work force. During her search towards picking a college, she had a very important choice to make between NYIT, City College and Pratt Institute. Once she did make that final decision, she took off even if she didn't know it yet! She took classes for her first three years in our Manhattan campus and took her last two years at the Old Westbury campus, where she completed her five year program in Architecture. "I am so glad that I came here, I am glad I came to Manhattan but I am glad I came here, I love both campuses," says Berger. During her time here she took advantage of what NYIT had to offer her.

While trying to reach her goals of completing school in the five years that she was here, Mrs. Berger did admit "it was really difficult because I never had time to participate in things that I wanted to participate in…." During her time she did utilize NYIT summer courses to get her hard classes like statistics, physics and calculus out the way, so during her regular school semesters she could concentrate on her Architecture projects and models.

She also utilized the Career Service Office when she was on the search for her first job. The Career Service Office landed her the first interview right out of school. She landed the job, working at an architectural firm in Westchester. She worked with the architectural interior and design division, where she learned a lot about how to put a set of contracts together and got to sit back and see how the firm worked. "I thought wow! This job is great. I was going to make $18,000 dollars and was like this is a lot of money…. I soon learned that the firm was dreadful; you had to work 50- 60 hours weeks...you had to come in at 8am sharp and no one left till 6," says Berger.

After working there for a little over a year at the architectural firm, Denise Berger moved on to the Port Authority of New York and Jersey, and joined at the time of the Associates Trainee program. Mrs. Berger has been at the Port Authority of New York and Jersey for the past 23 years. She has been a part of the architectural department, project management, the world trade development, and LaGuardia airport.

To get to where she's at right now, Mrs. Berger is a strong believer in setting up long and short term goals, which is something we should all consider doing. By setting up long term and short term goals, we can decide what is next for us and keeps us on track with completing them. Some of the goals she did set up were where to graduate college in five years and to get her architectural license in three years.

Another great tip which she suggested was to network. Networking within the school and also outside of school is important to practice because that's how you get connections. Joining a school society or chapter will not only get you to meet new people, it is also a way to practice networking, so once you are out in the real world you feel more comfortable doing it.

During Mrs. Berger presentation, she also brought up a great reason why we should take advantage of what NYIT has to offer us. The mentor program which NYIT offers is something that a small amount of students take advantage of. "It's a business contact to get you a job," says Berger. If more students did take advantage of the mentor program that is offered at school, they would have that contact to join the work force way faster than most of their peers. Taking courses in communication, writing, and public speaking is a must because you learn how to introduce yourself and how to network is a big part of the course work these classes offer.

"Go to college career fairs those are really important, get out there! Meet the representatives and take their card and email them, just keep emailing them," Berger suggests. Putting yourself out there and advocating yourself is the best way to head towards a successful career in the long run. Attending college fairs really gives you the opportunity to meet different company representatives, and it gives you that extra contact you didn't have. Staying in touch with people you meet at college fairs or while you network is the most important because they remember you and see that you're driven to get a job with them. Even if there are no job openings, once they do have a spot you can be the one they hire.

One other thing to take in to consideration is to start getting your resume out to companies to get those summer internships. Having a professional resume is a must. Also making sure you constantly follow up with companies to see if they received and looked over your resume is important as well. Follow ups should be done on a monthly basis. Making sure your putting yourself out there is the key to being successful.

Denise Berger has worked hard to get to where she is at because of her drive and perseverance. She has set up long and short term goals to be where she is at now, and has also used what NYIT had to offer her.



Denise Berger

A new schedule planning tool to help with registration for the Spring 2011 semester is now available on NYITConnect. Simply create a list of courses that you need to take and set your preferences such as course location or a time break. With one click, the application will generate multiple class schedules. Once you select a schedule to suit your needs, you can register for selected sections at NYITConnect.

To access the application, log in to NYITConnect and select the link for the Class Scheduler. For instructions use the «Help» link located on the main screen of the application: there will be help videos available.

If you need technical assistance using the Class Scheduler, please contact the Office of the Registrar on your campus:

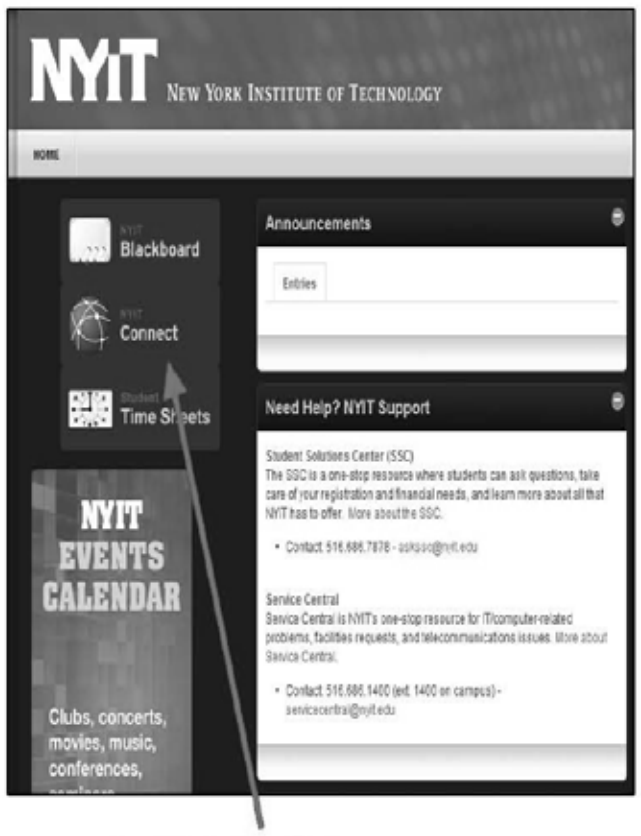
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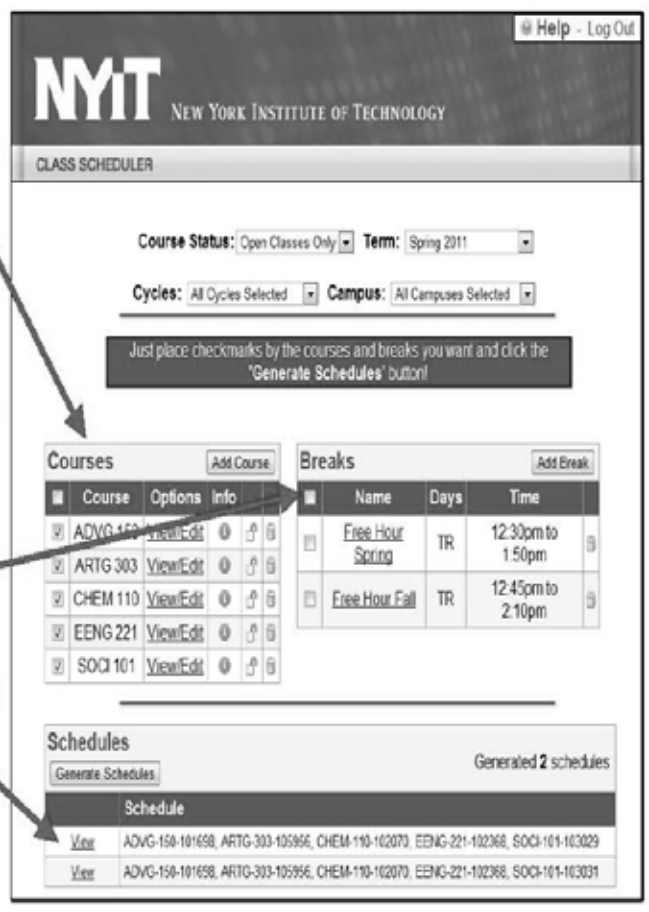
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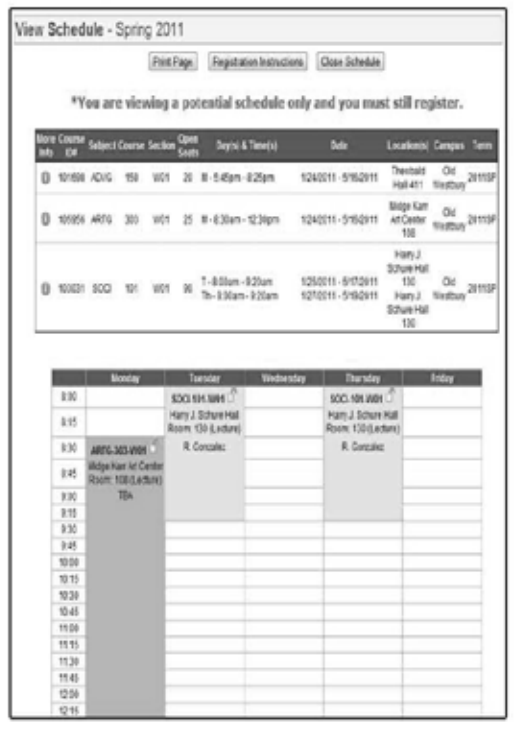
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3. Click "View" To View Schedules!



4. When you've found a schedule you like, click "Registration Instructions" to get the Course ID#'s for registration!



5. Sign into MyNYIT and proceed to the registration area

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Seniors leaving NYIT? Not so fast!!!

By: Ralph Demayo

Graduating from college is exciting and shows how hard you worked through dedication to earn that diploma. Some of you may be earning Bachelor or Master Degree. Regardless of the diploma, it took you countless hours of cracking open those textbooks and studying. Most of you even studied the night before or the day of the exam. Extracurricular activities and a high GPA are needed in tough economic times. You worked hard and diligently and put up with whatever your professor dished out. Education, challenge, commitment, perseverance and teamwork are the formula for success and graduation is about acknowledging that achievement and rewarding you for it.

On November 4th (Thursday), the school had held a senior year celebration. Although all students were welcome to attend, the event was more geared towards seniors. The purpose of the event was to prepare students for graduation day and post graduation and at the same time make it entertaining. Food was also served such as Italian heroes, vegetable heroes, chips, soda, water bottles and candy. The event was sponsored by Career Services, Golden Key, Kaplan, NYIT Food Services, Housing & Residential Life, Dean Marcia Singer, Brooks Brothers, Island Photography, Mary Kay, Advising & Enrichment Center, Arborne, Heroff Jones, Dean Michael Burnett, Office of Alumni Relations, Coca Cola, Office of Campus Life, and Special Events & Hospitality.

There were many tables arranged with important information ranging from various topics. For each table that was visited, each student was presented with a ticket by a representative. The ticket would be filled out with the person's name and address. Half of the ticket would be ripped off and dropped into a raffle box. Obviously, the chances of winning a prize increased when more tickets were placed in the box.

At the tables, a representative was encouraging senior students to purchase a college ring. It is considered to be the second most important jewelry purchase you will ever make in your life. For some, a college ring shows your level of accomplishment and commitment you had in college. Each ring is personalized and custom tailored to your preference. It's a reflection of you, your hobbies and your friends and has sentimental value. Each ring comes with true base alignment, premium quality, high reflection gemstone, hand polished, deeply carved custom designed, expansive design area, fine line engraving and electrolytic deposit finish highlights for long lasting luster. The women rings consisted of different styles such as heritage, signature, Cortina, Olympia, viscount, signet, dynasty 2, lady renaissance, miniature, century, lady infinity and lady liberty. Some of the designs on the man's ring had the same names except it also included traditional, collegiate, renaissance, collegiate, classic, omega, orion, sovereign, ovation, liberty, challenger and infinity. The ring itself can be made out of yellow gold, white gold, white ultrium, natural finish or antique finish. There is also a choice of having curriculum sides, sculptured palm side and/or name engraved. On the base you can have a metal, greek, polaris, luster, celestial, freedom star panel, crown or royal setting. The genuine gemstones assorted from black onyx, cats eye, tiger eye, mother of pearl, jade, opal, blue lapis, azalea pink, cornflower blue, shell white and honey black sapphire. They had stones such as encrusted, sunburst, imperial, smooth, diamond and galaxy. The Cubic Zirconia and birthstone point sizes go from 2 pts to 33 pts. The rings are made exquisite and have a lifetime warranty on defects and resizing.

The representative at the next table was focusing on Job Choices in 2011 for Business and Liberal Arts students, discussing the rights and responsibilities job seekers have; such as confidentiality, freedom of choice, access to all services and events, access to career information and testing information.

They had tables that would give information about signing up for football, selling perfumes and much more. The raffle prizes were a Netbook Computer, 50% discount Kaplan GME, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT course, gift certificate for commencement regalia, Mary Kay gift certificate & product bag, island photography NYIT portrait package, Arbonne certificate & product package, four (4) extra commencement tickets with VIP parking pass, DVD combo package/commencement & school commencement, NYIT tee shirts, Office of Career Services gift bag and much more.

During the event, they had music being played by the WNYT radio station and the NYIT bear walking around. The sorority group, Zeta Phi Beta, performed a very talented dance towards the end of the occasion.

To all the seniors at NYIT, congratulations on your awesome achievement and may you be prosperous and intelligent in your career search and all your future endeavors!

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What is the Italian Club about?

By: Stephanie Belizaire

Some students may not be aware but there is an Italian club on campus. This club isn't only of Italian heritage but the club is opened to people of other nationalities as well. Il Circolo Italiano has been a club around NYIT for a while, but in the last two years it has not been active. The president of this club is Giuseppe Spiotta. The president and Alexana Gaspari decided to contact Adelaide Marciano to assist them to get the club back to way it was before; active.



The Italian club may seem like they limit the group to Italians only based on the name, but it's opened up to people of other nationalities. They feel if their only limiting themselves to only Italians, how will they be able to connect to other students in the school. Their main goal is to involve all the members of the club in activities and events that include the Italian background. For instance, last year they held a fundraiser in The Bear's Den in the SAC which was an eating contest for who can eat the most Penne Al Olio (pasta with oil and garlic). The prize for the winner was an iPod Nano. Other fundraisers that they have done in the past included a Pasta Tasting and a bake sale, both of which raised money for the Town of L›Aquila in Italy which had suffered from a terrible Earthquake. Pasta tasting is an event where all of the members would cook pasta, and then sell it, where at the end the winner was chosen by a «jury» of random students. After those events took place, they had a student from L›Aquila come to the school and look around.

The purpose of this club is to meet new people and students that join this organization and can connect with NYIT more by being aware of what is going on around campus and meet a lot of new people which can really be fun. The club also participates in activities. For instance they marched in the Columbus parade. Giuseppe said, "We will continue to participate in this wonderful event. It was an amazing experience to walk amongst all of the people there especially the men and women that risk their life everyday; firefighters and police force." This year students in Italy accompanied the club at the parade and all of them enjoyed the parade. Giuseppe said that based on their face expressions, you were able to tell all of them were glad they were there. Dean Burnett even joined them in the parade.

This upcoming semester, Giuseppe has plans for this club to grow exponentially and to be noticed on this campus. "My heritage means a lot to me and I want other students to experience what the Italian culture is about," says Giuseppe. As an organization, they get involved with the community by doing activities. The president is trying to get the club involved with Habitat for Humanity. They feel it is an amazing cause to help and they want to be a part of it. In the past, present and future they will be a part of Relay for life as well. Relay for life raises money for cancer awareness and will have a team for it upcoming May.

Winter is Near; Make the Most of It!

By: Joe Petchonka

With the fall semester winding down, students are looking forward to their much-deserved winter break; perhaps search for a short-term job to pass the time, or contemplate which dinner to have next is what most kids are thinking of. But as taboo as it sounds, using the time to obtain a quality internship, even for such a short period of time, can prove to be just the thing to jumpstart your future career.

Many students find that obtaining an internship during the winter break is a considerable waste of time, and may even find themselves saying "what could I possibly learn in a month, or so?" Well, quite a bit, to put it bluntly. But how exactly does one find a winter internship? "Students can start looking at several possible sources. Check alumni offices and career centers on campus for any alumni or employers that have offered such opportunities to students in the past," says Tom Dezell, author of the book Networking for the Novice, Nervous, or Naïve Job Seeker, who also has nearly 25 years of experience in the field of career development. "Next, try to reach out to anyone you know that works in a desired field. This can include friends of your parents, parents' friends, recent graduates, etc. Many internships begin with a simple proposal, so target some companies you have had an interest and reach out directly. Reaching out or cold calling is something you will need to do once you start looking for a job, so it's not a bad idea to begin getting comfortable with the process," continues Dezell.

NYIT's Career Services Center also serves students with a well of knowledge, and this could go a long way if you're in search of a winter internship, or even just an internship in general. The staff is dedicated to helping students find jobs and internships, while making the process simple and engaging. "Professional experience is becoming a requirement for getting a job after graduation. Over 70% of students that have job offers after graduation had some form of professional experience," says Adrienne McNally, Assistant Director of Experiential Education. "A winter internship can be a particularly good idea because most students have little or no classes. This allows them to work full time, which employers like and will also give the students a great experience."

Of course, finding a winter internship is one thing, but can it really benefit a student? "It will look better on a graduates resume than having no related experience as well. Plus, something a student can consider is that if they make a positive impression, they could propose to continue the internship during summer months while they look for a permanent job" says Dezell. "The market is quite competitive, so any advantage a graduate can gain by having relevant experience to supplement a degree is very important."

With a job market as scarce as the current one, every bit of help that you can acquire along the way to your career can turn just about any negative trend into a positive one. And seeing how an internship is a perfect way to gain professional experience in your chosen field, why not look for a winter internship? Most students wait until the summer to search for an internship, but if you are rigorous in your efforts to land one, you'll be way ahead of the curve, and you'll even be ahead of your peers when it comes to shaping your career. And who knows, maybe the short winter internship will lead to greater accomplishments; isn't that most important?

SAW 3D Movie Review



By: Lynsey Michaud

Finally the last Saw movie is in theaters! Movie after movie, the seventh Saw has delivered the promise of goriest Saw yet. It's been an understanding that the Saw films are extremely gory but they also balance of moral meaning. The story line continues with Bobby (Sean Patrick Flanery) who is a Jigsaw survivor turned into a motivational speaker and a writer of a book about surviving the Jigsaw. He ends up becoming famous and also begins touring the country telling his story of his escape from the serial killer. I'll spare you the details but in the end you will discover a twisted end of fate, because in this movie lying leads to dying. To be honest, out of all the Saw movies, Saw 3D was the goriest, you may in fact find it too gory. I felt as if the director added a lot more gore in order to enhance the 3 dimensional aspect of the film. This Saw did not have as much substance nor did it have that deep meaning like the others. There were no "big known movie stars" in the film and also I felt the acting was amateurish. The other films definitely had better acting in it than this one did. Although the acting may have seemed amateurish, this series keeps audiences coming back for more gore and the unforgettable twisted story line. This movie is strongly advised for those who have strong stomachs -- so skip the popcorn and Milk Duds -- whether Saw 3D stands up to its predecessors is uncertain. But one thing is for sure, you'll lose your appetite.

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Life In A Band

By: Richard Floersch

When work and school let out, everyone comes home and takes part in some sort of hobby that involves a sort of skill, dedication, and persistence. If you didn't have a hobby, how would you have a life at all? Many people I know come home after work, change out of their worn out suits and shoes after a long day of miserable, agonizing work and grab some instruments with friends to let loose and gain back their sanity.



Being in a band is more stressful and draining than some people think. It's comparable to joining a sports team (not physically, as I'm sure Fat Mike from NOFX would add) but it happens to require a tiresome dedication which involves a ton of practices, booking, equipment, and members who might not get along half the time. Successful bands have merchandise, flyers, posters, CDs, shirts, and pins. Although "it's all about the music," what would your band be if no one listened to them or attended their shows? Exposure is the toughest part of playing music. You want it to be heard but with so many bands and genres out there, making it to the big times is like winning the lotto.

My experiences with booking and playing two national tours and being in different bands with different genres has shown me how hard it actually is to get your name out there and have people come back for more. Most labels like to see that your band tours, draws a crowd, and sell merchandise which is hard to do while being a student at the same time. Each genre has its own way of drawing attention and its own mood and personality like the people that listen to it. Even though it's hard to expose your music, at least social networking sites and music downloading programs can pull you in the right direction.

I don't even know how the older bands went about planning a tour without social networking sites and emailing. MySpace Music has helped us out tremendously along with Facebook, iTunes, and any other type of music sharing programs. It's all about promotion and this digital age has truly helped the underground community find their niche in today's musical world. As much of a pain as it is, nothing is as satisfying as playing fun music to people who enjoy it and that's why I break my back over it.

Here are some newer indie bands to listen out for:

Dirty Blonde - http://www.myspace.com/dirtyblondeny

Big Soda - http://www.myspace.com/bigsodaband

Big Eyes - http://www.myspace.com/bigeyesband

Tenement - http://www.myspace.com/tenementwi

WHO IS REALLY IN CONTROL?

By: SanJ Singh



Think about it, run through your day and see that you, as a student or employee of some machine, you're kind of standing in the back, sweating when your number is called, to see what meaningless, unimportant task that you have to complete. Now, what do people to get over the fact that their wheels are stuck in the mud? Drink if you're an alcoholic? Listen to angry rap? Party? But what if you are a gamer? Well obviously, you stay up late either online or by yourself, trying to prove that you are king of the hill or trying to lose yourself in a story line. But now, as an attempt to make gaming more of a "family activity," every major gaming system has a new Motion Tracking controlling system. PS3 has the "Playstation Move" which is based off of using a camera which is placed on top of your television and tracks a LED light which is on top of the figure and tracks your movements in 3D space. This is based off of Nintendo's Wii and is based fully on Motion Capture through the same idea, only with a camera not a sensor bar. Finally, Microsoft released "Kinect" that actually does not use a remote. There is a camera that first scans the environment of the room to understand the space in which the game will be played. However, the thought of simple gestures makes the any person want to get off the couch and play.

Far into the past, there have been games that did this such as "Dance Dance Revolution," and the newer "Rock Band." "Dance Dance Revolution" is a simple concept where a pad is placed on the floor with arrows that requires you to tap on with your foot as they show up on your television screen that shows up to the beat of Japanese dance music. "Rock Band" is similar to this, except that it's you and your friends using "instruments," those being a plastic guitar and microphone drum kit and rock music. This again got people off the couch and family members together which is a very good thing.



These companies are turning their backs on the core of their cash flow and fans. Yes family is important, but hardcore gamers don't really see a use for these systems. Granted with the Wii, Playstation Move and the Xbox Kinect you can make sword/ light saber swinging motions, which for some is a dream come true. But apparently the majority of game being released are "family friendly" or just "party" games. The Wii released with "Wii Sports" which still is a lot of fun. However, the majority of games are not really based for the angry 35-40 hour a week gamers. Yes there are games made for these select and noble few. Like for Nintendo's Wii, a number of Star Wars games and some remakes of classic favorites. Granted there are some "Shooter" games but not enough to draw a crowd.



So basically, we, as a population of gamers are in control. The same way someone can change the radio station if a song comes on that they don't like is the same way we can avoid getting a new system of equipment to play video games on or with.

Black Friday Gift Shopping

By: Jessica Whittaker

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With the holidays right around the corner, everyone is starting to do their shopping. And some brave smart-shoppers get up at 3 a.m. and make the trip to their favorite stores and wait online for hours for the best sales of the year. According to the National Retail Federation, 41.8% of shoppers said a sale or discount is the top factor in their decision to buy or walk. So it's no surprise the 50% of people do the bulk of their holiday shopping on Black Friday.

The term Black Friday originated in Philadelphia by a police officer, although not as a term of endearment. It is considered to be the busiest shopping day of the year. On average, people spend $518.80 on gifts with approximately $393.55 on family. This year it is estimated 447.1 billion dollars will be spent in the 24-hour span, up 2.3% from last year.

Top Gift Requests of 2010 from NYIT Students

1 – Canon Digital Camera

2 – iPod Touch

3 – Call of Duty: Black Ops

4 – MacBook

5 – Puppy

However this year, retailers aren't waiting for Black Friday to have super-sales. Amazon.com is holding a Black Friday Week and Sears have been offering deals since before Halloween. Mobile technology also comes into play. Many retailers, such as JCPennys and 1-800-Flowers, have created iPhone Apps to look up sales and promotions. And social media has become a primary way to leak Black Friday deal flyers to the public.



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Even though the holiday season is a time of joy, if not handled properly by store staff, Black Friday can be an extremely dangerous situation. Two years after the tragic death of a Wal-Mart employee in Valley Stream, retailers are taking major precautions to not repeat history. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is encouraging a crowd-management plan and gave it to the CEO's of major companies. Crowd management plans include security or police on-site and emergency personnel prior to the doors ever opening. OSHA also recommends not letting any extra customers in once the store has reached maximum capacity and not blocking or locking any exits. They urge retailers to fully prepare and explain to customers the procedures.

This year almost every store, from the most high-end department stores all the way down to the corner drug stores is having blowout deals on Friday November 26. So it can be a little overwhelming to decide which stores to hit. The best way to have an effective Black Friday is to plan ahead. Websites like bfads.net search for all the Black Friday flyers and conveniently list them all in one place and can organize a shopping list to make even a novice smart-shopper Black Friday savvy.

So is your washer or dryer on the fritz? If you go to Sears today you can buy a Kenmore unit on sale for $435, a great deal. But if you brave the crowds you'll pay $199. At Staples they will mark down a HP 20-inch wide-screen LCD Monitor to $100, saving you $50 and a Kodak EasyShare Digital Camera for $69.99 down from $119.99 Want an E-Reader on the cheap? Macy's will discount their Literati E-Reader 25% to $125. Need a gift for Dad? Lowe's is offering a Tradesman Table Saw for $59, saving you $80. That's more than half off! Target will be selling select kitchen appliances for $3. And Best Buy is having door-buster deals on electronics; a Sony laptop for $399.99, a Toshiba Blu-Ray player for $59.99 and $50 off the Galaxy Tablet. If you are looking for the little ones in your life, Toys'R'us is the place to be early November 26th. All of their toys are at least 25% off and most video games are 40% off. Game systems will not be on sale but gift cards in major denominations will be given after purchase. Black Friday weekend goes hand in hand with decorating season so if you're looking for cheap holiday décor, Walgreen's is having buy one get one sales of all holiday items. And at Rite Aid, holiday wrapping paper is buy one get two free! Don't get lost driving to Grandma's Christmas morning. RadioShack is offering a TomTom XXL 550T GPS Receiver, originally $220.99 on sale for $99.99. For stocking stuffers for the women in your life, Sephora is marked down many of their full size products down to $5 and $10.

However there are a few companies that do not celebrate this shopping holiday. Nordstrom shys away from the Black Friday hype to not compromise their already well spending clientele. And one of the most sought after gifts store, Apple will not be giving discounts on their iPods or iPad. However, if you buy an Apple computer at Best Buy on Black Friday, you will receive a $125 gift card to the store.

Whether you are a savvy shopper or a shopping novice, the most important thing to remember on Black Friday is to be prepared. Know what you are going to get and be safe. And know that waiting for 5 hours in the freezing cold and fighting with some random lady for a Nintendo Wii will all be worth it when you see the recipients face.



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Gift Card Laws Have Changed

Gift card regulations can be some of the most confusing things to understand. Some have fees when purchased, some expire, and some take money out of the card. New legislation has made it easier to comprehend. The Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act reveals the transparency of gift card laws and regulations. The new law states that gifts cards must be valid for at least 5 years and can only take money out after 12 months of dormancy. Even with these laws enacted there are some "howevers." In July 2010 new legislation stated that network cards, like Visa and Amex, produced before April 2010 can be sold and new cards do not have to list their fee price on their cards until January 2011. With about 42% of gifts being gift cards, financial experts advise gift card givers to beware and make sure the card is compliant with new laws and to gift card recipients, spend your gift card right away.

Cyber Monday

In recent years, stores have decided to take the Black Friday idea and continue it throughout the weekend to their online stores. Thus, Cyber Monday was born. However, in contrast to Black Friday's super sales, Cyber Monday usually gives a greater percentage off the total bill and most likely includes free shipping. The best way to find Cyber Monday deals is to, where else, check the web. These sales are promoted via social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook.

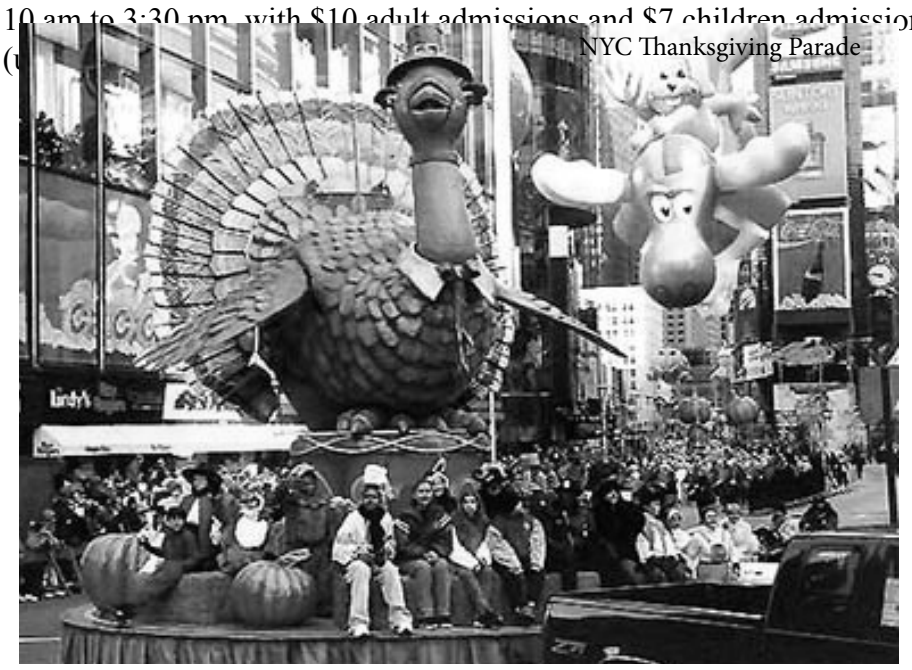
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Long Island Thanksgiving 2010 Get Aways

By: Christopher A. Bustos

As Thanksgiving closely approaches, holiday getaways are becoming a topic of intrigue on everyone's mind. For students, these getaways are a way to break free from tests, quizzes, homework and professors. It is a time of rejoice and liberty, even if it is just for a weekend. Of course, nothing beats a Thanksgiving holiday than a Thanksgiving holiday that is affordable and close. Luckily, there are various events taking place right here on Long Island on November 25th, 2010.

Ever wondered how it would be like to have a Thanksgiving dinner in the late 19th Century? Look no further. On the weekends of November 20-21 and November 27-28, Old Bethpage Village takes you back in time, as visitors are given the chance to partake in the annual "1863 Thanksgiving" event. During this time, visitors are able to experience the sights and sounds of celebrating an authentic and old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner in a recreated 19th-Century village. How old fashioned? Tourists are able to prepare food using wood-burning stoves, beehive ovens and hearths, while roasting a turkey in a tin reflector oven. This event will take place on the previously mentioned weekends from 10 am to 3:30 pm, with $10 adult admissions and $7 children admission (u



NYC Thanksgiving Parade

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If you prefer more of a modern 2010 Thanksgiving feel, the Glen Cove Mansion welcomes you to dine with the Mansion's European-trained Executive Chef Andrew Helliwell who will create a feast fit for a king at the Glen Cove Mansion Hotel & Conference Center. For just $49 per person, you can enjoy a Thanksgiving menu with all of your traditional favorite side dishes.

For those who enjoy the view of the open sea, what better way to spend Thanksgiving than an evening tower tour at the Fire Island Lighthouse. This event will take place on Saturday, November 27th, and it will start at 4 pm. Reservations are required and admissions is $15 per person.

What would Thanksgiving be without Black Friday? If you're interested in having a busy but productive shopping weekend, look no further than Tanger Deer Park. It is an outlet shopping experience that is fun for the entire family. The new *Tanger Outlets at the Arches* is located a short ride from the Deer Park train station and there is something for everyone to enjoy.

If you're interested in watching an evening show consisting of bright lights, then Brookhaven Brite Nites is the place to be. Annually, there is a 1.2 mile trail lit up with tens of thousands of lights and light displays. This trail goes through the Town of Brookhaven Holtsville Ecology Site, where new family traditions are created every year. At the low cost of $12 per carload, one can experience this event from 11/27/2010-1/2/2010 between the hours of 5:30pm-9:30pm.

Last but certainly not least, what would Thanksgiving be without a parade! If you're a New Yorker, the one parade that obviously comes to mind is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. The 84th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Parade will be held in New York City from 9am to Noon. The parade will begin at 77th Street and Central Park West and ends at 34th Street and 7th Avenue. From experience, if you would like to actually see the floating balloons and get great viewing spots, it is best to arrive at least 3 hours in advance. Of course, if you are planning to stay in this Thanksgiving Holiday, then there is no better place than the comfort of your own home in your favorite chair placed in front of the television.



Civil War Re-enactment during the "1863 Thanksgiving" event

Is flying or driving worse for climate change?

By: Christopher A. Bustos

Cars or planes? Which one of these types of transportations is more harmful to the climate? Studies have proven that both cars and planes are climate culprits, in their own unique ways. A new study has shown that driving can increase global temperatures in the long run compared to air travels, as cars emit more carbon dioxide than planes per passenger mile. Therefore, "Cars have a more harmful impact on climate change in the long term," says lead author Jens Borken-Kleefeld of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria. So overall, what does this mean? If you want to contribute to a healthy earth this Thanksgiving, please consider passenger trains and buses for travel.



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Sport	**Day**	**Date**	**H/A**	**Opponent**	**Time**
Mens Basket Ball	Sat.	27	H	Wilmington College	1 p.m.

December					
Sport	**Day**	**Date**	**H/A**	**Opponent**	**Time**
Mens Basket Ball	Wed.	1	H	St. Thomas Aquinas*	7 p.m.
Womens Basketball	Wed.	1	H	St. Thomas Aquinas*	5 p.m.
Mens Basket Ball	Sat.	4	H	Queens College*	2 p.m.
Womens Basketball	Sat.	4	H	Queens College*	4 p.m.
Womens Basketball	Mon.	6	H	Concordia	5 p.m.
Mens Basket Ball	Sat.	11	H	Univ. of Bridgeport*	7 p.m.
Womens Basketball	Sat.	11	H	Univ. of Bridgeport*	2 p.m.

NFL'S Top 5 Thanksgiving Day Games

By: Dan Canobbio

With Thanksgiving right around the corner America's attention quickly turns to two things; turkey and football. You can always count on those two ingredients each and every year. And your fat Uncle asleep on the couch. The tradition of turkey style football predates the leagues formation itself. Records of pro football being played on Thanksgiving date back to as early as 1902 when teams attempted to settle the Championship on Thanksgiving weekend. Fast forward to today, each Thanksgiving Day features games played by the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions as well as a night game that was incorporated in 2006. In honor of the most grateful holiday, The Campus Slate sports section will rank the Top 5 NFL Thanksgiving holiday football games.

5) 1976- Detroit Lions vs. Buffalo Bills- This Thanksgiving match-up between the Lions and the Buffalo Bills put forth one of the best and worst performances of Thanksgiving history. On the positive side, Bills running back O.J Simpson set an NFL record for rushing yards in a game with 273. However, Simpson achieved this feat due in large part to the fact that the Bills back-up quarterback, Gary Marangi, gained only 21 yards passing while completing only 4 of 21 passes. Despite Simpson's record setting game, the Bills dropped the game 27-14. Simpson's record would later be broken numerous times with the current record 297 yards by Adrian Peterson.

4) 1986- Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers- Turkey Day 1986 pitted the Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions in the highest scoring game of this storied holiday tradition. It was a career day for the otherwise undistinguished wide receiver, Walter Stanley, whose 207 multipurpose yards and 3 touchdowns included an 84 yard punt return which won the game for the Packers, 44-40 in wild shootout at the legendary Lambeau Field.

3) 1962- Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions- It is said that this day brings out the best in teams. This could apply to the 1962 Lions who were sputtering around last place all season long. Thanksgiving 1962, in front of 57,598 fans at Tiger Stadium, showed the Lions sack NFL legend Bart Starr 11 times for a total of 110 yards in losses. Detroit prevailed 26-14. It was the Packers only loss of the season.

2) 1998- Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Detroit Lions- Most games are memorable for excellent play on the field, however, this game will be remembered for years as the "Coin Toss" game. A less than eventful game between the Steelers and the lowly Lions entered the sudden death overtime period with both teams knotted up at 16. Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis called the coin toss in the air but confusion surrounded the call. The officials misheard Bettis' call and awarded Detroit the ball who cruised down the field en route to a 19-16 victory. From that game on, NFL imposed a new rule in which the player call either heads or tails before the coin flip.

1) 1993- Dallas Cowboys vs. Miami Dolphins- Following the same route of the bizarre side of football, the Cowboys led the Dolphins 14-13 with seconds remaining in a snow- filled Texas Stadium. Miami's Pete Stoyanovich attempted a game winning 40 yard field goal that was blocked by the Cowboys Jimmie Jones. Dick Enberg of NBC, proclaimed, "The Cowboys will win!" But the Cowboys Leon Lett had other ideas. In one of the most bone headed plays of all-time, Lett sprinted down the field and unsuccessfully attempted to pick up the ball, which made it live. The Dolphins

The Jam-Bear-Ree

By: Lynsey Michaud and Nina Cicero

If you have ever attended a Jam-Bear-Ree, you will see the resemblance to what people know as a team's season opener. The Jam-Bear-Ree involves the student body, both men's and women's basketball teams and even our very own NYIT cheerleading team.

The event is made up of a series of friendly competitive events. The athletic department shoots for it to be friendly but that's not the case when it comes to big prizes. This year the prizes included three 32' flat screen TV's, digital cameras, Sony headphones, gift cards, iPod shuffle and iPod touches. Some events where slam dunk contest, wheel barrel race, shooting contests (including knock-out, 3point, and most points made), and an old-fashion raffle. The only bad thing bad about this year's Jam-Bear-Ree is it was a little disorganized compared to previous years. A few events had to be replayed a few times because a winner couldn't be declared. But in reality the Jam-Bear-Ree was more than free giveaways. It was to introduce the new 2010 men's and women's basketball team, the NYIT cheerleading team and most importantly to show how much pride of NYIT athletics. If you haven't attended any of our Jam-Bear-Ree's then come down and show your NYIT support at an NYIT game -- or at next year's Jam-Bear-Ree event, you might even win BIG!







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New Look….Same Great Teams

By: Nina Cicero

At NYIT, our athletic facilities is not as big as the rest of our facilities but we have been making some changes. Recently there has been a new splash of NYIT athletic pride. In our gym hangs huge banners located on the north wall of the gymnasium. There is a banner for each of our teams with a winning record (lacrosse, men's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's track, field and volleyball). Each of the banners have the records of all the teams since NYIT's athletics began in about 1965. The banners consist of all the records of NCAA Conference appearances and also NCAA tournament winners (regionals). So far the Men's track and field teams have the most NCAA's championships with 11 national wins! After track and field comes our Men's lacrosse team with 4 national championships. If you visit a lot of other teams in our conference, their gymnasiums have these type of banners located around the gym. Now we have caught up with the conference teams and made the move to show how much NYIT cares about our past and present sport teams. These banners add a sense of honor and show the great athletic programs that are offered at NYIT. It also adds character and a sense of pride for our program -- and although NYIT does not have a huge gymnasium we have a huge heart.