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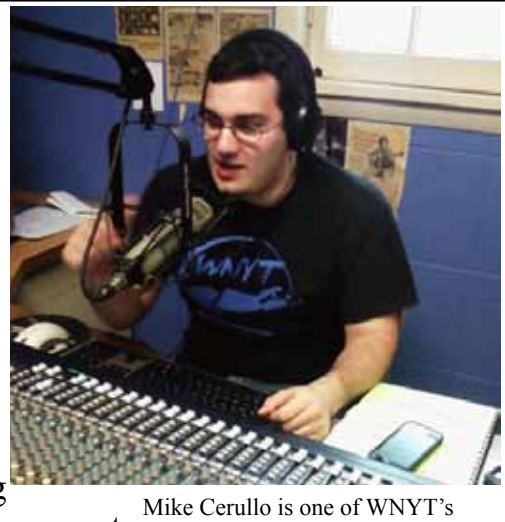
By: Matthew Schlichtig

If you've ever had a near miss with someone doing 60 mph on the winding, narrow-laned campus roads of NYIT, you know just how dangerous speeding here could be. But how prevalent is the problem? And do drivers exceeding the speed limit or disobeying other traffic laws on NYIT's campus ever get caught? "Students are caught, but it's not prevalent," says Denis McGuckin, Director of Campus Security. "It's a once in a while type of thing, more often in the spring." It may look like fun to go at high speeds, but its only fun until someone gets hurt. Speeding is especially dangerous on campus—both to the driver and the students.

To see the extent of the problem in the winter, the Campus Slate recently observed drivers passing by the bus stop at the Academic Quad for 50 minutes. It was estimated that 22 percent of the cars, 39 out of 178, were going the speed limit. Around 60 percentof the cars driving by, 106 out of 178, were going 10 to 15 miles above the speed limit. The remaining 18 percentof the cars, 33 out of 178, were driving with excessive speed at 25 miles or more above the speed limit. For anyone who is unaware, the speed limit on campus is 15 mph. **SEE PAGE 10**

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By: John Santamaria



Mike Cerullo is one of WNYT's student DJ's who hosts a heavy metal show every Monday afternoon

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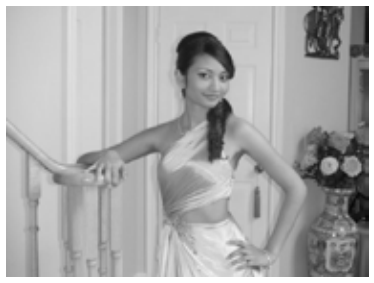
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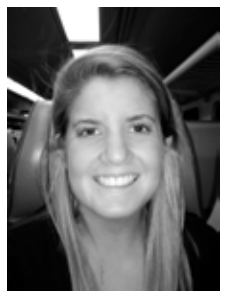
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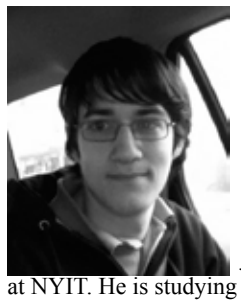
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Letter From The Editor



Dear Campus Slate Readers,

There are many events and holidays to remember in the month of February. February is known as Black History Month where we remember the history and achievements of the African-Americans who made changes to the world. February is also known for Presidents' Day which was observed yesterday, February 21 (A day off from school). Hearts and flowers are always a part of February because of Valentine's Day. This February will be remembered for the 53rd Grammy Awards especially at The Campus Slate. We had a successful Grammy Awards Contest and the winners will be announced in this issue! I would like to thank everyone who participated in this contest and to stay tune for more upcoming contests.

Are you guilty for speeding around campus? You might want to slow it down and read a story in this issue about road safety on campus. When you're finish for the day and finally reach a computer to check your email or start an assignment, listen to WNYT, NYIT's Internet Radio Station. WNYIT is back on the air and we have a story in this issue about it.

In technology, we have an article about NYIT's iPad Users Group that meets on both Old Westbury and Manhattan campuses. The iPad Users Group provides quick tips on how students and faculty can use their iPad in various ways. The next iPad Users Group meeting will be on February 24 at 12:30 PM. For Manhattan students, the meeting will be located at 1855 Broadway, Room 701 and Old Westbury students can attend by going to Harry Schure Hall Room DL-1.

We also have a success story to share about a past staff writer for The Campus Slate who created a social networking site for NYIT students and faculty only. It is all about social networking in today's society so it's interesting to learn how a past NYIT student developed an exclusive "Facebook" for the NYIT family.

We have many other stories ahead of you so continue to flip the pages! We also have a recent feature piece on the *Babble Belt* column and if you would like to comment on it, please go to our website, www.thecampusslate.com. You can also visit our website for updated news and information.

The Campus Slate always wants to hear from our readers. If you have any story ideas or other suggestions, please feel free to email slate@nyit.edu.

Thank you for reading!

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Students Compete in Microsoft Contest

By: Kyle Reitan

Software giant, Microsoft has announced its annual Imagine Cup Solve This Competition to students attending NYIT's School of Engineering and Computing Sciences.

Imagine Cup Solve This Competition is an annual contest designed for students to extend their creative and innovative capabilities while helping today's society. "I think it's a great idea to help students to learn about the programming level in this field and to help people," commented NYIT junior Rony Abraham.

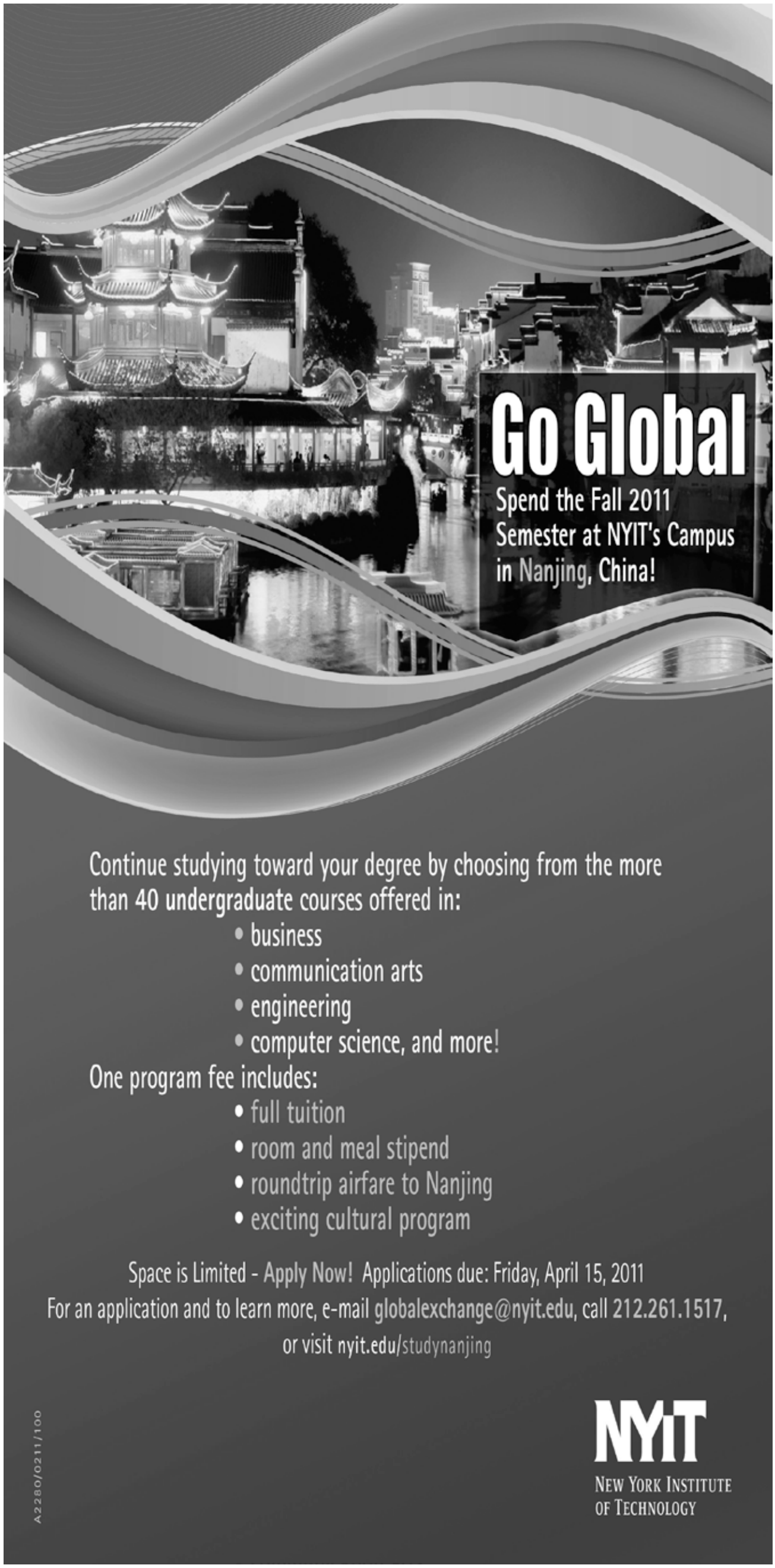
Roughly two dozen students gathered in a lecture hall on NYIT'S Old Westbury campus Feb. 1 to learn more about the competition. Microsoft's Academic Developer Evangelist (yes, that's a title) Andrew Parsons spoke to students about "the world's biggest technology contest to students," he said. "We start locally. We start on the grounds of a university or college," Parsons noted.

Imagine Cup Solve This Competition seeks innovative entries that address this year's theme: to imagine a world where technology helps solve the toughest problem. In groups of four students, Parson's asked students to utilize technology in coping with issues including: child health, combat against AIDS/HIV, environmental issues, maternal health, gender equality, poverty and hunger, and global partnership. NYIT senior Divyesh Patel commented, "It's a combined effort to help students in the school itself." According to Parsons, twenty NYIT students signed up for the competition.

This competition is open to students worldwide and finalists will compete in the Imagine Cup Worldwide Finals in New York City, July 8. This is the first year the finals is held in the United States, and especially in New York City Parsons said. "I think this is a brilliant idea and has a potential to create good in the world," NYIT sophomore Kevin Wakatama stated.

According to Parsons, roughly 300, 000 students participated in the competition last year. "It's a massive number, but you've got this chance," said Parsons. "Learning about the Imagine Cup has opened many doors to my education," NYIT junior John Koziatek said, "and it does exactly what the title says, it allows for your imagination to become real life."

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Recent Graduate Creates Social Networking Site for NYIT Students

By: Jackline Toek

Remarkable people like Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg have transformed the world with their technological innovations. But while they may be famous billionaires now, they started out as young people with big ideas—just like 2010 NYIT graduate Kevin Fusco. While he may or may not end up as the founder of multi-billion dollar companies like Gate's Microsoft or Zuckerberg's Facebook, he, too, has a big idea—about connecting NYIT's past and present students.



Fusco's interest in the latest technology started, however, well before he himself arrived at the Old Westbury campus. At age 16, Fusco created his own web site, primarily as a way to share videos with family and friends. "In 2004, there were very few sites offering videos so I gained a lot of popularity and I realized that people really like to watch videos and sharing things on the internet," said Fusco from East Meadow, New York. "When I would take my camera out, people wanted me to point it at them. They wanted videos of them to be uploaded and downloaded on the internet so that they can be seen by others," Fusco added.

Of course, he was on to something: And with the advent of social networks sites like MySpace, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook it became clear that Fusco was thinking cutting edge. When it came time for college, he chose NYIT so that he could gain skills in video production. However, during the end of his studies as an undergraduate student, Fusco found programming web sites and its applications to be more interesting and without hesitating he started to focus on it.

At the beginning of his senior year, Fusco created a new site: nyitconnection.com—essentially a social network for NYIT students. "It was after I talked with my friends about the new NYIT Connect portion of the nyit.edu web site," says Fusco, "I took it upon myself to build a separate web site where NYIT students can socialize freely and easily and includes sharing their videos."

As an ideal student who always wants to be on top of his career, Fusco started to apply his in class learned skills to the practical field. "I did not set a time limit of getting the site built but I just wanted to come up with something that people would find useful or life changing. I just couldn't resist the challenge of building something cool," said Fusco. "I wrote most of the source codes in about a week and I couldn't walk away from my computer until some of the site was functional," Fusco added.

His innovative efforts have not gone unnoticed by his professors. "Kevin is the ideal student: he shows initiative," says Brian Walsh, an Assistant Professor at the department of Communication Arts. "From Web programming to documentary videos, he immerses himself in everything he does to the point of becoming an expert. He knows when to ask questions, but also when to dive in to a project and take it on himself. His enthusiasm is contagious, and he's an excellent team leader. I honestly believe he can accomplish anything he desires, as his carefree attitude keeps him free of the distractions that plague the rest of us," says Walsh.

The nyitconnection.com site went up at the beginning of the spring semester. It is cheaply running and does not need any maintaining fee. The number of people on the site is daily increasing and by the end of the spring semester Fusco expects all NYIT students to have joined it. There are no conditions to be a member of the site. The steps to sign up are as easy as 1, 2, 3 whereby, requirements are just the new member's full name, date of birth, gender, password and their email address.

There are many helpful resources at the web site that anyone can benefit from. This includes NYIT library videos showing how to use the library's website which are goal oriented videos. Also, members will be able to follow up with what is taking place on campus and its surroundings. For example the Weather Channel at Long Island and other related news. On the other hand, the members are able to share videos and news of what they are encountering at their NYIT community.

Although he's now been gone from NYIT almost a year, Fusco says he loves seeing the way in which the NYIT community is using his site. "It's great to see what the present and the new coming students are doing with the site I've built where everybody can conveniently share their YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, personal web sites and ideas," said Fusco. It is amazing as well as encouraging to see how resourceful NYIT college students can be to themselves, their community and to the world at large.

While a few students have joined the site since the start of the spring semester, Fusco hopes to see a great number of students sharing their work and connecting with each other. He also expects it to help narrow and focus NYIT students to their own site where they can group their talents together. It will also help to keep track of NYIT students, which is harder to do from other social networking sites. What do you do to ensure that new students are aware of this site? "I built it knowing that they will come," said Fusco.

On nyitconnection.com homepage, Fusco wrote "Made by students for students." This encourages and motivates other young talented students to use and share their talents with others while still at NYIT.



Kevin Fusco, NYIT 2010 graduate & founder of NYIT Connection

iPad Users' Group at New York Institute of Technology

By: Jackline Toek

Students and staff from NYIT's iPad Users' Group recently held their first meeting at the Old Westbury and Manhattan Campuses in an effort to gain knowledge on how they can maximize the use of their iPad in various ways. The students were able to find out how they could optimize their time in the app store by learning about productivity apps their colleagues find useful. "We are encouraging participation in quick tips for iPad conversation in order to discourage the use of paper in college," said Academic Affairs advisor Francine Glazer.

"We carried out an iPad use survey and we got responses of 25% of our target," said Glazer. The survey they carried out had questions included the following. Did you need instructions to get started using your iPad? Are you interested in participating in an iPad Users' Group? What do you do with your iPad? And what kind of support will be useful for the use of your iPad?

"In this survey, people were allowed to select more than one checkbox and thus they add up to more than 25% of the respondents," said Glazer. Findings on their first question on whether people needed instruction to get started with their iPad was that, out of twenty people, six said yes and sixteen people said no. On their second question on whether people are interested in participating in an iPad Users' Group, fourteen people said yes, six people said no and two people were unsure.

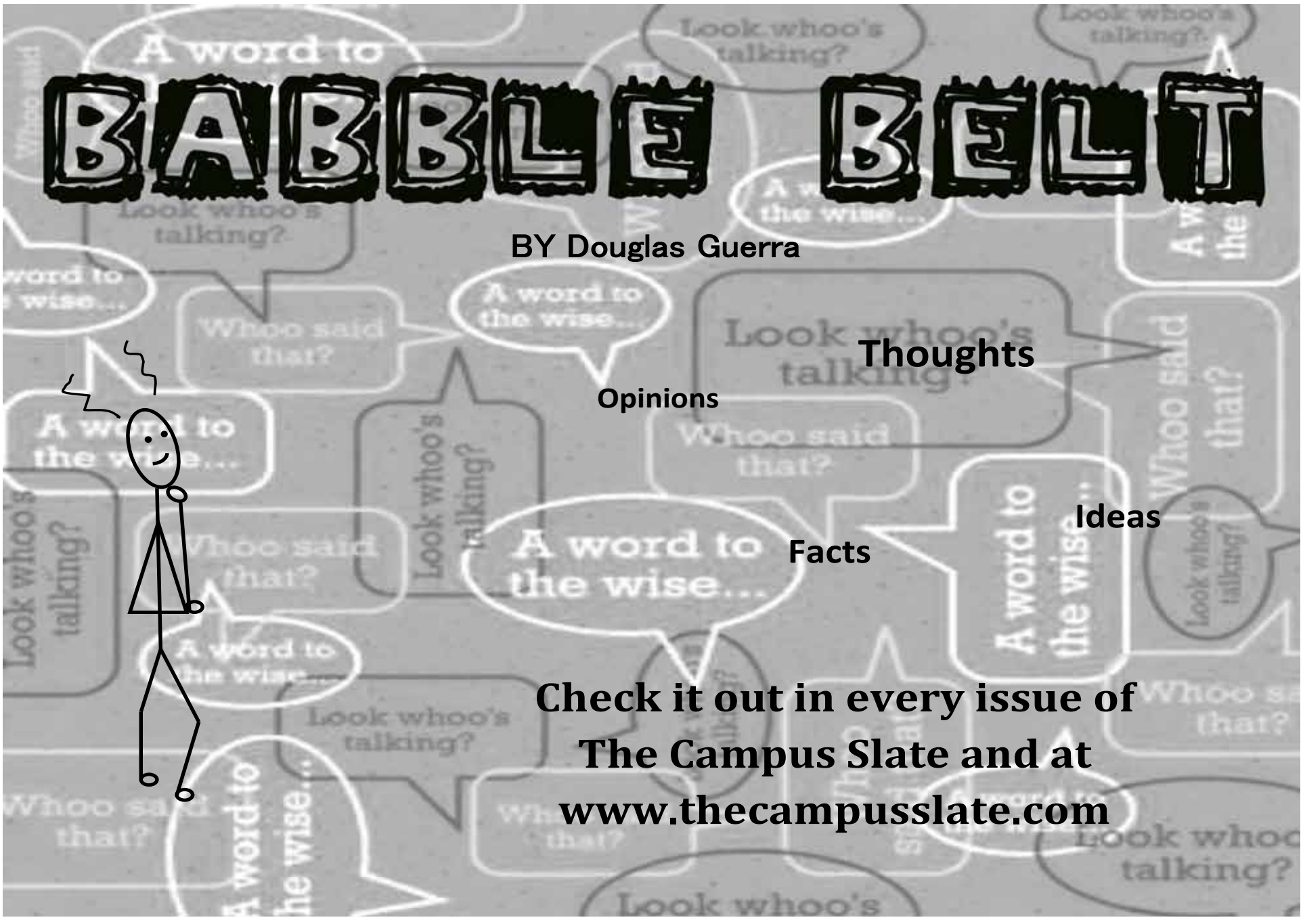
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Survey findings based on the third question on what people do with their iPad, the group found out nineteen people said they use for their personal production, and eight people said they are using for teaching and learning. Also, eight people said they use it for scholarship, whereas twelve people said they use for service. Also, seventeen people said they use it for fun and one person said it is still in the box.

On their question on what kind of support will be useful for the use of their iPad, the support that people wanted for their iPad was innovative apps, help for using iPad for teaching, editing Word, Excel, and Power Point documents, Flash, how to project from the iPad, better WiFi connectivity, funds for apps, and help understanding how the different apps can work together (for workflow, document management, etc.)

The iPad Users' Group will be setting up a WordPress blog to serve as a gathering place for many ideas, demos, and discussions. If you would like to help contribute the content, join iPad Users' Group. "The more the merrier," says Glazer.



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WNYT can be seen at many NYIT events such as the annual Comm Arts Extreme Gala

Not all NYIT students were aware of WNYT Radio existence and being off the air. Freshman Aaron Soodek was one of those students. "I didn't know they existed, it shows that there are people who really care about radio and want to have fun with it," Soodek said, "It's something that I wanted to possibly get into, but couldn't because they were not broadcasting but now I can." All different genres of music are played during student broadcasts while some do more talk radio than others do. When a show is not taking place, there is a playlist prepared on the station's computer that will run so there is always music for listeners to hear.

Paul Marino, a junior studying Communication Arts and the station's current General Manager says the process to return to broadcasting took over a year. "During the last year we had to recover from the previous Executive Board's poor decision of updating the system. They did not go through the right means to upgrade equipment and talk to the right school faculty," said Marino, who tried to make sure that this time, things were done right. "We tracked down any and all faculty affiliations to WNYT and asking their input on how to get back and making sure we used the right people," Marino also added.

The station lost its connection in the summer of 2009 during a renovation and systems upgrade. WNYT has been an internet radio station since November 2004. "I switched my major to Communications because of this station and wanted to be part of a great field," says Joe Dash, one of the newest students in the Communication Arts program and member of WNYT Radio. "I'm looking forward to a great semester broadcasting and learning about it in my Radio 101 class," Dash also added. Adjunct Professor Maura Bernard, who is teaching Radio 101 this semester, is glad they found a solution to be able to broadcast. "The students need to be on the air and get experience if they want to do this professionally," says Bernard.



Even though WNYT wasn't on the air for the last year and a half, they were still an active student organization. "We became a mobile DJ unit," Marino said. He also added, "We DJ-ed a lot of campus events for different clubs and sponsored our own events. We also held regular meetings, tried to get internal affairs straightened out such as fixing the equipment, gaining new members and construct a stronger Executive Board." Paul also believes that the station's spirit is coming back. "I'm glad to see that now that we're back we're getting that spirit back from new members and our old listeners," says Marino. He also said that one of his goals for the semester is to inspire new members and new listeners and make WNYT Radio a great place once again.

The members of WNYT Radio have been currently broadcasting since the start of the Spring semester in January and some members have goals they want to accomplish during the upcoming months in the new era of broadcasting. "I want to bring in more listeners and get WNYT out to the students and NYIT community," says Damian Vlachos, a freshman student and one of the station's newer members. While some are doing this for the first time on campus, some members have anticipated the return like senior Jon Greco who will be graduating in May. He is planning to do as many shows as he can before he departs NYIT. "I plan on enjoying myself. I'm happy we're finally on air, it's been a long wait," Greco said.



WNYT Radio Station at The Campus Slate's Hot Chocolate Event last semester

WNYT Radio is located at Education Hall on the 2nd floor; they went on the air in 1965 when the Old Westbury Campus at NYIT opened. According to the station website, "Over the past four decades, WNYT has produced some of broadcasting's bright stars, with alumni serving as disc jockeys, newscasters, engineers, television anchors and professional voice-over artists. Among the station's former student members are Carol Silva '76, anchor, News 12 Long Island; Jim Douglas '82, morning personality, WKJY-FM; Tracy Burgess '88, news editor, WFAN; to name only some of WNYT's success stories." The website also states, "Members take pride in creating a professional environment where students can work and have a real world on air-experience," and with the return to broadcasting, WNYT can once again live up to what it promises their members. If you want to listen online, visit http://iris.nyit.edu/wnyt/ or call 516-686-7796 to learn more about WNYT Radio, NYIT's official internet radio station.

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A Free Career, Take It Or Leave It

By: Douglas Guerra

We are told to “get an internship” right out of college – that all the hard work in those four or so years, will hopefully culminate in us snagging that perfect chance to impress an employer for little to no pay. Well, I’ll be blunt: I’m tired of hearing it.

Make no mistake, internships can be great. It’s not so much that internships are bad, because they can very well be a clear cut path for some people, in many cases, the only way a person can gather real experience, eventually leading to a real job, but what about those with resumes, experience, and most of all, an utter need to have *some* pay behind the time spent. To start, let us start with my own major of Communication Arts. What is typically expected of most communications internships? Well, many will tell you coffee-fetching, though I wouldn’t say this is necessarily the case. My own internship a few years back actually did have me behind real work; I edited commercials, assisted on shoots, and witnessed the seldom-taught business side of an industry that I severely lacked from my high school education. The life saver was that I could do this *while working a paying job*, but I find that this is not always the case, in fact, it is very difficult to find myself in the same situation today.

Consider the vast majority of engineering, or computer science internships, which often times *are* paid (I can’t comment on how much of course, but strictly speaking from fellow student experience, this is the case). Sure, the pay may be low, but with enough hours, you can probably get by in those first few months if you live at home, after you claim your Dead Sea Scroll… But there is one problem: Many employers will not hire interns for anything but college credit. It is true, that once you graduate, you could land yourself (or stay with) a part time job, and with your newly freed up time, land yourself in an internship as well, but if those very internships only wish to hire college students, this reduces the potential companies you could work for. The problem lies not in the effectiveness or legitimacy of internships – it lies in the largely one-dimensional focus on internships as the only way to a career.

Perhaps my complaining is subjective and insular, or am I just that egotistical? Allow me to bring up another concern of mine that may ring truer for some other people then. Ever since my first year here, I have routinely attended the annual job fair, in hopes of at least making a connection, or getting my “foot in the door”, as so many others have aspired to do. That first year, I actually did get hired by Cablevision – and promptly quit after three weeks. In what was “advertised” as recruitment for technically inclined individuals (the flyer asked for people knowledgeable in digital television technology), ended up being a call center job for Cablevision customers. They never lied about it, but it was a far less specialized job than advertised, and one of the most stressful experiences of my life. I thankfully acquired another job on the very day I quit Cablevision, and what a relief that was. Fast forward to the next job fair, and guess who’s there? Not only Cablevision, but the same three or four companies (relevant to my major) that were in attendance the previous year. And what about last year? Correct, same three or four companies, even down to the representatives behind the tables.

Quite honestly, it’s really saddening when the offerings do not change. It almost instills a sense of futility and linearity to the career path of the college. I understand that NYIT likely has certain connections with companies, particularly local ones, but it is very discouraging when the same opportunities exist year to year. As students, what other message are we to take from this other than to slow ourselves down, and accept only that which is put directly in front of us?

Now, to be fair, NYIT is quite proactive in helping students look for jobs, and I have to admit that my career choice has great influence on the difficulty of finding a “real” job, rather than an unpaid internship; from resume advice to interview preparation, NYIT does show its concern. The “problem” I have, ultimately, lies within the narrow focus of going through an internship, rather than directly to a paid job. I have heard that any job, paid or not, is preferable in such an economy, but I feel as though the ambition of an individual should be beyond the path set in the front of them. We *should* want a paid job, and do everything in our power to do so. The fact that such cookie-cutter expectations exist, leads me to ask: Are we ready for those jobs?

A February 7th article in the New York Times quoting statistics released by New York State education officials simply claims that the majority of high school students (within New York *City*, and several other prominent cities in the state) are not ready for college or a career. This startlingly low number of *23 percent* is far lower than the 64 percent graduation rate. For those wondering, this “readiness” is measured by the grades of the regent exams taken by high school students. Furthermore, other factors, such as the amount of remedial courses those graduates must then take in college, is only based on community college students. No, I’m not trying to defame community colleges, nor am I saying remedial level classes are bad – I’ve taken some as well – but this is somewhat of an imbalanced way to measure. Regardless, 23% *is* a shamefully low number, which probably holds some degree of truth, and I cannot help but put this data behind what I witness year to year. In other words, all this stress for an internship may be more warranted than I think.

My message remains, however. While I’m absolutely sure that internship experience is beneficial – and it was for me – what I am really trying to illustrate is a desire to tackle a realistic concern among myself and presumably many others: paid employment. I say to a vast majority of you to pursue whatever opportunities present themselves, and to understand that I speak from my own experience. A more diverse, perhaps alternating job fair would be a much more promising event for some students. A bigger focus on part-time job opportunities would also be appreciated, and would only be helpful in the long term. If a student can hold a paid position through their semesters, they can both reduce their workload (by only working one job), and also gain the experience necessary for post-graduation. As it stands, I expect that at least some will wonder what to do with themselves once they graduate. Look, I’ll be honest, I’m the last person who wants to read *yet another* story on the doom-and-gloom situation facing college graduates; if things change, I won’t have to write one.

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Not So Fast! Driving Safely at NYIT

By: Matthew Schlichtig

If you've ever had a near miss with someone doing 60 mph on the winding, narrow-laned campus roads of NYIT, you know just how dangerous speeding here could be. But how prevalent is the problem? And do drivers exceeding the speed limit or disobeying other traffic laws on NYIT's campus ever get caught? "Students are caught, but it's not prevalent," says Denis McGuckin, Director of Campus Security. "It's a once in a while type of thing, more often in the spring." It may look like fun to go at high speeds, but its only fun until someone gets hurt. Speeding is especially dangerous on campus—both to the driver and the students.



To see the extent of the problem in the winter, the Campus Slate recently observed drivers passing by the bus stop at the Academic Quad for 50 minutes. It was estimated that 22 percent of the cars, 39 out of 178, were going the speed limit. Around 60 percentof the cars driving by, 106 out of 178, were going 10 to 15 miles above the speed limit. The remaining 18 percentof the cars, 33 out of 178, were driving with excessive speed at 25 miles or more above the speed limit. For anyone who is unaware, the speed limit on campus is 15 mph.

Another observation that took half an hour was done near Education Hall and 55 percent (11 out of 20) of the vehicles went through the stop sign without stopping. Clearly, there are drivers at NYIT who need to slow down. Students will not always get away with speeding. They can be caught for going too fast. "The best way to reach students for Campus Security is through a seminar," says Mr. McGuckin. If students learn more about driving safely, there will be fewer drivers on campus that could unintentionally cause harm. The NYIT Security Department has taken precautions to make sure speeding can be controlled and protect the student body from harm as best as possible.

To lessen the danger of speeding, NYIT Security has put 14 speed bumps and 34 stop signs on the campus roads to control the speed of drivers. There are 6 speed bumps on west road of the campus (3 on the main, 3 on the road leading to Education Hall), 2 on the east road of the campus, 2 on the NYCOM road, 2 near Education Hall and 2 near the Student Activity Center. There are usually 3 or 4 NYIT Security Officers patrolling around the campus to make sure things are in order on the road. There are also police officers from the surrounding Old Brookville and Old Westbury communities –who periodically patrol the campus. Old Brookville's police force looks around the front end of NYIT—which is the side off Northern Boulevard— and the Old Westbury police handle the back (south) end of the campus.

Students should be aware that just because they pay tuition to attend NYIT, it does not mean they can ignore speeding or any other traffic violations. Students should follow campus rules just like everyone else. According to Campus Security, the penalties for speeding, parking illegally, etc., are usually $25 per violation. However, the consequences can be severe depending on how serious the violation is. "For serious infractions a student's name will be given to NYIT's Dean, who will decide the disciplinary actions for the student," says Mr. McGuckin. For first time violators of speeding, security will usually let the first violation go as long as the student understands why what they did was wrong and say they will not do it again.

Some students believe they can just choose not to pay the summons and Security will ignore it. The tickets can get larger if they are not paid within a certain period of time. "Some tickets have increased to 100 dollars per violation because they were not paid for a long duration of time," says Mr. McGuckin. The tickets will still be there until they are paid or appealed and will prevent you from graduating if they are not taken care of. "Multiple tickets could result in the student getting their car towed and/or being barred from registering for classes."

While no one wants to get a ticket, the bottom line is that students need to be careful when driving for the purpose of keeping themselves and other students safe. Especially on the NYIT campus, "You should be in control because most of the roads are not straight," says Mr. McGuckin, "The roads on campus are not built to handle excessive speed."

Another tip for students on campus is to **never** loan their keys out for their cars. Even if a friend is driving your car, if they violate the traffic rules on campus or cause any harm, the owner of the vehicle will be held responsible for anything that happens. Instead, if a friend needs to get a ride somewhere, you can offer to drive your friend to where they need to go.

Campus Security is not here to act as law enforcement that gives tickets to students. Security is doing everything they can to keep the students of NYIT safe from potential danger. "There are officers and departments that are able to help with virtually any problem. There's so much help for any situation that it's a shame not to use it," says Mr. McGuckin. The officers are here 24 hours a day. If you get into an accident with another vehicle, you can call Campus Security to assist you. If you see someone speeding, Campus Security encourages that you get the license plate number of the car and give them a call. You may save someone's life by giving them a call. You can reach Campus Security at 516-686-7789.

With students driving carefully and Campus Security doing everything they can to protect the student body, students and faculty can enjoy their time on the campus and stay safe.

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	Men's Basketball vs. Mercy College	7PM	Recreational Hall
26	**Men's Lacrosse** vs. Merrimack	1PM	President's Stadium $
March			
4	**Women's Softball** vs. Chestnut Hill	2:30 PM	NYIT Softball Complex
6	**Women's Softball** vs. Southern Conn. State	Noon	NYIT Softball Complex
9	**Men's Lacrosse** vs. Southern New Hampshire	3PM	President's Stadium
10	**Women's Softball** vs. Concordia	3PM	NYIT Softball Complex
12	**Men's Baseball** vs. Albany (DH)	Noon	President's Field
13	**Men's Baseball** vs. Albany	1PM	President's Field
19	**Men's Lacrosse** vs.Dowling College *	1PM	President's Stadium
23	**Men's Baseball** vs. Iona	3:30PM	President's Field
24	**Women's Softball** vs. New Haven (DH)	3PM	NYIT Softball Complex
26	**Women's Softball** vs. ● Dowling (DH)	Noon	NYIT Softball Complex
26	**Men's Baseball** vs. Harvard (DH)	Noon	President's Field
27	**Men's Baseball** vs. Harvard (DH)	Noon	President's Field

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