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Co-op Connections
"Your Link to University Life"

In The Loop

April 2008

Greetings,

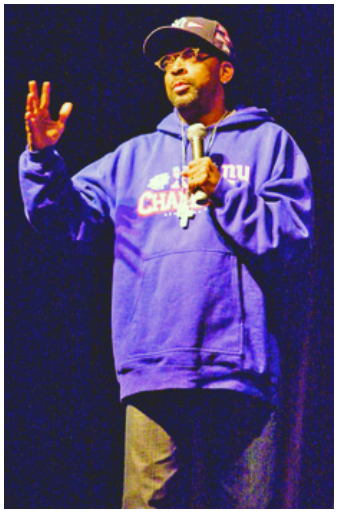
We hope that the upcoming Spring weather has not distracted you from Co-op, although we know it's hard when Spring brings along the first home opener of the season at Fenway Park, and the small cafe's and restaurants begin to set up their outdoor tables. Although New England weather can be bit of a challenge with lots of showers, we hope that you are enjoying your Co-op indoors. For some of us we are past the midway point for our Co-op and we hope that you have the same energy and enthusiasm as your first day. Co-op Connections looks forward to hearing from you, so we encourage you to please visit our website at http://www.northeastern.edu/coopconnections/.
Please enjoy this month's issue of "In the Loop." It is filled with great information and cool events on campus and throughout Boston!

Take Care,
Sonya, Julia, & Alexa

Husky Happenings

Taken from the Northeastern News dated 3/24/08

Academy Award winner Spike Lee, known for his involvement in films dealing with controversial social, racial and political issues, gave a motivational lecture to a crowd of about 500 in Blackman Auditorium Friday night.



The Council for University Programs and Alpha Epsilon co-sponsored the night in order to bring the noted film director, writer, producer and actor to campus.

Lee's speech ranged from the importance of going to college to how the Academy Awards persistently jips deserving directors and actors, like Martin Scorsese for "The Godfather" and Denzel Washington for "Malcolm X," before giving them awards years later for other projects.

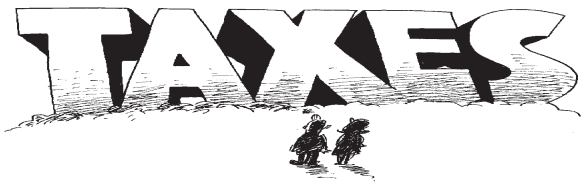
He also talked about what it means for him when he is in the midst of somebody he admires. There are thousands of people who aren't living their lives and are simply "in it, day to day to day. And so that's why college is so important, that's why university is so important because this is where you should be trying to expose yourself to what it is that you love," he said.

Important Information

Hurry Up! There is still time to Register for Classes!

There is still time for you to sign up for Summer II Classes!!

Please note that Registration for Fall Classes begins Monday March 31st. Please visit http://www.neu.edu/registrar/ for your exact date and time through the PASS Schedule



Don't let your taxes overwhelm you!
Don't forget to file on or before April 15th!!
Turbotax can help you file your taxes for free online!!

Student Connections Page

There are a lot of great ways to stay connected to the University regardless of your location!

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES

Off Campus Student Services seeks to serve as a communication link and resource to Northeastern University students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Thier aim is to address the unique needs of this student population; to offer information, resources, and materials regarding off campus student living issues; and to familiarize students, faculty, staff, and administrators with our services in an effort to provide our students with off-campus living education and options.

For more information about upcoming events through Off-Campus Student Services, please visit their website at http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/

Student/Alumni Connections

Co-op Connections and the Office of Alumni Relations work closely together to provide great programs for students and alumni alike. Both offices strive to create lasting connections for you while attending Northeastern so that you can create great connections once you graduate! We welcome you to check out some of the alumni events and to visit their website at www.alumni.neu.edu for more information.

John D. O'Bryant African American Institute

The John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute (AAI) is committed to providing programs, resources, services and activities to:

Be a nurturing, supportive, welcoming, "home away from home" environment on campus for Diasporic African students.

Educate students to explore their culture and history; to engage in open, critical inquiry; and to acquire and use knowledge to make a positive difference as citizens and leaders.

Collaborate with university colleges and departments to support any NU students to graduation.

Offer programmatic and material resources to strengthen the University's relationship with the broader community and with alumni; and to advance the University's urban mission.

Support institutional effors to implement a commitment to diversity and the practice of cultural pluralism.

Celebrate and share the richness of the Diasporic African cultural heritage, traditions, and customs with those from within and outside of the African Diaspora.

Assist in the recruitment and retention of students of African origin.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the African American Institute! Come and celebrate with them throughout the week with great events. Visit their website at http://www.northeastern.edu/aai/ for more information.

Tuesday, April 1st, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Education, Politics, and Activism Debate Competition

Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Music, Art, and Cultural expression

Thursday, April 3rd, 6:00pm-9:00pm
The 22nd annual Dean Ronald E. Latham Oratory Competition

Upcoming Events

Check out these really cool events happening in your area!

On Campus

The Illustrious Iota Gama Chapter Presents: Stepfest

April 5th-Matthews Arena
12:00pm-6:00pm
Tickets can be bought at Matthews Arena or online at www.gonu.com/tickets

Spring Fest 2008: *Kickin It Grade School*

This year's SpringFest has an old school theme Nickelodeon theme. Events can be seen all over campus the week of April 6th-April 12th.

Student Life Awards

April 15th 6:00pm-8:00pm
Blackman Auditorium
Join NU's annual tradition of celebrating student involvement! For more information please visit http://www.northeastern.edu/curry/Awards.html

Latino/a Senior Banquet

April 19th 5:30pm-11:30pm
The Colonnade Hotel
This event celebrates the accomplishments and efforts of graduating seniors and outstanding Latino American Student Organization (LASO)members. For more information please call (617)373-5845.

Off Campus

112th Annual Boston Marathon 2008

April 21st- Start Time: 10:00am
The legendary Boston Marathon course follows a point-to-point route from rural Hopkinton to Boston and is certified per the guidelines set forth by the IAAF and USA Track and Field

The following events can be found by visiting the website http://www.goldstar.com/. Signing up for this free website enables you to get discounted prices for great events all over Boston!!

Get your Sox On: Watch the Red Sox Home Opening Night at the Greatest Bar!

262 Friend St, Boston
April 8th 6:30pm Price: $15.00 (with goldsstar-$7.50)
Free Appetizers and giveaways including sports memorabilia, tickets to upcoming Red Sox Games, Red Sox gear and more!

Revolution Rock Bar Mixer — Live Music & Mingling

April 3rd, Starting at 6:00pm
Price: $10.00 (with goldstar-Free)
Revolution Rock Bar & Lounge, Boston, MA
Rock music in Boston — a perfect combination for a party! Celebrate with other single professionals who are looking to mix, mingle and have a great time. There will be rocking bands, cocktails, a free buffet and the opportunity to connect with old friends and meet new ones.

Housing Update:

Housing & Residential Life has a new e-mail system! Through this system we are able to send personalized information about your on-campus housing! E-mail is now our official form of communication with students. Be sure to check your NEU e-mail address regularly for updates, so you don't miss out!

Join our Facebook Group!
We encourage you to join the MA facebook Group! Meet new people and find out things about MA that you never knew existed!

Co-op Spotlight

Every month Co-op Connections will feature students who are currently on Co-op.

Katie Passino is a Junior Chemical Engineering Major working for GreenFuel Tecnologies Corp. as a Chemical Engineer Intern.

What do you do at this company?
I mainly help the engineers tackle the problems that they have encountered while scaling up their processes. GreenFuel has only 30 employees so I'm able to get involved in other aspects of the business as well.

What do you like about the job so far?
I like how I can be a part of a company that's actively trying to help the environment by reducing carbon dioxide, while also developing a new, viable fuel source.

What are you looking forward to about this job?
Because GreenFuel is such a small company, I look forward to being able to make a contribution in such a relevant topic as alternative fuels.

The following excerpt is taken from: "5 Ways to Be a Good Team Player", by Margaret Steen, for Yahoo! HotJobs

Employers are always looking for a great team player, but how exactly do you go about showing that you're a team player? Below are five suggestions for concrete ways you can show your dedication to the team.

1. Meet your deadlines.
When you're doing one part of a larger project, as is often the case when you're on a team at work, you can hold up everyone else if you don't get your work done on time.

2. Be candid.
Many employers appreciate suggestions and constructive critiscism.

3. Adapt quickly.
One way to demonstrate how adaptable you are is to offer to change the way you work if it seems like it would help your teammates. Also know that attitude is important also.

4. Appreciate others' work styles.
One person may be good at facilitating communication; another likes challenge the group's assumptions. The best teams will have a mix of these styles and members who appreciate each other's contributions.

5. Avoid politics.
Don't let yourself get distracted by issues that aren't crucial to the team's mission.

Community Service

There are many great ways to give back to the surrounding community of Northeastern. You can join the YMCA of Greater Boston (http://www.ymcaboston.org/) right down the street on Huntington Ave., or dedicate a Sunday Morning at the Greater Boston Food Bank (http://www.gbfb.org/). The Center of Community Service at Northeastern University provides great opportunities like these and many others such as Service Learning, Alternative Spring Break, and Service Days. The Center for Community Service also has special partnerships with Junpstart, the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship, and Student Leaders for Service. For more information and to sign up please visit *www.communityservice.neu.edu*

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