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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 back at Fenway Park, and the small cafe's and restaurants begin to set up their outdoor tables around New York City. Although NY 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, <http://www.northeastern.edu/coopconnections/>.

Take Care,  
 Sonya, Julia, & Alexa



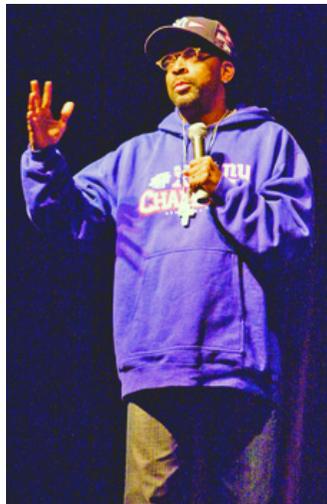
## Husky Happenings

*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.

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.



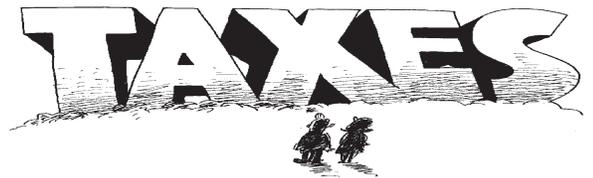
He also talked about what it means for him when he is in the midst of somebody he admires. There are thousands of people who aren't living their lives and are simply "in it, day to day to day. And so that's why college is so important, that's why university is so important because this is where you should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

Their 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](http://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 efforts 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! Please be sure to visit there website to check out some of the great thing they are doing on Northeastern's Campus!!**

# Upcoming Events

Check out these really cool events happening in your area!

## New York Cares Day April 12th- This is an All Day Event!!



Join the New York City Alumni Chapter as it teams up with New York Cares for a day of good, clean fun, revitalizing more than 100 public schools in New York City. Find out how great it feels to help give thousands of children cleaner, safer and more stimulating environments in which to learn and grow. For more information and to register please contact Nick Segretario at [n.segretario@neu.edu](mailto:n.segretario@neu.edu), or visit <http://www.northeastern.edu/alumni/> and look on their event calendar page.

## 30th Annual Antique Auto Show at the Queens County Farm Museum

Sunday, April 27  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Adults \$5.00



Members of the New York Antique Auto Club will exhibit their cars on the farmhouse grounds. Automobile memorabilia, historic house tours, hayrides, and food will be available.

For more information, please

visit their website at <http://www.queensfarm.org/events.html>

## Tribeca Film Festival April 23 - May 4, 2008

Taking place in our very own Tribeca area in lower Manhattan will be the annual Tribeca Film Festival which was first launched in 2002. This annual event brings in hundreds of thousands of visits and such to the area...and ideal which is part of its initial aim: To revitalize and encourage the growth and recovery of the downtown area of NYC.

To learn more about this set of cinemagraphic events and to purchase tickets visit their official website at: <http://www.tribecafilmfestival.org>

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 New York!!

## Shang of HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" at Stand-Up NY

April 11th Orig. Price \$20.00 Goldstar Price: Free!!

Shang's political and explosive humor has been showcased on HBO's Def Comedy Jam and two of his own half-hour comedy specials on BET's Comic View Grand Stand. His TV guest appearances have included NBC's Heroes and CBS's CSI. See him at Stand-Up NY

## Belly Dance Shimmy Social Learn to Dance While Socializing

Thursday, April 12th

Time: 5:00pm

Gold Star Event Price: \$21.00



Shimmy your way into this event at Zack's Dance Loft which includes complimentary wine and Middle Eastern appetizers. The event consists of a 60 minute belly dance class, preceded by eating and socializing. And yes, men can belly dance, too!

## Statue and Skyline Afternoon Cruise Around Manhattan

Sunday April 13th

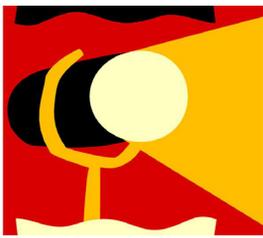
Time: 2:30pm & 4:30pm

Gold Star Event Price: \$22.00



Leave the noise of Manhattan street life behind for a pleasurable afternoon cruise. More than just a boat ride, the classic 1920s-style vessel Manhattan circles lower New York, passes by Governor's Island, closely approaches the Statue of

Liberty, glides under the Brooklyn Bridge and passes by the historic South Street Seaport in a 1.5-hour cruise



# 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 Technologies 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.

### 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.

### 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 criticism.



## Community Service

There are many great opportunities in the New York area to volunteer and help out. The following websites are specifically designed as a database of great volunteering and community service activities!!

With VolunteerMatch, it's never been easier to find a rewarding way to give back and make a difference.

Visit <http://www.volunteermatch.org/> today!!

New York Cares meets pressing community needs by mobilizing caring New Yorkers in Volunteer service.

Visit <http://www.nycares.org/> for more information.



On Your Feet Project is a national nonprofit organization engaging young people in community service and activism by educating them about diverse nonprofit organizations.

Visit <http://www.oyfp.org/> today!!



Co-op Connections 4 Speare Commons Hours: Monday -Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

For more information on these and other events and information please contact

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