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**Co-op Connections**  
*"Your Link to University Life"*

# In The Loop

**March 2008**

Dear Co-op Students,

We hope that you are enjoying the DC area and are taking in all the great opportunities DC has to offer. There are great festivals happening this month including the St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as the Shamrock Fest. Because March is the midway point for Co-op Students, some of you may be experiencing a little bit of Co-op burn-out. The feeling of not being energized or lacking motivation can hover over you. But we encourage you to find small activities that can re-boost your mind and energy level such as taking walks outside or doing 5-minute stretches. Activities like these can re-energize you and get you back on the right track.

The Co-op Connections Office is always pleased to hear from you. Please visit our website at <http://www.northeastern.edu/coopconnections/> or e-mail Sonya Mariotti at [s.mariotti@neu.edu](mailto:s.mariotti@neu.edu) if you need any assistance.

Take care,  
 Sonya, Alexa & Julia



## Husky Happenings



*Taken from the Northeastern Voice dated 2/20/08*

President Joseph Aoun met face-to-face — or more accurately Eye to Eye — with students at a packed forum last week, and all came away enlightened and impressed.

“Our students are tremendously interested and engaged in the life of the university,” Aoun said.

The Council for University Programs (CUP) hosted the Eye to Eye forum on Feb. 5 in the packed ballroom of Curry Student Center.

“We had the event to bridge the gap between President Aoun and members of his administration and students, by encouraging an open conversation among university administrators and student leaders,” said Scott Hultman, CUP’s president, this week.

“The event was a success, both in terms of attendance and in meeting the goals of the event,” he said. “We are looking at the possibility of creating an ‘Eye to Eye’ series that focuses on different issues on campus.”

## Important NU Information



It’s almost that time again!!

Fall Registration Begins  
 March 31st!!

Fall Course Offerings will be available 2 weeks before the 31st. Please visit the registrar’s website for more info.

<http://www.neu.edu/registrar/schedules.html>

What are your plans for Summer II? Did you pay your Summer Housing Deposit? Well it is not too late!! Preference is given to those who hand in their deposit early so don’t delay!!



# Student Connections Page

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



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

Our 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.*

**Join our  
Facebook Group!**

**We encourage you to join the NYC Facebook Group! Meet new people and find out things about NYC that you never knew existed!**

## ISSI

*(International Student & Scholar Institute)*



The International Student & Scholar Institute embodies Northeastern's global vision and commitment to meaningful cross-cultural understanding for all members of the University community, from Boston to Beijing. Drawing on Northeastern's rich cultural diversity, ISSI offers programs and services that enhance all facets of the Northeastern experience and support compliance with immigration regulations.

# Upcoming Events

Check out these really cool events happening in your area!

## Northeastern Events in DC

### *Boston Bruins vs. Washington Capitals*

Date: Sunday March 16th, 2008

Location: Dewars 12 Clubhouse Verizon Center 601 F Street, NW

Time: Alumni Gathering at 2:00pm-Face-off at 3:00pm

Price: \$49.00pp includes alumni gathering and center mezzanine seating

Join the Washington DC Alumni Chapter and friends in the Dewars 12 Clubhouse before the game for an all you can eat buffet and unlimited beverages.

For more information and for registration, please visit

<https://northeastern.ealumni.com/default.aspx?Page=EVNTEventDetail&EventID=1057>



**Northeastern  
Alumni**

### *St. Patrick's Day Festivities*

Washington, DC celebrates Saint Patrick's Day with this two-and-a-half hour special event, known as the Nation's St. Patrick's Day Parade, includes floats, marching bands, pipe bands, military, police, and fire departments.

**Date:** Sunday March 16th

**Time:** 12:00pm-3:00pm

**Location:** Along Constitution Avenue

### *National Shamrock Festival*

A street festival with live music, food, drinks and dozens of activities for all ages. Enjoy a day-long festival of Rock, Irish, Blues, Retro and Folk music.

**Date:** Saturday March 15, 2008

**Time:** 12:00pm-10:00pm

**Location:** RFK Stadium, 2400 E. Capitol St. NE Washington, DC

### *Smithsonian Kite Festival*

**Date:** Saturday March 29

**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm

**Location:** On the grounds of the National Mall, between 4th & 7th Streets, NW Washington, DC



The Smithsonian Kite Festival is an annual event that takes place on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Kite enthusiasts show off their stunt skills and compete for awards in over 36 categories including aerodynamics, beauty, box, and funniest. Top prizes are given for the Theme Award, People's Choice, Family Trophy, and Highest Overall Score.



*The Greatest Show on Earth is  
Coming to DC!!*



*Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey  
Circus*

Acrobats, animal-trainers and clowns perform in three rings.

**Date:** March 26-30 2008

**Location:** The Verizon Center

For ticket sales and more information please visit:

<http://www.ringling.com/schedule/index.aspx>

### *Great Rum Punch Challenge*

**\*This is a 21+ event\***

**Date:** March 29, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:30 p.m

**Location:** Gadsby's Tavern Museum 138 N. Royal Street Alexandria, Virginia

Price: \$50 single, \$100 couple\*

(Proceeds from the event will fund the Museum's educational, preservation, and research programs. Reservations are required)

For more information and to make reservations please visit: <http://www.gadsbystavernrestaurant.com/>



# Co-op Spotlight

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



*Kathleen Watt is a Math Major currently working for Merrill Lynch as a Credit Analyst.*

*What do you do at this company?*  
Work in U.S. Credit Risk repairing trades and making sure that all areas of the trade are complete.

*What do you like about the job so far?*

My boss and everyone in the office are very nice. I am learning a lot about Excel and other computer programs.

*What are you looking forward to at this job?*

Meeting more people and see the company progress these next few months.

Here are some great tips from current and past Co-op students!!

*“Have a positive attitude about work. A good work ethic cannot be ‘faked’ for very long. If you’ve got a good attitude about it, then productivity comes easy.”*

*“Take advantage of every opportunity that comes to you. Remember that co-op is what you make of it so don’t be afraid to make suggestions and ask questions. Co-op employers really appreciate student feedback and when they give input.”*

*“Keep busy. If you don’t have work to do, ask for some. If you are bored, it’s going to be a long day.”*



If you are looking to try to sublet your room or apartment for next semester or looking for a place to live you can check out our Housing Share on the co-op tab of your myNEU portal. Also take a look at the Ride Share under the same tab!



## Community Service

There are many great opportunities in the DC 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!!



This database reaches out to a number of different volunteering opportunities.

Visit <http://www.gwu.edu/~oid/getinvolved.html> today!!

One Brick provides support to local non-profit and community organizations by creating a unique, social and flexible volunteer environment for those interested in making a concrete difference in the community.

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



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

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