

# Play Time

## Game room offers break from stress

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Reporter

Pool tables. Laughter. Cards smacking the tables during a spades game. The pit and pat of two competitors battling on the ping pong table. Where are you? The best place to be on campus - THE GAME ROOM! Well, if you want to say, the only place to be on campus.

The game room is one of the ways that administration and SGA/CAB has for the students to relieve stress, meet people, and have fun. The game room has a multitude of old and new video games, card tables, pool tables and a courteous and helpful staff.

Though there are people above them, the student managers are usually the main ones to do all of the "dirty work", but they also have work study students under them. The job of the student managers is to make sure that the events inside of the Thompson Center run smoothly, manage the student employees in different areas of the building, accommodate the students, and ensure the safety of the building and its occupants.

The student managers believe that the staff is a "close knit" one so everything runs smoothly. They feel that it is also very diverse. The backgrounds range from regular students, to nontraditional students, to military personnel. Being that the staff is so close they all feel that more work is being done.



Photo by Darryl Smith

Students can find leisure in the game room located in the union.

"Great job!" exclaimed Orlando Peterson, Senior majoring in Mass Communications and student manager. "It's good to see the students come in and mature. I enjoy seeing the first semester freshmen hang out all the time and then second semester you don't see them again. It never fails."

Student manager and Computer Science Junior, William Augustus Bryant, IV, says, "Being a transfer student, it has allowed me the opportunity meet people faster than I would have with out it, allowing me to adjust quicker to my surroundings."

"I enjoy the game room," says Octavia L. Josey - double major, Senior in Physical Education and a Junior in Occupational therapy. "It gives me the opportunity to be a part of the on campus experience. There were a lot of things that I had not been included in until I worked here and I have been here for three years."

The student managers say they like all that goes on in the gameroom. They even feel that occupants are "well

mannered" and "some are even respectful". Some feel that the students have a lot to learn about being responsible for the upkeep of the student union. One student manager said, "The students can be more responsible for what's theirs. Keep the building clean and respect it. Treat it like you would your own home. We aren't here to clean up after you and we shouldn't have to. Certain students actually help with the work around the Student Union, without being coerced. Do your part and we'll do ours."

Though the game room is the only fun place to be on campus (besides in your room), it is the best place to be. With a staff as helpful and knowledgeable as the ones aforementioned, everyone should come and enjoy the game room. Great games, good friends, and an entourage of "peepz" helping to make your life at Winston Salem State University enjoyable and more memorable (just the peace and keep it clean).

## International studies offers experience

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If you are a student and you want to gain experience and explore career interests in international affairs, then here's your perfect opportunity.

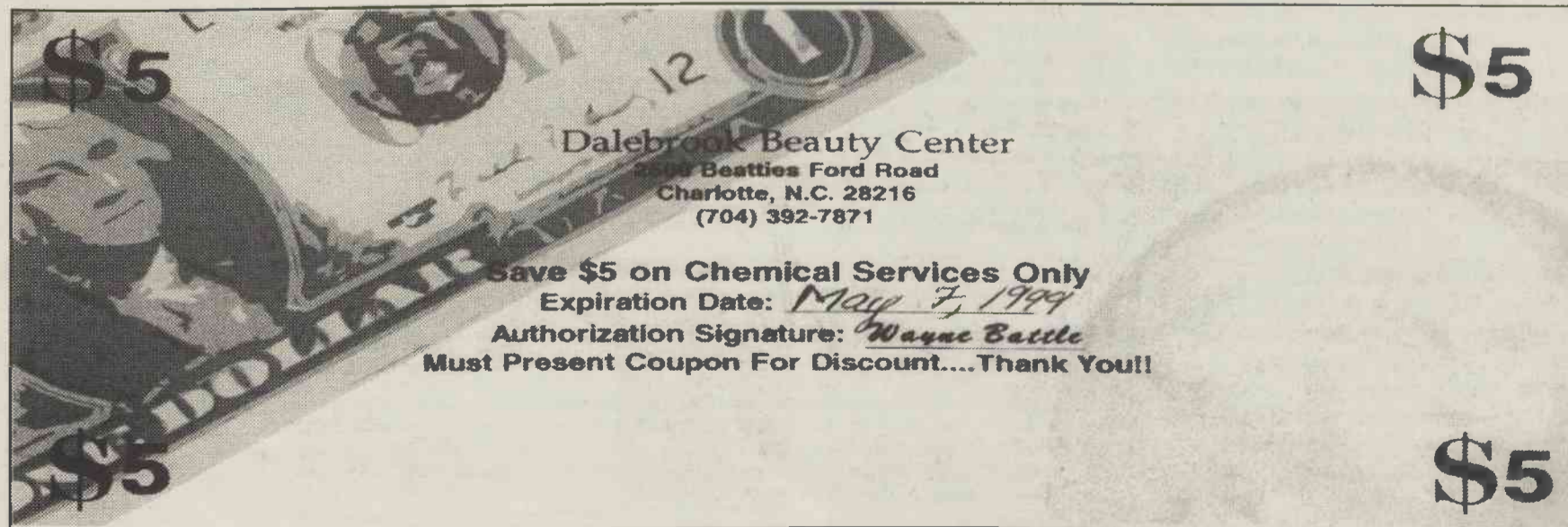
The center for strategic and international Studies (CSIS) is searching for students wanting to broaden their horizons by international studies. A public policy research institution in Washington, D.C., CSIS offers seven internships each Fall, Spring, and Summer semester to minority students.

CSIS, founded in 1962, offers programs in several major areas including energy and national security, international business and economics, international communications, political and military affairs, domestic policy, preventive diplomacy, history, and finance. These specialized fields of study are offered in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, the middle East, Russia, and Eurasia. Special projects in areas such as the environment and global organized crime are also available.

International internships have become an educational and occupational requirement in our globally-interdependent world. Students who participate in international internships have an advantage over students with little or no internship experience.

One program, the Russian language and culture program, also known as RLCP, offers a seven-week Summer immersion in Moscow. This program is designed to offer students the equivalent of one semester of Russia language at the elementary or intermediate level and an additional three semester credit hours in Russian society and politics. A

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