

# Perspectives

# Boredom Beaters



Penny Universitie logo



# Off-campus adventures await

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As the second semester draws closer to an end, many students are tired of the same old routine on the weekends.

"There's nothing here to do. Weekends are the most boring times on campus," sophomore Shawn Watson said.

On-campus entertainment can be quite monotonous, especially on the weekends. After seeing every Student Union movie and spending too many partially remembered nights at repetitious fraternity parties, students want an alternative.

"As far as weekends here are concerned, it's pretty much dominated by frat parties," sophomore Geoff Wilmont said.

Many students are unaware of what is there to do beyond the university gates on the weekend.

"I think beyond the clubs and bars and stuff there's not much, and so far as those are concerned there aren't many options," Wilmont said.

"I'm not even sure what (Winston-Salem) has to offer," Watson said.

At first glance many students believe there simply is not much to do in Winston-Salem; however, there are many hidden treasures scattered throughout the city's landscape. From romantic ideas for two to athletics, these activities are student oriented: fun, close by and inexpensive.



## JAVA

Less than five minutes away in downtown Winston-Salem lies Penny Universitie Coffeeshop & Deli. With a great atmosphere and reasonable prices, Penny Universitie welcomes a college crowd. Most sandwich plates are around \$5 and coffee drinks around \$2. "People like to socialize somewhat and some people like to come just to study," Gary Heatwole, a co-owner, said. There are checker boards, cards and other games free for customers to use. Customers may also just relax and enjoy the constantly changing art collection on the walls. Also, this coffeeshop carries much more than coffee: its beer and wine list is twice as long as its coffee selection. Penny is closed Sundays, but is open from 7 a.m. till midnight on weekdays and from 11 a.m. till midnight Saturdays. Other Penny fare includes fresh sandwiches, salads and soup. "We serve food until 11-11:30," Heatwole said. Penny Universitie is located at 301 Brookstown Ave. "We are just right down Marshall Street so we're easy to find from campus," Heatwole said.

For those students unwilling to make the drive, the Blackhorse Coffeeshop is only a short walk away in the Reynolda Village. "It's a really great atmosphere because it's so close to Wake Forest," manager Rachel Crissman said. The Blackhorse carries a wide assortment of delectable desserts and a variety of sandwiches. "We have a really good food menu and we have coffees and desserts," Crissman said. Students also receive 15 percent off any purchase when they show their school ID. The Blackhorse is also closed Sundays, but it is open from 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. from Monday through Saturday. "This summer we're going to stay open later and try to get live bands," Crissman said.



## WINE TASTING

Looking for an original way to spend the big 21st birthday? Why not go wine tasting at Westbend Vineyards? "It's 45 acres of grapes, a picnic area, a tasting room, and a winery. It's definitely a local operation that has won awards for its wines," Steve

Shepard, the general manager, said. A short road trip could bring you to Lewisville, home of the vineyards, for a Friday or Saturday afternoon of wine tasting. "Lewisville is only about 15 minutes from Wake Forest by taking (Hwy) 421 toward Boone," Shepard said. The Vineyards are only open for wine tasting from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and tours of the vineyards run until 4 p.m. "The tours and the tasting are complimentary," Shepard said. If tasting weren't enough, wine purchases can be made at the vineyards as well. "The prices of the wines are very reasonable. They run from \$7 to \$13," Shepard said.



## ROMANCE

Right across the street from Penny Universitie, a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride through Old Salem awaits. Herritage Carriages Co. has two horse drawn carriages Fridays and Saturdays between 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in front of Darryl's Restaurant downtown. Reservations are not needed, and rides are first come first serve. "If someone is waiting when we take that last ride after 10:30 we try to come back for them," Anne Allred, a co-owner, said. The carriages can seat up to four adults and two children, and they are drawn by Belgian horses. "It's a good date thing and if the parents are in town they seem to enjoy it," Allred said. The ride lasts approximately 20 minutes as the carriage cruises through parts of downtown and Old Salem. "The driver can do a little tour of the area if the passengers want them to," Allred said. With a date or a group of friends, this carriage ride is definitely an original. "It is something different to do," Allred said.

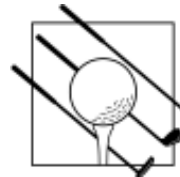
With the coming of spring, the picnicking season has begun. Take an escape from campus cuisine and pack a picnic for the aesthetically pleasing Bethabara Park. There are picnic tables and open areas suited for a romantic meal for two. "There are plenty of picnic tables and it's first come first serve," park guide Dorothy Stevens said. The park was founded in 1753 by the first settlement of Moravians from Germany, and it hosts the oldest brick building in the state. "The church is the oldest brick building in North Carolina, it was built in 1779," Stevens said. The park also hosts an 18th century graveyard, a mill, gardens and archeological ruins. After the picnic lunch, one can also take a tour of the park. "There are tours. Adults cost a dollar and children cost 50 cents," Stevens said.



## PARKS

Another great local park is Tanglewood. Just West of Winston-Salem, this park is a year-round recreational area. "It was the country estate of William and Kate Reynolds when they died they left their estate to the citizens of Forsyth County," Francie Bray, the director of Tanglewood Marketing, said. Tanglewood Park has a variety of things to do: tennis courts, horse stables, playgrounds, a swimming pool, campsites, nature trails, paddleboards, and three PGA golf courses. "We do offer 18 hole golf year round, and the par three is a lot of fun," Bray said. Green fees cost \$6 for the par three driving range and club rental is only \$1. Those with a little more money to spend can play the Reynolds course for \$26 or the championship course for \$34. Horses are kept at the stables year round. "You can take trail rides, hay rides and carriage rides," Bray said. The cost for horseback riding is \$16 per hour. Admission for a day at the swimming pool is \$2.75 during weekdays and \$3 on weekends, and the tennis courts cost \$8 an hour. If you need a little longer break than just a fun-filled afternoon, Tanglewood even has a bed and breakfast at the park, cost is \$86.24 for two people and includes break-

fast. "It was the Reynold's home. It's a 10-room bed and breakfast that rests in the heart of the park," Bray said. The park is located on Highway 158 West Clemons. For more detailed directions, call 778-6300.



## GOLFING

Besides Tanglewood's three public golf courses, there are many more affordable greens in the local area. Heather Hills Golf Course is a public course off Heathron Drive. "During the week green fees are \$8 and on the weekend it's \$10," manager Bill Willard said. The course features 18 holes but no par fives. "There's a lounge you can come back and eat in here too," Willard said. To set up a tee time, call the course at 788-5785.

Winston Lake Park Gold Course is another affordable public course featuring student rates. "Students pay \$8 to walk. If they choose to ride then cart fees are \$11," Linda Davis, a member of leadership management said. During the week tee times are not needed; however, students should call ahead for weekend rounds. "On holidays and weekends you need to call ahead. We start taking reservations on Thursday for Saturday and Sunday," Davis said. The course is located on Winston Lake Road. "You're about 15 to 20 minutes away at most," Davis said. Call 727-2703 to make reservations.



## LASER BOWLING

Northside Bolwing Lanes has laser bowling every Saturday night. "It starts at 11 (p.m.) on Saturday night and lasts until 2 (a.m.)," manager Corey McInchack said. Laser bowling is the regular fun of bowling combined with a laser lights show. "Lately we've had a deejay from SH-BOOM here too. The lanes glow in the dark, and there's laser lights," McInchack said. Laser bowling costs \$9 for both a lane and shoe rental. "We're going to try Wednesday night laser bowling during the summer," McInchack said. There is a student rate for regular bowling hours as well. A regular game costs \$1.25 before 6:00 p.m. and \$1.50 after 6:00 p.m. with a student ID. Shoes are \$1.50 per person. "We're at 3550 Patterson Ave. across from Northpoint shopping center," McInchack said.



## SKATING

Revert back to those grade school days when Friday or Saturday night was spent at the local roller-rink. Skate Haven USA is located at 120 Hood Drive. From Monday through Thursday, skating hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and then from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost per session is the same on these weekdays, \$3.50 for admission and \$1.50 to rent skates. On Friday nights Skate Haven has Jam Skate, featuring special music and lighting. Skating on Friday is from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with admission price of \$5 and \$2 skate rental.



## ROCK CLIMBING

Just minutes away in downtown Winston is ROC Ltd. Indoor Climbing. "We area a full service indoor climbing facility," owner Brett Pence said. ROC Ltd. has 6,000 sq. ft. of climbable surface designed for beginners to advanced climbers. "We give beginner lessons at \$35 per person. It's a full day deal; you'll spend at least five hours in here," Pence said. Students can also come in on an individual basis and climb the boulder wall for free. "You can do the no-ropes boulder wall on your own," Pence said. More difficult walls

may require climbing equipment and the assistance of a ROC Ltd. employee. Equipment for climbing can be rented at the facility. "We have everything you need here," Pence said. Climbing is not only a great source of entertainment, especially with friends, but also a great workout. "It is a full-body workout, but you exercise more than your muscles — you exercise your mind," Pence said. ROC Ltd. is located on North Point Court. For more information call its 24 hour information hotline, 759-9905.



## BODY ART

Ready for something a little more adventurous? How about a new tattoo or body piercing? The Ink Well specializes in tattoos. "This is a custom shop so anything you have a picture of or even an idea in your head, just tell us about it and we can turn it into a tattoo for you," owner Barry Walker said. The shop also does body piercings. "We do absolutely everything, all kinds of piercings," Walker said. Like Earth's Edge, the Ink Well uses an autoclave to sterilize its equipment and disposes of all needles after one usage. "All needles for tattoos and body piercings are single-used," Walker said. The average cost for a body piercing is \$40 and a small tattoo costs on average \$30. "But most people spend around \$50 to \$75 on tattoos," Walker said. Open Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. until 10 p.m., the Ink Well is on Hutton Street. "We're located on Silas Creek (Parkway) one block west of Peters Creek (Parkway) but our physical address is Hutton Street," Walker said.

Earth's Edge Body Piercing is located in Gordon Square on the corner of Gordon Drive and Country Club Road. "We are the oldest piercing shop in the Winston area," Kelly Weeks, a co-owner said. Earth's Edge specializes in body piercing. "We pierce just about anything, and we just started doing Mehendi Art (the henna dye temporary tattoos)," Weeks said. Earth's Edge has a wide selection of body jewelry and regular jewelry, Mehendi tattoos, hair dyes in various unique shades and naval charms. "We do carry naval charms to put on the rings; the girls really love those," Weeks said. The average cost of a piercing is \$30, and that includes the jewelry and the procedure. Earth's Edge features a private piercing room and a home-like atmosphere. "We practice hospital sterilizing, we autoclave all our utensils and our needles are used once and thrown away," Weeks said. Business hours are from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mondays and from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



## UP ALL NIGHT

Many students go to the International House of Pancakes late Friday or Saturday night and wait in long lines under the scrutiny of security guards. Meanwhile, Dottie's Diner awaits with the same type of menu and usually no wait at all. "We're not fancy, but we're open 24 hours and we welcome anyone even if they don't eat much but just want to hang around," owner Dottie Eubanks said. Dottie's Diner has a quaint, intimate setting complete with juke box and an affordable menu. "We have great food, we have one of the best burgers in town and great breakfast. (Students) can get a burger, french fries and a drink for less than \$5," Eubanks said. What makes Dottie's unique is its overwhelming acceptance of younger customers even if they just choose to hang out at the restaurant. "You can sit around our place for as long as you want; sometimes students stay for hours. They study, or they just hang out, and they feel pretty much at home," Eubanks said. Dottie's Dinner is located at 904 S. Stratford Road.