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I'm a fourth year graduate student at Yale working on STAR. As a grad student who's spent a considerable amount of time at BNL, I'm particularly interested in making sure that the creature comforts currently available for students and post docs continue to be available and would like to see improvements. I feel that ASAP is vital to the health of the lab because it provides opportunities to socialize and relax. I think it's important that the new lounge location be chosen with the input of students and post docs. The old lounge location, in a retired nuclear reactor being monitored because of leaks, sent the message that students and post docs were not important members of the research community at BNL and that is unacceptable. So I hope to make sure that the activity of ASAP continues at least the same level and hopefully increases in order to make long stays at BNL more pleasant.