



BY HATTIE CHUNG

Valentine's Day, a holiday for giving flowers and sweets to your significant other, falls on a Wednesday this year.

"I would buy my lovely Valentine a very thoughtful gift and write her a lovely poem, and then I would take her out to eat, maybe on a loop, even skipping my late night WECS class if needed," senior Young Lee said.

However, for those who have a sweetheart off campus, there is the daily check routine to keep in mind. Many seniors whose significant other is a grand-senior at a nearby college wish that they would not be restricted from spending more time off-campus.

"I'm hoping to go out to a romantic dinner somewhere,

hang out, and get to see each other for the night, at least until 10:30 check," said senior Kate Lee, whose boyfriend is a freshman at UNC-CH.

Yet there are other students that do not feel the spirit of Valentine's Day. With the daily heavy workload, some students are bogged down from going out and celebrating the day.

"I will be all alone studying Spanish, Calculus and doing physics," senior Michael D. Jones said.

However, he is not "all alone" in these thoughts.

"I celebrate Valentine's Day by going to class," senior Krishna Karra. "I never really do anything special for it, so nothing's different for me this year."

Without a significant other, there is no surprise that there are students who are not celebrating Feb. 14.

"I'm going to sit by myself and sulk in self-pity as I eat the chocolate I bought," junior Marguerite Cameron said. "Despite the happy couples you see here on campus, not all have a significant other with whom they can share this day."

But, hopefully, this Valentine's Day will not be so gloomy. This year, the SGA will organize the annual Flower Sale that the Asian Culture Club has headed for the past years, so that those without a special Valentine can still receive a rose.

Junior Sophia Han takes on this spirit.

"I bought Valentines that I'm going to hand out to my friends," she said.

This year, Valentine's Day is not just a romantic holiday for couples to enjoy.

## hot shots

### Wii gives new look to gaming

BY KARA TINKER

Ever since its initial release on Nov. 19, the Bluetooth-enabled, motion-sensor controlled Nintendo Wii has been a huge hit. As the world's newest game console, the Wii features new nunchuck three-axis motion sensor controllers and a compact, slim console design. With two USB 2.0 ports and built-in Wi-Fi capability, the Wii is optimized with state-of-the-art technology. But, even with its sleek design and the unique gaming opportunities it presents, is the Wii here to stay or is it just a passing fad?

Junior Benjamin Ketel believes that the Wii represents the future of game consoles.

"It's definitely an exciting way to play video games" Benjamin said. "It's kind of going towards the next step of video gaming."

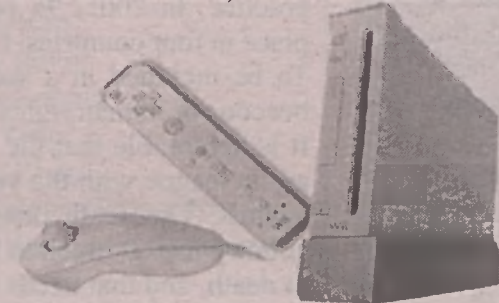
However, other students are convinced that

the Wii is overrated.

"Computer games are better," junior Austin Page said.

For now it seems that the Wii's popularity will only continue to grow. Since its release, the Wii has produced over \$190 million in revenue for Nintendo. It has broken sale records in both Europe and Australia.

Katel said, "As time progresses it will progress into a better console, better than Gamecube."



Left- The Wii console and controllers. Above- Senior Tyler Smith plays his Wii on *Third West*. Right- *Wii Play*, the new version of *Wii Sports*, comes with console purchase.

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