

Chapel Hill provides options for those dining solo tonight

Local clubs and bars are offering specials for singles celebrating Valentine's Day.

BY JOE KEENAN
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and many singles in Chapel Hill may feel depressed and hurt because they don't have a sweetheart. Others are sick of hearing about their friends' complex love lives and endless accounts of romantic bliss. Not to worry — there are plenty of things for the unattached to do around town.

Gotham, located at 306-H W. Franklin St., is having a Cupid Crush Party on Friday night, which is open to anyone over 18.

"Gotham is a place that is very much dance-oriented," owner Dan Markscheid said. "You are bound to meet someone out to have a good time."

The club will offer a host of Valentine's Day-themed drink specials, including cherry pucker and kamikazi shots, Markscheid said.

Players, located at 159 1/2 E.

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Freshman from Chapel Hill

Franklin St., is having a private party in honor of Valentine's Day but will open its doors after 11:30 p.m. for its usual singles crowd.

"This is always a great place to meet people because of the laid-back atmosphere and the assortment of things to do, from playing pool and foosball, to dancing," Players' owner Steve Woodham said.

On the flip side of the Valentine's Day experience is the "Death by Chocolate" party sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. "We are holding this (party) as an anti-Valentine's Day celebration," RHA representative Olivia Page said.

Singles at the event enjoyed chocolate desserts and coffee, in addition to a live

jazz music performance by the Junkyard Jazz Quintet. The party was held Wednesday in the Carmichael Ballroom.

While some students dislike the idea of Valentine's Day, some said they could care less either way.

"Since I'm not together with anyone, it will be like any other night," said Sheppard McKenzie, a sophomore from Raleigh. "I'll probably stay home and play 'Twisted Metal 2' on my Sony Playstation."

Still, other students feel being single can have its advantages.

"I think it's good to be single in Chapel Hill," said Jen White, a freshman from Chapel Hill.

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Married students say 'I do' to Cupid

BY CASSIE GEROLIMATOS
STAFF WRITER

The approach of Valentine's Day sent students scattering in search of the perfect card, the perfect flowers and, let's be honest, the perfect date.

But for some undergraduates, those who are married, the uncertainty of having a Valentine's Day date is not a concern.

Mary and Richard Bryson, residents of Odum Village, UNC's married student housing, will celebrate their two-year wedding anniversary in a few

months. Mary Bryson, a sophomore from Waynesville, said many students expressed disbelief on learning she was married.

"People seem surprised that a married student would even want to go to college," she said.

But Bryson said she didn't regret her decision to get married, and added that Valentine's Day was still meaningful.

"(Valentine's Day) is important because it's almost like another anniversary," she said. "We still go out on dates together. It still counts. We do think to celebrate Valentine's Day every day."

Senior Brandy Atkins described herself as a "week-end wife." Her husband of 3 1/2 years, Randolph, works and lives in Sandy Ridge, where she returns every weekend. Atkins was 19 when she married, and she said her experience had strengthened her.

"Marriage somehow changed me," she said. "Being married has reinforced school, and being in school has

reinforced my marriage." Valentine's Day, she said, had more meaning for her after having been married.

"It makes (the day) more special," Atkins said. "When you're married, it's a day to appreciate your lifetime love."

Dana Sircy, a junior from Loretto, Tenn., and her husband of three years, Jason, are taking turns putting themselves through school. And Sircy said she often found that single students didn't take married students seriously.

"A lot of times, like you just want to leave class so you can go home and cook dinner," she said.

Sircy said this was not the case, and that her decision to marry at 20 was one that she was very happy with.

"We were best friends for three years before we got married," Sircy said. "We're still best friends."

This Valentine's Day, when dating couples remind each other of what they mean to each other, married couples on campus will be doing the same.

They said they wanted their peers to recognize that they are an intrinsic part of this campus.

"It's been a tough but rewarding journey, and I would never, ever change a thing about it," Atkins said.

Sircy agreed and said her marriage offered a sense of security.

She said, "Now I always know I have a valentine."



Valentine traditions linger despite trendy gifts

Conversation hearts and roses still reign as top gifts over chocolate handcuffs.

BY BRENNIA PEARSON
STAFF WRITER

Amongst the trendy Valentine's Day gifts found around this season like chocolate handcuffs and chocolate body paint, a small glimpse of tradition lives on.

Bright and glossy valentines expressing devotion to one's favorite animated character are still packaged in stores everywhere — tiny white envelopes included.

And many Generation Xers may recall the agony of choosing which valentines to buy and the chore of selecting the messages to send to friends — the less-liked always receiving the gener-

ic "Happy Valentine's Day" and the possible love interest receiving the more suggestive "You're tops with me Valentine!"

"I really loved giving out valentines," said Julie Story, a senior from Granite Falls. "I would buy the cheesy Strawberry Shortcake cards for the people I had to give to, and save the Peanuts ones for my better friends. But the really important people got the scratch and sniff kind."

Another undying novelty of Valentine's Day is the candy conversation heart.

Although the hottest-selling gifts at Emilberry's Candy Store on Franklin Street are balloon bouquets filled with candy, conversation hearts are still in the game, said senior Tonya Ullery, an employee at Emilberry's.

"We sell them all year round," Ullery said. "I don't think people exchange them anymore. Most buy them because

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JULIE STORY
Senior from Granite Falls

they like the taste, and that's pretty much it."

Catherine Thiel, a sophomore from Chesapeake, Va., said the meaning of the hearts was most important to her.

"I like the idea of them better than the actual taste," she said.

Larry Trollinger of Hillsborough, who works at Ken's Quicke Mart, said conversation hearts always sold well at his store.

The messages on the hearts, which

range from the simple "cutie pie" to the more sassy "let's kiss" and even "marry me," are what sells them, Trollinger said.

"I think people like to read the writing" he said. "One customer told me she and her friends used to lick the colors off and write their own messages."

Candy confections aside, tradition still reigns in the flower domain.

Ron Gilmour of Chapel Hill, who works at the University Florist on Franklin Street, said customary red roses were always his best selling item for the holiday.

But one trend that Gilmour hasn't encountered is the demand for the bitter black roses.

"We have sold them before," Gilmour said. "We usually just spray paint red ones, so a little of the red shines through, but we haven't had any orders of those for Valentine's Day. I guess most people aren't really that bitter."

Bone marrow-typing drive to happen today in Union

STAFF REPORT

A bone marrow typing drive will be held today from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Donate Life, UNC's first bone marrow organization, and the American Red Cross are sponsoring the drive to increase the number of people registered with the National Marrow Donor Program.

Megan Stephenson, a member of Donate Life, said she hoped a lot of students would be typed.

"The more people on the registry, the higher chance you'll find a match," she said.

"(Students) should come to try to save a life," Stephenson said.

Donate Life's goal is to type 1,000 people today.

At this drive, only two tablespoons of

blood are extracted to be tested. No marrow is taken.

Typing costs \$60 per person, but Donate Life has raised money to cover the cost of the typing. The American Red Cross will match what Donate Life can raise.

A special fund has been established to increase the participation of minority donors, Stephenson said.

Stephenson said she was pleased with the group's progress. "We've doubled the number of people we can type now," Stephenson said.

Donate Life raised about \$7,000 in six months. Local businesses and churches also donated to the project.

The Carolina Bone Marrow Program donated \$10,000. Any money not spent will revert back to the Carolina Bone Marrow Program.

Campus Calendar

Friday

9 a.m.-noon — This is the last chance for yearbook pictures! Come by Union 224 for a free photo session. Pictures will also be taken

from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Yackety-Yack at 962-3912.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority Inc. will present a video series titled "Eyes on the Prize" in the Sonja H. Stone

Black Cultural Center.

4 p.m. — The Lab! Theatre will present "Trust" by Stephen Dietz, its first play of the semester, in the basement of Graham Memorial. For more information call 969-

7519. Additional shows will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

6:15 p.m. — N.C. Hillel will hold its annual Faculty and Staff Shabbat tonight. All are

welcome. Dinner will follow services.

6:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 11:30 p.m. — The Carolina Union Activities Board Film Committee will present "That Thing You Do!" in the Union Film Auditorium. Admission will be \$2. The CUAB-Film Committee will also present "Glory" at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday and "Cool Hand

Luke" at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Carolina Union Auditorium. Admission is free.

7 p.m.-9 p.m. — The Carolina Production Guild will hold cast auditions for a short film titled "This Ain't No Summer Camp." Auditions will continue from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. To sign up, call Julie Brewer at 942-9689 or Derrick Speight 914-1506.

8 p.m. — The Department of Music will present "Not Enough Tenors: A Concert of Baroque Vocal Chamber Music for Valentine's Day" in Person Recital Hall.

For the Record

In the Feb. 12 graphic "1997-98 Student Congress elections results," Shakara Bridges' name should have been omitted.

Also, in the Feb. 13 brief "Eyes on the Prize" looks at civil rights movement, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority Inc.'s president should have been identified as Teri Williams and the Sigma Gamma Rho member should have been identified as Teresa Williams.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Black History Month spotlight

Carl Stokes (1927-)

Carl Stokes was born in Cleveland, Ohio. After serving in the U.S. Army, he continued his education. Stokes received a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Minnesota in 1954, and two years later he received his L.D. degree from Cleveland State University.

In 1962, Stokes opened a law firm with his brother and was elected to the Ohio Legislature, where he was strongly in favor of all civil rights measures. Stokes won the Cleveland mayoral election in 1967, becoming the first African-American to be elected mayor of a major American city.

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