

Valentine's Day is a celebrated tradition throughout the world

By Yuk Peng Lee
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day has become an international holiday, but the celebrations vary from culture to culture.

Commercialism has helped to promote the celebration of Valentine's Day in most of the world. However, there are still some places where people express love either in a different way or on a different day.

The day for lovers in the Jewish faith is called "Too Beave," said Ofer Asif, a Jewish student from Israel.

"Though it is not an official holiday, it is still a big holiday for lovers because the day falls in July, and it symbolizes the beginning of summer," Asif said.

Couples exchange cards, go out to dinner and have fun, Asif said.

The Chinese have their own version of Valentine's Day, said Samantha Lu, the chairwoman of the international committee of the University Program Council.

Lu said the Chinese celebrated "Qixi," their day of love, on the seventh day of the seventh month according to the Chinese calendar. That day, according to legend, was set aside to pay homage to a pair of lovers who were separated by the Jade god, and were only allowed to

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see each other once a year.

However, because of the influence of Western ideas and the promotion of American business, the Chinese celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 in addition to qixi, Lu said.

Valentine flowers are not as common in China as in the United States, but lovers send cards and candies to each other, Lu said.

Lee Jong Tac, a graduate student from South Korea, said South Koreans traditionally don't celebrate Valentine's Day. However, the influence of the West has made the celebration common among teen-agers.

"It is also a special day for girls who do not express their love to send cards, roses or chocolate to boys," Lee said.

Robert Klossek, a senior from

Germany, said Valentine's Day had no historical roots in Germany. However, he said, commercial ventures invented one.

"It is a nice custom to tell somebody that you like him or her," he said, "but I think the business people are only trying to sell more things."

An exchange student from England, Robin Pargeter, agreed.

"Valentine's Day seems to be a big thing here. Everybody is throwing money around to buy cards and gifts," Pargeter said.

He said the English limit the celebration to sending a simple card to their lovers.

In Spain, the celebration might be extended to include a surprise dinner for the significant other, said Jamal Mashlab, a sophomore from Spain.

Sometimes girlfriends might even receive jewelry, Mashlab said.

In France, the land of love, people don't get as carried away with Valentine's Day as they do in the United States, said French student Thien Nguyen.

"It is a very private celebration between lovers," Nguyen said. "We are romantic people for 365 days, not for a day only."

CFA hears Campus Rec request

By Jeffrey Robb
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation met Thursday night to vote on the University Health Center's budget proposal and to hear the Campus Recreation Center's proposal.

CFA voted unanimously to approve the health center's budget. It passed without debate because it requested no increase in funds,

CFA chairman Shane Tucker said. In further presentation of Fund B allocations, the rec center asked for a budget increase totalling 4.4 percent, a \$1.64 increase per student per semester. This is the largest increase presented to CFA of either Fund A or B categories.

Stan Campbell, director of campus recreation, said the rec center continually received student support. In the past, he said, students didn't mind

higher fees going toward the rec center.

Student fees apportioned to the rec center are currently \$36.82 per semester. Campbell said the proposed increase was still small when compared to past increases. This is partly because of the completion of improvement projects, he said.

No readily apparent improvements, such as a new building, will occur this year, Campbell said. But, if the increase is granted, new programs for students with disabilities and a new, high-tech circuit-training center would be put into place.

He said other funds would be used to provide upkeep and improvement of all campus recreation areas or would be saved for any expensive purchases in the future.

CFA sent the rec center proposal to a subcommittee for debate. The committee will decide whether to approve the proposal for a vote or request a fund decrease. The rec center's budget will be discussed and voted on at next Tuesday's meeting.

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Premiums are:

	Spring & Summer 1/14/93 - 8/24/93
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Student & Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$893.00
Student, Spouse, & Child	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,182.00
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Smokers can 'Quit and Win'

From Staff Reports

Quitting smoking is hard to do, but kicking the habit may be more than worth your while. It could make you eligible for special prizes.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department is sponsoring a "Quit and Win contest" to try to motivate people 18 years or older to kick the habit for four weeks beginning on Valentine's Day.

Marge Burke, a health educator for the health department, said she wanted to attract UNL students, especially UNL women, because of the rise in

smoking behavior among college women.

Burke said the health department and the University Health Center operated a booth at the student union for a day and received only about 5 college applicants for the program, although many others took informational packets home.

Those who qualify as nicotine-free after submitting to a urine test will be eligible for the prize drawing. Fifty-five prizes, such as mountain bikes, house cleaning and dinners for two at Lincoln restaurants will be awarded at a March 28 celebration at the Calvert recreation center.

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