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Gifts, Valentine's day are for lovers

Gone are the days when your sweetheart's love could be captured with just a smile. Modern Juliets expect their beaux to prove their undying love with more than a gift of the heart. And with equal rights, Romeos expect the same thing.

Today's Valentino can choose from an array of commercial cards, mugs, boxes and stuffed animals, professing one-of-a-kind love for that special someone. Yet, how

special is a mass-produced cup with hearts on the handle? And does your Valentine really need another cutsie Teddy Bear with the words "I wuv you" emblazoned across its chest?

For Cupid's sake, don't let your Valentine be just another heart in the crowd.

A kiss may still be a kiss, but will it win your true love's heart? Perhaps a pair of kissing fish would catch her fancy.

Sweets are still for the

sweet, though who can afford \$50 for that five pound box of chocolates? The answer may lie at The Candy and Corn Shop in the City Center Mall. For about \$2, you can present your sugar with a heart of caramel corn. And if you want the token of your love to last a wee bit longer, how about a heart shaped all-day sucker?

A dozen long-stemmed roses may stand for eternal love, but the price may break you until your next paycheck.

How about a bouquet of balloons instead? At Balloon Express, they'll deliver a bunch of red, pink and white helium balloons to the one who makes your spirits soar. Prices begin at \$10.50.

For other passionate folk willing to invest more for individuality, Blooms, 1167 Wilamette St., offers a single heart balloon in a box for \$12.

Or is your Valentine an old-fashioned sort, who likes to be wooed? How about a singing

telegram, complete with a single long-stemmed rose? For \$12, Blooms will send a yodeler in tophat and tails to serenade your sweet baboo with an old-time love song of your choice.

Bloom's has something for lovesick bar flies — a floral arrangement in any beer bottle with a dangling heart that reads "Beer Mine".

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IFC balks at IM's funding

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The University's intramurals program may be hitting the same shower that physical education activities courses did when they were scrubbed a few months ago.

At least as far as Mike Ellis, head of the University Physical Education department, is concerned.

Ellis is upset that there might not be enough money in the budget to cover the cost of intramurals next year. In the past, the P.E. department has assumed financial responsibility, at least in part, for intramurals.

The problem of funding intramurals goes back as far as the regular state legislative session which mandated that the University drop funding for P.E. activities classes. The University Assembly voted last November to expel the activities requirement. In order to maintain some activities, the P.E. department developed the SHAPE program, which requires a "user" fee from the participants.

That solved the activity course problem but it generated the intramural funding ruckus because part of the money from activities classes, before SHAPE, went to funding intramurals.

"Intramural funding came straight out of the P.E. budget," says Ellis.

In order to fund intramurals during 1982-83, Ellis went to the Incidental Fee Committee requesting about \$57,000, which would have

provided almost half of the \$116,000 needed to fund the intramural program.

"I'm mad as hell," says Ellis, pointing out that the IFC is giving the athletic department \$540,000 this year.

While Ellis sings the budget blues, Karsten Rasmussen, chairer of the IFC, agrees with Ellis, at least philosophically.

Rasmussen says that he would rather see money currently allocated to the athletic department re-routed to the recreation/intramurals program.

"If this committee had their way, so much money would not go that way (to the athletic department)," says Rasmussen.

But, Rasmussen adds, "They want us to bail them out... I don't necessarily feel that's correct."

"For two years, we've been suggesting to the administration that we're more than willing to pick-up intramurals if the money came from the athletic department funds," says Alan Contreras, acting vice president of program administration.

"I would say that \$30,000 would not be at all out of line," adds Contreras.

One of the possibilities towards reapportioning the money, says Rasmussen, may be to let the students decide.

"It's possible that we could explore the possibility of increasing recreation/intramurals by X amount of dollars if we decrease the athletic department by X amount of dollars and submitting that by itself to the student body for a vote."

Campus crime rate declines 3 percent

The University's overall crime rate surprised campus security officials by decreasing 3 percent during the past six months, at a time when crime rates at large colleges nationwide increased 55 percent.

"I'm pleased," says Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department.

"People are helping one another and working together to try to decrease crime." But Allison adds that he's not letting down his guard.

The 3-percent decrease does not include burglaries, which occur when the victim and suspect never meet, such as when the thief enters a dorm room when the resident is not home.

Burglaries at the University increased 32 percent during the past six months, but much of that increase may be due to a wave of burglaries this fall, Allison says. Eugene police arrested one suspect in those burglaries, and campus security is not having as many burglary problems this term, he says.

Allison says the University's crime decrease may be attributable partly to a 5-percent decrease in Eugene's crime wave, which is "totally out of sync with the rest of the world."

One of the problem spots for thefts on campus, the dormitories, seem to be improving, Allison says. Students are more aware of the need for security after an intensive fall campaign to educate students about crime problems, he says.

Tight financial situations also are making students more cautious with their property, Allison says.

Vandalized cars in parking lots continue to be a problem, especially in the large 15th Avenue and Moss Street lot, he says. Vandals are not only stealing from locked and unlocked cars, but also are spray-painting cars and letting air out of tires, Allison says, adding that campus security is trying to increase patrols in the area.