

Hampton U. bio club spreads love for Valentine's Day

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"Hey do you have a valentine this year?" Crystal Smitherman yelled across the lunch table to a male student.

"No I don't actually" said the student as he walked over to the table.

"Well I'm sure there is some girl out there that would love a rose from you, I promise it'll make her day!" said Smitherman, a sophomore Biology major.

The male student pondered the thought for a moment then said, "Yeah, your right actually! I'll take one. I think I've got an idea."

Love is in the air and its already that time of year again, Valentine's Day. The campus has been buzzing with excitement for Thursday the 14th through in-person conversations and social media such as Twitter since the start of the month.

Many campus organizations have taken advantage of buzz and have created events and fundraisers catering specifically to students and couples on campus.

Hampton University's biology club implemented a new fundraiser this season. The club organized a rose gram delivery service that will deliver roses and a personalized note to the person of your choice on Valentine's Day. The club is selling roses for \$2.50 for one rose, \$12 for half a dozen, \$20 for a dozen and \$75 for four dozen roses. Students have the option of picking up the roses themselves or to have them be delivered anywhere on campus on Valentine's Day. According to Kai Bracey, club president and a junior, "We typically meet twice a month on Monday's at 6 p.m. We work on creating a more united biology department among faculty and students. We focus on academic excellence and fellowship. We have been focused on fund raising for our department and so that we can send a gift to the Sandy Hook Elementary School." In December, 20 children and six adults at the Connecticut school were fatally shot by a 20-year-old wielding rapid-fire guns.

Here, the Biology club has Valentine's Day competition. The Hampton University Choir is selling "singing-grams" this week and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc is having a "Dating Game" Thursday night. Other fundraisers will also take place throughout the week.

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