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Parkland Foliage

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Parkland's 10th Annual Pennies for Pumpkins!

Paul Benson | Reporter

This Halloween Parkland hosted its 10th Annual Pennies for Pumpkins charity Fundraiser event. The event took place in the college center between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 31st. Between heading to class, grabbing a bite at Betsy's

most amount of money, gets to decide which charity will receive all the money that was raised for the event. Last year the event raised over \$400 dollars for St. Jude's. This year the Student American Dental Hygienists Association raised the most money and they plan to give the money to the non-profit dental

booth said "It's supposed to represent the blood moon and I painted that, because it's astronomy club and I thought it'd be fun to have a blood moon." She then pointed to a big globe of the Moon sitting next to her on the table and said "we've got the actual moon here." She points to some candy and continues, "along



The fear of floss is a path to the dark side.

Photo source: Paul Benson

Bistro, congregating with friends, or on their way home, many students were seen lending spare change to the pumpkins of their choice.

The event, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega (APO) and The Office of Student Life, encourages student organizations here at Parkland to carve their own individual pumpkin and then promote it at the event in an effort to raise money for charity. Students then vote with their spare change, (or bills,) for which pumpkin they like the best. Whichever student organization collects the

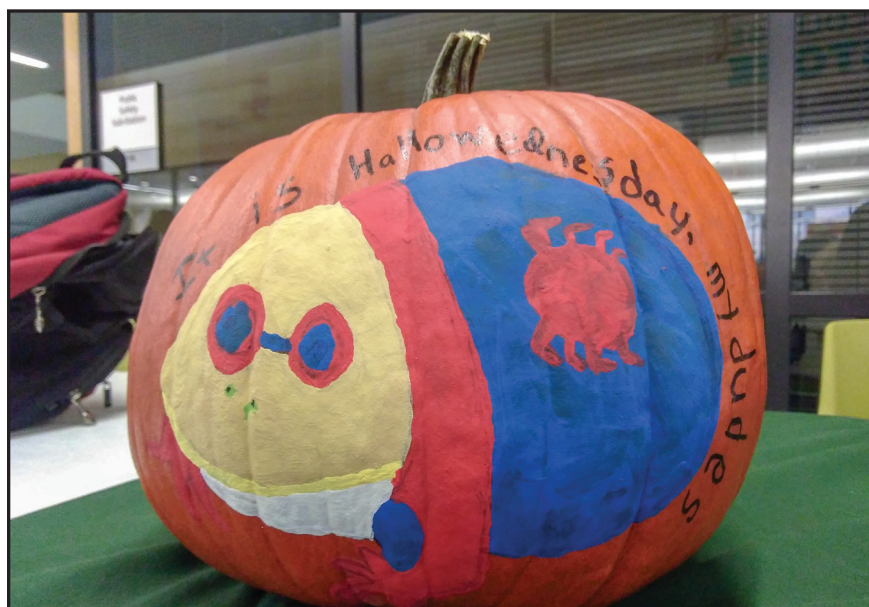
program, SmileHealthy.

There were a lot of organizations participating. Every group had their own creative and unique pumpkin to show off. A member from Alpha Phi Omega said "So, it's a pink pumpkin. We just tried to make it look unique and spooky. You know, go with that Halloween look, that October look. But, at the same time we wanted to make it look unique so, we made it pink."

Next to the Alpha Phi Omega table was the Astronomy club table. When asked about their pumpkin, the student operating that

with some Milkyways and Starbursts. a-hem, space jokes." Most people at the event seemed to be in a friendly Halloween mood.

The Vet Tech students were proud of their wiener dog pumpkin. If their pumpkin collected the most, they were planning to give the charity money to the Humane Society. "We worked hard on it and it's pretty cute, in my opinion," said one of the Vet Tech students. "I think it's really cool to see all of the clubs get together and show off what they do in the pumpkins... And, to be able to walk around and see



what all the departments are about is really neat to." The Vet Tech students have won almost every year except last.

The Student American Dental Hygienists Association, (SADHA) had two Star Wars themed pumpkins at their booth. They also had little signs that said "May The Floss Be With You." Peg Boyce, Dental Hygiene Program Co-Director, was dressed as a Witch, and holding

it. If we win it, the money goes to our favorite charity, which is SmileHealthy. A dental non-profit that's here in town. It was actually started by one of our graduates, probably 12-14 years ago. So, it helps children and adults get dental care, that can't afford to go to the dentist. So that would be the organization we would support," Boyce said.

Overall this is a fun event for students. Surgical

Student Government had a Spiderman meme pumpkin that said, "It is Hallowednesy my dudes." The Phi Theta Kappa pumpkin had a gooey brain inside their pumpkin, with font on the outside saying, "We Want Your Brains." The Parkland Science Club carved a beaker shape into their pumpkin and put some electric candle lights inside. Last, but not least, the Pride group painted a glittery drag queen on their



Zompkin.

Photo source: Paul Benson

down the booth while the students were in class. "We love the pumpkin carving contest. We often times win

Tech had an intricate pumpkin doctor made with syringes, sutures, and other surgical instruments.

pumpkin. Complete with a brunette wig.

It was an exceptionally spooky Parkland day.

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 Opening Night

emma Fleming | Reporter

On Thursday, Nov. 8 the Parkland Theatre Program will be presenting the opening night production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* by John Bishop, located in the Harold and Jean Miner Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Following the show, director Mathew Green and his cast and crew will host a "talkback," and answer any questions that the audience might have about the show.

Mathew Green, the director of this production, has high hopes for the play. *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* will be the second production that Green has directed here at Parkland;

Green's first experience as a Parkland director was for *The Crucible*. Green is also a member of Urbana's Station Theatre, where he has directed 12 different shows over a 15-year time period.

"My favorite part of the show has been working with the cast," Green said. "We have a tremendous amount of fun every night - sometimes making each other laugh a bit too much." There are 11 cast members in the show, who have spent almost five weeks preparing for opening night. The cast of this show includes Karen Hughes as Helsa Wenzel, Chelsea Collier as Elsa Von Grossenkneuten, Wesley Bennett as Michael Kelly, Jace

Jamison as Patrick O'Reilly, Monty Joyce as Ken de la Maize, Mallory Sellers as Nikki Crandall, Quinton Ohlsson as Eddi McCuen, Jenny Gleason as Marjorie Baverstock, Ed Pierce as Roger Hopewell, Mindy Smith as Bernice Roth and Parker Evans as Dieter Wenzel.

According to Dramatist.com, this goofy play has been popular both on and off Broadway. "Poking antic fun at the more ridiculous aspects of 'show biz' and the corny thrillers of Hollywood's heyday, the play is a non-stop barrage of laughter as those assembled...untangle the mystery of the 'Stage Door Slasher.'" Bishop's wit and fun spirit make *The Musical Comedy*

Murders of 1940 a must-see show.

"The play is first and foremost a comedy, but the plot is a murder mystery," Green said. He explained that the play involves a group of Broadway professionals that have gone missing. "Broadway hopefuls have been lured to the home of an eccentric woman [Elsa Von Grossenkneuten] who might bankroll their new show," Green said. "Like many others in the play, [Elsa von Grossenkneuten] has an ulterior motive." Adding to that, Green mentioned that a key contributor to the plot are the handful of unsolved murders that occurred during a previous Broadway production. Elsa, the

eccentric character, believes that she can solve the murder cases. "Oh, and there are Nazi spies, too," Green states. "It is 1940, after all."

This theatre season, Parkland's Theater Program has turned its attention towards hilarious and engaging comedies. Green said that, "This show is pure entertainment. There isn't much of a larger message beyond 'enjoy yourself.'" Parkland's theatre season, this year, is focusing on comedy and fun, and this show certainly delivers that.

If there is one thing that Green thinks that everyone should understand about the show, it is that there is a whimsical, child-like feel to it. "There's

a very 'Scooby-Doo' quality to our show," Green said. "There are secret passages, spies, blackouts, and killers in disguise. Two hours of silly mystery-solving, live on stage." Are you looking for a night of laughter and wit? Grab a ticket or two for *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* and enjoy!

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 will be shown in the Harold and Jean Miner Theatre from Thursday Nov. 8 - Saturday Nov. 10 and from Friday, Nov. 16 - Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The theatre program will also be presenting two matinees on Sunday, Nov. 11 and Sunday Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.

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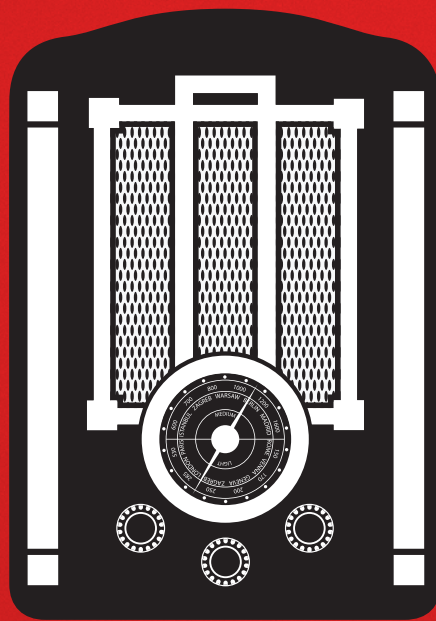
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BY JOHN BISHOP

DIRECTED BY MATHEW GREEN



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by Ashley House



Aries (3/21-4/19)

Your partner is struggling to stay focused at work. Ignore them at all costs so they can actually be productive. They may threaten to break up with you, but stay strong. This is for the best.



Taurus (4/20-5/20)

With your ruling planet Venus in retrograde, you haven't been feeling yourself, poor Taurus. While some might suggest exercise and eating healthy to make yourself feel better, you really should just order excessive amounts of Panda Express and binge the new Chilling Adventures of Sabrina series on Netflix. Trust me.



Libra (9/23-10/22)

Take a close look at your relationships this week, Libra - in every capacity. Friendships, intimate relationships, work relationships, and everything in between. Read between the lines, you may see something you did not see before.



Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Do not let your stubbornness get in the way this week, Capricorn. Routine can be great, but this is the time to bust out of your comfort zone and welcome a positive change. Take a close look at your habits this week, and zone in on what could use some improvement.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

As you enter new territory in your relationships this week, you are feeling uneasy in these uncharted and troubling waters. Stay true to yourself and your course, Virgo, as you will find yourself at the end of the week in calmer waters than you began.

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

Uh oh. Your next week is certainly looking productive. Get on birth control now before it's too late.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

Scorpio season is in full swing! Spend this week focusing only on yourself as the planets align for the most magnificent celebration of you. Maybe even throw a party. You deserve it.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

Dedicate yourself to forgiveness this week and focus on returning the love you may receive. At the same time, do not take life too seriously, as you know everything has a solution. And if not, then move on. There's no solution.



Gemini (5/21-6/20)

This is your week Gemini! Your duality may prove beneficial in the days to come as the semester gradually comes to a close. Use your multiple personalities to help you tackle the remainder of exams, quizzes, and group projects you never wanted to be a part of.



Leo (7/23-8/22)

Now's the time, Leo! Attend that karaoke night, go up on stage, and kill it! Then audition for America's Got Talent so we can laugh at Simon laughing at you.



Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

It's cuffing season, dear Aquarius! Your ruling planet Uranus will reenter Aries this week, which means it's also the perfect time to repeat an old mistake. Reconnect with your ex this week.



Pisces (2/19-3/20)

Your environment is making you antsy, get out while you still can. The apocalypse is quickly approaching, travel the world before it ends.



Fancy Glitter Face

Photo source: Paul Benson



Erlenmeyer Flask

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Halloween by Morgan Parrish:



The Vet Tech Club participating in pennies for pumpkins. Jill Sackville, Danielle Clary, Amber Schnepf



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society participating in Pennies for Pumpkins. Savannah Burkhalter, Yaquelin Quinto, Sean McCloskey



The Arts & Sciences Department. Donita Harris (dressed as a deer with a skeleton)



The Tech Service Desk. Pictured Katherine Neil, Sydney McDaniel, Hannah Magee

SPORTS

Parkland Soccer Team Suffers Defeat in Semifinals

savannahWEISHAAR | Reporter

Both men's and women's basketball had their season openers last Friday.

Each team is nationally ranked in the preseason poll. The women's team is ranked 18th while the men's team is ranked 15th. However, the men's team only has three players returning from last year's team. The women have a little bit of an advantage with five returning players. Either way, new and returning players of both teams are looking to live up to their preseason rank.

The women's team fell a little short in their season opener against Moraine Valley losing 74-80. Both teams were pretty evenly matched from the start leaving it to a battle of wills. The Cobras started out strong in the first half. They tied the game in the first quarter with 18 points then took the lead in the second quarter to make the score 36-39 at halftime. However, this lead did not hold as the Cobras were outscored by 10 points in the third quarter. The Cobras did their best to make a comeback in the final quarter, but it was not enough and they lost by only six points with a final score of 74-80. Sophomores Micah Tapscott and Olivia Babcock led the team in points with Tapscott scoring 14 and Babcock scoring 11.

The men's team had better luck in their season opener against North Arkansas winning 100-71. The Cobras started out strong and finished the game that way. Parkland got the first lead and never gave it up. Charles Campbell Jr. led the team with an impressive 19 points. Bruno Williams Jr. was not far behind with 16 points, while Ty'Ohn Trimble had 14 and Yakeema



Cobras lose to Lewis & Clark

Photo source: Parkland Athletics Department

Rose had 12.

The women's team had another tough game the following day, Saturday the 3rd, against Southeastern Iowa. Both teams fought for the lead back and forth for all four quarters. With only a couple minutes left in the final quarter and a ten point lead, it seemed that Parkland had this one in the bag-- that is until Southeastern began to make their comeback. With a second left on the clock, down by three points, the Blackhawks sunk a three pointer for the buzzer beater tie 60-60. However, the Cobras did not let this discourage them. They played hard in the five minute

overtime to get the well deserved win with a final score of 71-70.

The men's team got another win against Arkansas State Mid-South on Saturday as well. The final score for that game was 78-73. This gives the #15 nationally ranked Cobras a great start on the season for a 2-0 record so far. In regards to the team, head Coach Anthony Figueroa said "[I am] excited to see how we can grow throughout the season"--as are their fans. The Cobras will play their first home game versus Indiana Elite Prep on Nov. 20 at 7:00pm. Figueroa said him and the team are "Looking forward to our first

home game and the Cobra fans seeing us play!"

As seen last weekend, things are looking fairly promising for both Parkland teams as they begin their season. The women's team will play again at home on Saturday versus Olney Central at 1:00pm. Support from students, faculty, and family is always much appreciated on Parkland's home court. The men's team will play again on Saturday as well. The Cobras will take on Lansing in Michigan at 2:00pm. Best of luck to these two teams as they continue their season!

*All statistics updated as of 11/3

Nunamaker, Sasaki Named Parkland Athletes of the Month

by PARKLAND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Parkland College Athletics named volleyball player Shelby Nunamaker and men's soccer player Yu Sasaki its October Athletes of the Month on Monday afternoon. Nunamaker, a redshirt sophomore middle blocker, and Sasaki, a freshman forward, each led their respective ranked teams into the playoffs this fall.

Playing alongside a freshmen-laden team, Nunamaker helped lead and mentor the No. 2 Cobras to a 53-2 record and its 11th straight NJCAA Nationals appearance. Currently owning a 19-match winning streak, the Cobras have benefited from Nunamaker's impact on both offense and defense. On offense, Nunamaker has been one of the nation's most efficient attackers, ranking 15th with a hitting percentage of .362. Defensively, the Effingham, Ill., native owns the sixth most block assists (137) in Division II, the eighth most total blocks (158), while her 1.20 blocks per set sit 24th overall.

"Shelby is the heart and soul of our team," explained head volleyball coach Cliff Hastings. "As our captain, she takes on the additional roles of leader, primary communicator and sometimes therapist. She has high expectations of herself and her teammates, but she is also one of the kindest and most thoughtful human beings I've had the opportunity to coach. On the court, however, she is feared by opponents as she's relentless and finds a way to score points both offensively and defensively. Her athleticism coupled with knowledge of the game make



Pair of Cobras lead men's soccer and volleyball into postseason

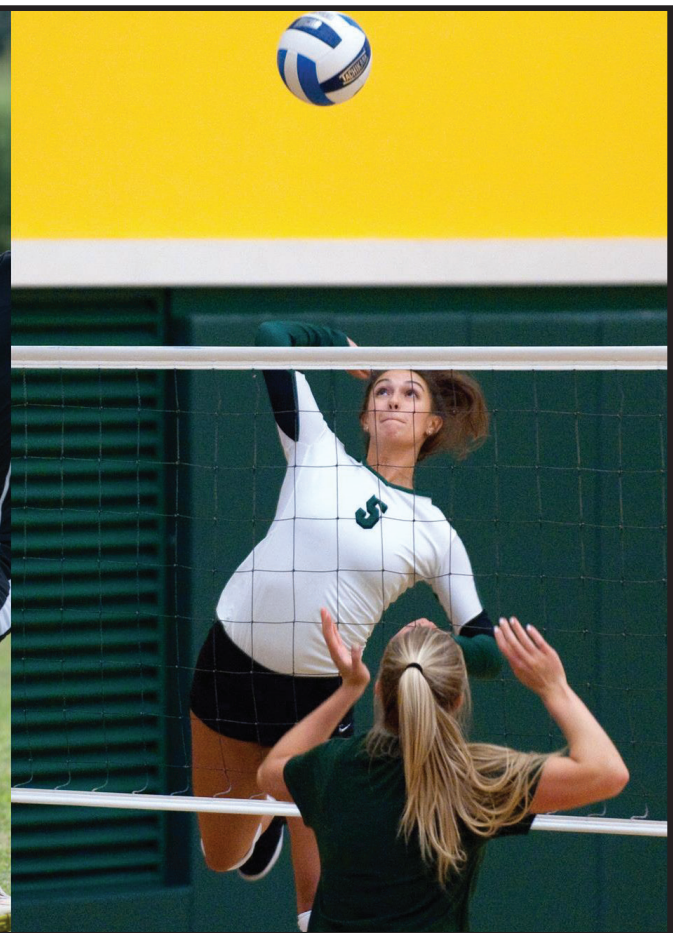


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her one of the best middles in the game this season."

Sasaki, a first-year Cobra from Aomori, Japan, led Parkland to an 11-2-2 overall record and a trip to the Region 24 Semifinal round. A team that featured numerous freshmen on its roster, Sasaki stood out with a team-high 30 points on the season that ranks 31st in Division I. Of the 30 points, 20 of them came from 10 goals this season which

tied with classmate Naoto Uede for tops on the team. Highlighting Sasaki's October was a goal against Southwestern Illinois in the regular season finale that helped to clinch home field advantage for the Region 24 Quarterfinal match. The Cobras were ranked as high as No. 11 during the season with its best win coming over No. 7 St. Louis.

"Yu has been a great leader by example," said head men's soccer

coach Mark Sikora. "He is one of the hardest working players in training and on the field. His best attribute has been to always push to be better, whether that be staying after team practice to work on his craft or absorbing as much of his teammates' cultures to be more successful at Parkland. A great role model for any student-athlete to look up to and I couldn't be prouder of him."

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