# Terrarium making promotes awareness

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Adanti Student Center Room 217 was filled with creativity and conversations about the environment at "Bring the Nature: Terrarium Takeover" on Sept. 23.

The event, hosted by the Programs Council, brought students together to make their own terrariums. Communication major Nasir Anderson, a junior and commuter committee programmer for ProCon, said that promoting environmental awareness was one of the main reasons for having this event.

"This is an annual event," Anderson said. "We just decided to put on 'The Lorax' to add a little bit of pizzazz and really bring the idea about supporting eco-friendliness."

ProCon provided everything that one would need to create a terrarium. This included rocks, fake succulents and glass bowls.

The front of the room had all of the supplies laid out on a table for students to put together their own unique creations.

The event was set up so that students could create their terrariums, grab snacks and then sit and watch the movie.

Giving students a space where they could relax in the middle of the day and partake in an activity that brought out their creative side was important for those with busy schedules that just wanted something to break up the day.

"I just want to put smiles on people's faces," Anderson said.

One participant was nursing major Eleanor Bradley, a sophomore, who shared her love for plants.

"I really like succulents and we have a couple live ones in the dorm," Bradley said.

Although the plants provided at the event were not living, it still gave students something to make and keep as decor in their living space.

The zero maintenance aspect made for lower stakes and just allowed event participants to grab supplies they liked and put them inside of their glass bowls.

"I enjoyed making the terrariums and seeing everybody else's," nursing major Caitlin Walsh, a sophomore, said.

With a variety of supplies to choose from, everyone's terrariums were unique, colorful and showed off their individual personalities.

They also had glass animal figurines that made it look like there was wildlife living inside of the miniature ecosystem.

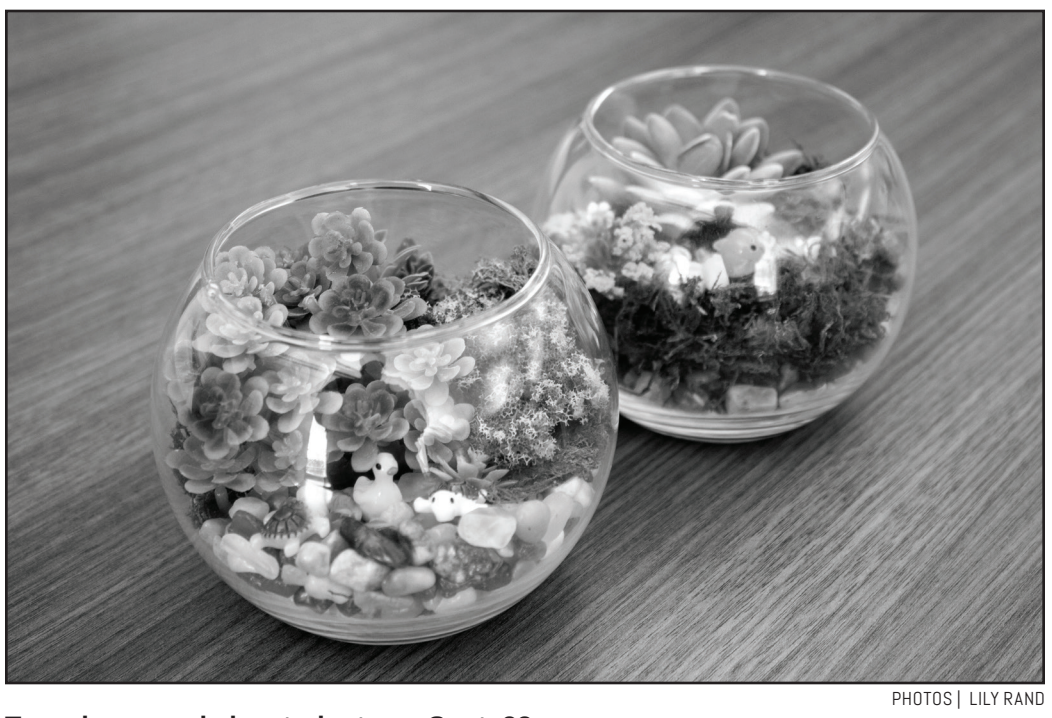
The movie "The Lorax" playing in the background added to the message ProCon was trying to convey which was the importance of taking care of nature.

The movie showcases what would happen if people stopped taking care of the environment altogether and even though it is a cartoon, made it clear that this is not a world that anyone would want to live in.

In order to combat what could be a major issue in the future, learning more about nature and creating something that resembles it was ProCon's way of promoting these ideas in a welcoming environment.

Getting students together in a setting that combined fun and awareness brought together a wide range of people and ideas and created enjoyment overall.

"I really liked the process of building something and being able to share that with other people," Bradley said.



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**Terrariums made by students on Sept. 23.**



**Nursing majors Eleanor Bradley and Caitlin Walsh, sophomores, posing with their terrariums in Adanti Student Center Room 217.**

# Girls play flag football game at 'Powder Puff'

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On Thursday, Sept 24. the back of Jess Dow Field was filled with the screams and roars of a friendly flag football game helmed by Residence Hall Association.

The event itself called "Powder Puff," was held to get girls moving and active during the return to a normal football season and because student interest was there.

The event was organized by healthcare studies major Shanell Thompson, a senior, and nursing major Kaylee Rivera, a sophomore.

"We like to listen to the students, and I know a lot of students are into sports and stuff, and I just wanted a different event," Thompson said. "A lot of people were on board with it, and then I got a lot of population going now."

The interest in this event was shared by one of the organizers, who was a football fan herself and wanted to celebrate the return and start of a new sports season.

"I'm a football fan; I'm a Giants fan," Rivera said. "But you know, football season did start, so we were like, why not just make a football event? Like turn things up at Southern, you know, just get things up and going."

There were two teams of girls with six players on each, being coached by the boys who volunteered to help with the event.

With enjoyment as the goal of the event, people were invited to sit and watch or join in on the game itself, with both sides having their ups and downs to psychology major Ariana Lecates, a senior.

"I think participating is really fun, but it can get stressful, and the supporting is the best thing ever because I love chanting, cheering on everybody, coaching everybody from the sides. I think both is super fun," Lecates said.

An unavoidable side effect of the event, however, was the weather spectators found themselves in. The night itself was rather cold, with many people wearing multiple layers so early into spring, but to some, this was not an issue.

Physics major Chloe Pearson, a freshman, did not seem to mind the circumstances.

"We do midnight walks like me and my dormmates; we walk at like 1 a.m., so we don't really mind the dark," Pearson said.

A surprise during the event occurred, however, when the African Student Association went onto the field for a halftime dance.

Healthcare studies major Chrystophe Obiang ze, a senior, discussed why the association came to tonight's event to show their cultural pride.

"We wanted to make people enjoy, have a good time; we just wanted to bring joy to the field and to the game, support the teams, and we thought that was a great event," Obiang ze said.

The event itself was an energetic and fun time on each side of the field and even in the stands, with not even the cold weather disrupting the fun.

RHA closed out the game with goodie bags containing self-care and health products for students as a thank you for coming and supporting the game.



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**Students playing at "Powder Puff" on Sept. 24.**

# Owls Decide: Apple or pumpkin picking?

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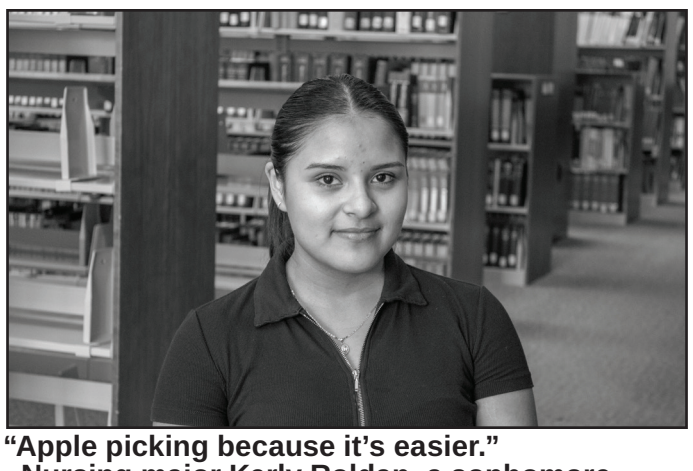
**"Apple picking because it seems like you can get more with them."**
**- Nursing major Amanda Lazowsky, a freshman**



**"Pumpkin picking, because you can cut into it and make designs."**
**- Nursing major Josmery Chala, a sophomore**



**"Apple picking; I just like apples more."**
**- Computer science major Mario Welcome, a freshman**



**"Apple picking because it's easier."**
**- Nursing major Kerly Roldan, a sophomore**



**"Pumpkin picking because my mom makes pumpkin atole."**
**- Healthcare studies major Anthony Chavajay, a freshman**



**"Apple picking because you spend more time there with the people you're with."**
**- Business major Kevin Haz, a freshman**