Costume tricks earn cash treats

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OSU students can win a grand prize of $2,500 by entering the first Nationwide College Halloween Costume contest.

Sticklets Gum, a product of the Warner-Lambert Company, is conducting a search for this year's best college Halloween costumes.

The contest, involving 24 universities throughout the country, will be based on two categories of competition for prizes: Best Individual Costume and Best Group Costume.

Sue Stocker, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority representing OSU, said that Sticklets has distributed flyers and posters around campus with information about the contest.

"This is a really big national costume contest, giving students a chance to show-off their costumes for Halloween," Stocker said.

The Grand Prize is $2,500 cash for Best Group Costume and $1,000 cash for first prize. For Best Individual Costume, the grand prize will be $1,000 cash and first-prize is $500 cash.

Additional prizes will be awarded in each category: Two second-place prizes awarded will be Sony D-3 Discman Compact Disc Players, and 10 third-place prizes awarded will be Sticklets Halloween Costume Kits consisting of masks, costume ornaments, and "everything you'll need to win the grand prize next year," said Steve Dnistrian, coordinator of Special Projects for Sticklets.

A special prize, a Raleigh ATB Mountain Bicycle will be awarded to the Best Individual Costume on each campus.

"The contest challenges students on college campuses to create the most original, creative and outrageous costumes this coming Halloween to win thousands of dollars in cash and prizes," Dnistrian said.

The judges will consist of a panel of New York costume designers who will pick the winners, he said.

"This is the first contest of its kind sponsored by the Sticklets Gum Company. The response from students has been strong so far, we are expecting a lot of competition," Dnistrian said.

"College students are the most original and creative people on earth," said a Sticklets spokesman. "We expect some truly outrageous entries in the contest.

Other universities participating in the contest include colleges from California, Florida, Michigan, Ohio and others.

To enter the contest, students should submit a color picture of themselves in costume with a pack of Sticklets gum displayed somewhere in the photograph to STICKLETS HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011, by Nov. 15.
Dorm dresses up for Halloween

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With blood-red spaghetti posing as guts in a bucket, a rubber hand on a makeshift operating table and strobe lights rapidly flashing, residents of Lincoln Tower prepared for the arrival of their special guests.

About 100 children from the Columbus area trick-or-treated in the dorm Wednesday night. Lincoln Hall Council sponsored the event.

Each floor was hauntingly decorated to spook the children, and residents passed out candy.

"It was cool and fun, I wasn’t scared at all," said Gerry Jones, a second-grader from St. Stephens, a local elementary school.

But some children became too spooked and entered the dorm lounge in tears.

"The one that scared me the most is the one that was holding his heart in his hand," said Antwanette Carey, a fourth grader from Linmoor, another local school.

Costumes ranged from football players to Bill Clintons, in addition to witches and prisonners.

Eight floors of the tower were decorated to simulate a haunted house.

On the 23rd floor, some residents carved a 118-pound pumpkin in the shape of President E. Gordon Gee’s face. A friend of one of the residents grew the pumpkin in his yard, he said.

"We carved it in the shape of Gee’s head because he is leaving and we wanted him to come up here to see it," said Cheryl Brennan, who helped carve the pumpkin.

Gee did not show up to see the pumpkin.

Candy, pizza and doughnuts were given to the children, most of it donated by area businesses.

"I’m going to be in school tomorrow with a whole bunch of candy," said Tremayne Johnson, an eighth-grader from Linmoor.

Residents said they enjoyed decorating their floors. The children clearly had fun, said Jason Cervene, a second-year student majoring in genetics who lives in Lincoln.

"It was a great opportunity for Lincoln residents to demonstrate creativity and provide a safe environment for kids to trick-or-treat," he said.
Trick-or-treat

Children join in the Halloween festivities Wednesday night at the Haunted Hall on the fifteenth floor of Lincoln Tower.