

## Haunted Playground

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### **Artist's Statement**

Inspired by the ghost photoshoot trend, I took my friends to the playground to capture the sense of playfulness and wonder that we remember from our childhood. Halloween has been a way that we were allowed to express ourselves without judgment, whether it be with cheap Walmart costumes or a simple white sheet. Although the playgrounds from our past might differ, we all bond over what it means to meet with your friends in one place and play. As college students we take on new responsibilities and learn how to deal with them, often forgetting how young we once were. I think that occasionally you should stop and remember to let your inner child run free. Play on the playgrounds, haunt your friends, and remember to have fun. For how will you know how far you've come if you don't look back to where you started?



**Gon Carlson** is a psychology student that came to UND from the Philippines. Gon always had an interest in photography starting with a Disney princess film camera that she got from her mom when she was 7. Now, Gon spends her spare time between class and work taking pictures of the changing seasons, her friends, and random events across campus.