Hacky Sack Club shows skills in takraw intramural tourney

By Marisa Caban
Chief Photographer

Members of the Hacky Sack Club, formed in the Fall 2014 semester, agree that playing hacky sack is a great way to kick back and relax between classes. Club President Aron Smith and Vice President Glenn Elmore founded the club. They played hacky sack for enjoyment and soon jested about forming a club, Elmore said. “Aron made the constitution and it took off better than we expected it to,” Elmore said.

The club invites anyone who’s interested to join their spontaneous meetings around campus. “Random people just walk up and ask us to join in,” Elmore said. “We wanted to see if students would stop and play without even knowing us,” Smith said.

On March 24, with the help of Dr. Tommy Klepper, director of Student Conduct, the Hacky Sack Club held an intramural takraw tournament, which originated in Thailand. Takraw is like hacky sack, but with a net, like volleyball. The players kick and bounce the ball off of their feet, chest, head and knees, but not their hands.

Hacky Sack Club adviser Dr. Lisa Seale, vice president of Enrollment Management, said when she was asked to be an adviser of the club, she asked if Smith had heard of Takraw. “(Takraw) didn’t start as a competitive sport, but just for fun between groups of people,” Smith said. “Takraw can be described as a foot volleyball, played with a net just above head height.”

“The original ball is made of bamboo,” Seale said. “I have a takraw ball in my office.” The ball used most today and in the tournament is made of plastic.

The game is a 3-on-3 team sport. Five teams entered the intramural tournament, and around 20 people played or spectated. The final round of best of three games was played between “TGB” and “The Ball Kickers.” “TGB” won with 15 points.

RSC men’s soccer players Blake Walker and Anthony McCollum competed on different teams. Walker played for The Ball Kickers and McCollum for TGB. “It’s definitely a skillful sport that has to be taught and learned, but it was fun to play,” Walker said. “Honestly, I thought we were playing volleyball. I thought, ‘What is this?’” McCollum said. “When I saw the ball and they were using their feet, might as well play.”

For more information about the Hacky Sack Club, contact Seale at 736-0223 or Smith at 513-1852.

Above, A TGB teammate sends a shot flying with his head during intramural Takraw tournament March 24 in the Wellness Center gym.

At left, Hacky Sack Club members show off their moves on the campus mall during their usual impromptu meeting on March 23. (Photos by Marisa Caban)
By Alex Roberts
Assistant Editor

Student Senate gathered for their weekly meeting on March 24 to discuss several upcoming campus events.

The annual Raider Relaxation Day will be held on May 7. Student Senate President Austin Carroll said they are taking a “different approach” this year. The Relaxation Day will be held before finals week, giving students an opportunity to calm themselves before taking on their last tests of the semester.

“We are thinking we will have more participation,” Carroll said.

There will also be a craft table available for graduating students who desire to decorate their graduation caps.

Springfest will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15-16. The event will feature the

Senator Dustin Pexa presented two pieces of legislation to the Senate. The first was pertaining to a “borrow-a-bike” program. The program presents the idea that a student can borrow a bike to ride on campus using their student ID.

The second piece of legislation suggested an alternate, healthier source of food to be given out at events on campus at which free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches are given. Pexa said adding other food, such as salad, would provide another option for students who are allergic to what is currently being offered, or who just want to eat healthier.

“I think it’s a great idea,” Carroll said. “It includes everybody.”

Carroll said the legislation for the healthy food option could be put into effect in as little as a week.

Other items presented at the meeting included a request for funding from the Student Nurse Association and an update on revised course descriptions in the student catalog.

By Casey Hunter
Student Reporter

Ball Park Bash from 1-5 p.m. and a Bubble Soccer tournament from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both events will be held April 16.

Senate introduces ‘different approach’ to events

76-year-old student attends RSC for 22 years

Joe Alvarado is a non-degree-seeking student who has taken more than 100 classes and has attended RSC for 22 years.

Alvarado said he began taking classes in the summer of 1992 when he broke his leg and was unable to work. “I just needed to do something with my time,” he said.

“(I) just love going to school and learning things. … I got a late start in life,” he said. “Rose State changed me around.”

Alvarado said he has not earned an associate degree, because he is “not interested in that.”

Alvarado plans to take classes at Oklahoma State University this summer then return to RSC for the fall.

“I’m about to run out of classes (at RSC),” he said.

Alvarado said every professor and student he has had class with has impacted his life.

One, Carolyn Cuskey, a Social Sciences professor, taught a history class he took. “I just love her to death. … She’s a neat little person,” he said.

Alvarado was raised in a Hispanic community where he and his mother were the only white residents; His stepfather was Hispanic. “I come from poor people,” he said.

He said he was picked on because he and his mother were white. “I soon caught on to push back,” he said.

Alvarado has been married to Carolyn Alvarado since 1977. Together they have six children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Alvarado owns Trouble Shooters Inc., plumbing business. He prefers to work alone. “Employees are a pain… too many people to depend on,” he said.
Invention Convention draws crowd, kid-inspired inventions

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 200 elementary students attended the 26th annual Invention Convention on March 24 in the Hudiburg Chevrolet Center.

"We hope it will inspire them to become inventors," Committee Member Linda Starling said. "It generates excitement."

"If you have this ability, there’s no limit to what you can invent," said Julian Taylor, businessman and president of the convention. "There’s a lot of things that’s going to stop you ... never quit. Never quit," he told the students.

The grand prize winner was sixth grader Ethan Taylor of Kaiser East Elementary School. Taylor was awarded a trophy for himself, a trophy for his school and $150 for himself and for his teacher, and he will attend the Creativity Forum where his invention will be displayed on March 31 in Oklahoma City.

Poteau Upper student Jace Goff was the winner of Division I; Blue Cunningham of Bethany Middle School won in Division II; and Conner Whitworth of Poteau Upper won the “Wackiest” award. Each received a trophy and a cash prize.

"The inventions that you bring to here are A+," RSC Regents and director of the convention Betty J.C. Wright said.

Wright extended thanks to RSC, Darren Heusel and volunteer judges from Tinker Air Force Base, the FabLab, Kids College and maintenance for set up.

Wright said more than 2,900 students initially enrolled for the convention. Each school held its own competition to decide which students would attend the convention. Twenty-eight schools were represented and 195 students competed.

"They’re all vested into it ... they’re all good to work with," Wright said.


The convention was originally scheduled for Feb. 24, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

― Julian Taylor

BCM goes to Colorado Springs conference

By Casey Hunter
Student Reporter

About 20 RSC students went to Colorado over spring break with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry to “meet students from other campuses and spend some time alone with the Lord," Gavin Hart, RSC BCM director, said.

“We had a great time,” he said. “We were at a discipleship conference called Glen Eyrie ... It was a great trip.”

Students attended workshops that covered studying the Bible, sharing their faith and thinking about the lessons that were taught throughout the week, Hart said.

Student Camin McMurray attended. “I guess one word would be magnificent,” he said. “We were surrounded by God’s creation in a castle.”

Another student, Melody Pierce said she was excited to meet new people from other campuses. She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University next year and had the opportunity to connect with students from there, she said.

RSC BCM meets once a week in the Raider Room. "Every Wednesday from 11:30 – 11:50, we do a free lunch and a small devotionals," Hart said.

Students also have the opportunity to meet with others involved with BCMs on various campuses. Every Thursday, there is a fellowship and worship service at the Oklahoma City University’s campus called, “Paradigm,” Hart said.

The BCM is planning a trip to Panama this summer. “It will be our first time taking a group to Panama,” Hart said. “We do our best to try and provide opportunities for students to do local and overseas mission work.”

In October several students took a mission trip to Wales and had the opportunity to reach out to communities, Hart said.

“We were there (in Swansea, Wales) working with a pastor through Henderson Hills Baptist Church," he said. “We are planning to go back this October," Hart said. “We are really excited about that.”

For more information about the BCM, visit rose.edu/baptist-collegiate-ministry.
More than 400 people attended the Ticket to jobs fair, hosted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on March 24 in the Main Dining Room of the Student Center. The job fair featured more than 60 employers and 1,300 job openings, companies including Dell, Chickasaw Nation Industries, St. Anthony Hospital and Coca-Cola. The fair also featured workshops and a drawing for a Kindle Fire.

“The fair was a success and I am pretty pleased with the turnout. Almost all of the employers showed up and I’d say we had more than 400 job-seekers in attendance,” Job Placement Coordinator Pam Emmons said.

Emmons also said that employers expressed satisfaction with the turnout and with the number of potential employees that participated. Many employers were expressing interest in job-seekers who had experience or degrees with internet technology.

“We’re looking for jobs in a variety of areas including management, however, there’s been an interest in IT, and certifications in IT are turning out to be popular in many other companies as well,” said Thad Crawford of Chickasaw Nations Industries.

Career workshops held

For the first time, Ticket to Jobs offered workshops that provided information on labor laws, résumé building, job seeking and résumé filtering software.

“I thought workshops that provided people with information on how to search for jobs and build résumés would be a great idea to help out job-seekers,” Emmons said. “These are skills that are vital in obtaining a job and it’s important to get this information out.

The first of these workshops, "Tips on Labor and Wage Laws" presented by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, provided attendees with information on labor and wage laws and other information. "Since 2009, WHD has recovered more than $1.3 billion in wages and helped more than 1.5 million employees. These laws are more than just important guidelines," said Jessica Parker, WHD Community Outreach and Resource Planning Specialist.

Another workshop, “Helpful Job Search Resources at the Library” presented by the Del City branch of the Metropolitan Library, presented how the library has free resources such as résumé building software.

“Most people do not know it, but in addition to the usual services provided by the library we also have tools that can help, such as résumé building software," said Devin McGhee, Library Branch Manager of the Del City Branch.

Attendees said that the workshops were a welcome addition to the job fair and that they were surprised and thankful for the information.

“I’m glad that the workshops seem to be a welcome addition. It was just an idea, but as long as I’m in charge of job fairs, I’d like to see about continuing them,” Emmons said.

The next job fair will be for veterans on July 14. Emmons also said that job-seekers should take the opportunity to also check out the job postings that are regularly updated on the Job Placement webpage at rose.edu/jobplacement.

The Job Placement office also assists students and community members with résumés building, interviewing preparation and workshops.

By Christian Tabak
Circulation Manager
In Oklahoma, being weather aware is a major part of life once spring rolls around. The last few years, especially in light of the tornado that tore through Moore in 2013, tornado safety has been a key concern. GEO Sciences and Physical Sciences Coordinator Steve Carano said to “use the information and resources you have to protect yourself.”

“Once you get to campus, if you’re weather savvy, you’ll know when a watch is issued. … If you’re in my class, you’ll know,” he said.

Although most Oklahoma cities have closed their public storm shelters, students on campus have safe places in the event of severe weather, Carano said.

“If I can’t get to the basement, I’m going to get to the stairwell or the bathrooms,” Carano said. “Stay off of the second floors. Don’t go to your car. If a warning is issued for the campus, hunker down here. Usually it’s a quick moving, west to east. Best to wait for the all clear.”

Carano, who is also a KOCO meteorologist, said tornado season in Oklahoma lasts from April until June. “We’re already in tornado season,” he said.

Many news stations are already tracking severe weather, but to keep updated on it, most of them have weather apps with live maps and news streaming, such as KFOR’s “go4warn.”

On March 25 RSC had its first taste of severe weather around 6 p.m. Students and staff on campus evacuated to safe rooms and basements until severe weather passed.

In classrooms and offices on campus, weather evacuation and safety guides are posted. To receive updates on campus closings, emergencies and weather, text ROSE to 288411.

The Student Nurse Association is a club that encourages support and mentorship among nursing students at RSC.

“We're just getting started,” SNA President Madison Billings said. Billings said the main goal of SNA is for more experienced students to mentor new students. The club is considering starting an internal mentorship program, hosting events and participating in community events.

“Our main goal is just to be a resource for nursing students,” those interested in majoring in nursing, and high school students,” Billings said. “We want to show people that it’s doable,” she said.

This year's community event is a food drive for the Regional Food Bank; SNA members plan to volunteer there as well. The drive will run from April 6-17 and is open for anyone to contribute. Donation boxes will be placed in the lobby of the Health Sciences building.

“This is our big event for this year,” Billings said. Meeting times vary, but the club meets at least once every three to four weeks.

Other SNA officers are Vice President Dusty Stevenson, Secretary Daniel Marere and Treasurer Wesley Jackson.

Graduating nursing students will be honored with a pinning ceremony this semester.

For more information about SNA, contact Billings at madison-billings@raider.rose.edu or Adviser Laurel Gibbs at lgibbs@rose.edu.
Athletics recognize community officers and leaders

By Christian Tabak
Circulation Manager

The RSC Athletics Department held a "Salute to Mid-Del Police, Fire Service and First-Responders" ceremony before the start of the RSC vs. Carl Albert baseball game on March 21.

Athletic Director Joey DaVault thanked all of the Mid-Del public safety officers for their invaluable and tireless work within the community. Admission was free admission to all Mid-Del police, firemen and first responders.

"As part of the athletic department's community outreach program, we wanted to take the opportunity to give thanks and recognition to the Mid-Del police, firemen and first-responders for all that they do," DaVault said.

Special thanks were also given to Ryan Buddy of the Midwest City Fire Department and former Los Angeles Anaheim Angels player; Josh Herron of the MWC Police Department and former RSC pitcher; and Major Mike Herron of the Midwest City Fire Department.

DaVault said that the athletic department is increasing its focus on outreach within the community. The softball team has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and also said that the soccer team was contributing to physical education and athletics at local elementary schools, he said.

**RSC vs. Carl Albert game postponed**

The match between RSC and Carl Albert scheduled to happen directly after the pre-game ceremony was postponed due to the absence of the umpire.

"Unfortunately, there were some difficulties with the umpire and the match had to ultimately be postponed for now. Instead, both teams had a scrimmage," DaVault said.

"We may not have had an actual match, but it was a great day just to get out and play some ball anyway," Raider pitcher Gage Goff said.

The scrimmage lasted from about 3 - 5 p.m. The coaches of both teams said it was a great match and that both teams played well.

"We played a good game and I'm confident about next week's matches also," Coty Cooper, head coach of the Raiders, said.

For the complete Spring 2015 baseball schedule, visit rose.edu/athletics.

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**Baseball: Katz blasts a game-winning home run**

By Alex Roberts
Assistant Editor

The Raiders took on North Central Texas College in a highly competitive game, winning 7-6 on March 25 at RSC.

The Raiders got up early, gaining a lead of 4-0 by the end of the second inning. North Central Texas came back with a hitting streak of their own, scoring three runs in the next inning.

By the end of the fifth inning, the Raiders had scored another run, but gave up three more.

Just before a weather delay, Raider's Jeremy Katz hit a thunderous two-run home run, giving his team a 7-6 lead. After play had resumed, the Raiders kept their defense together and prevented North Central Texas from scoring again.

After a miserable eight-game losing streak, the Raiders have finally gotten back to their winning ways.

The Raiders next home game will be against Redlands College at 6 p.m. on March 31.

**Softball splits with Connors**

The Lady Raiders split their home series against Connors State College, winning the first game 7-2 and losing the second game 1-3 on March 24.

While an outburst of offense lead the Lady Raiders to victory in the first game, they expressed a complete lack of offense during the second game. They were also undisciplined on the defensive side of the ball, committing several errors, which lead to their opponent's scores.

The 1-3 loss ended the Lady Raiders five-game win-streak by. Their play throughout the season has been inconsistent at best.

They have either been on a winning streak or losing streak.

The Lady Raiders will play their next home series against Carl Albert State College on March 28 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
If behavior doesn’t line up with values, why is it happening?

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Do the actions of the few represent the values of the many?

North Carolina State University’s chapter of the Fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, was placed on an interim suspension on March 19 due to members allegedly writing racist comments, according to a statement on pikapp.org.

“The written comments and quotes reported earlier this evening are offensive and unacceptable,” said Pi Kappa Phi Chief Executive Officer Mark E. Timmes. “These statements are inconsistent with the values of Pi Kappa Phi and will not be tolerated,” the statement read.

Is this behavior inconsistent with values? Representatives of fraternities across the country mining the same thing: “Our members’ social media posts, notes and the songs they sing do not speak for our values.” Then what do the misconducts show? If racist and offensive comments are not the values of Pi Kappa Phi, why is this an issue within the fraternity?

The same can be said for the University of Oklahoma’s chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The fraternity was suspended indefinitely on March 8 after a video of members chanting racist statements surfaced online.

“Our priority now remains squarely focused on making sure we continue to proactively address this issue in a way that reflects our zero-tolerance for any kind of discrimination and upholds the values of our Fraternity,” a statement posted on sae.net read.

The actions of individuals affect the actions of the whole. The actions of the whole impact each individual. What fraternity members need is internal integrity and to demonstrate respect for others. Fraternities need a leadership that will enforce policies and take disciplinary action as needed. If these solutions are not possible, fraternities across the country should be suspended indefinitely.

While racism is plaguing our culture, it is not the only issue. Sexual assault is disastrous as well. According to merriam-webster.com, sexual assault is “illegal sexual contact that usually involves force upon a person without consent or is inflicted upon a person who is incapable of giving consent.” Nearly 300,000 people are sexually assaulted every year, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

Sixty-eight percent of these cases “are not reported to police,” according to rainn.org. According to time.com, “More than 100 colleges are now under investigation for possibly violating federal laws that aim to keep students safe” from assault. The article cited a survey that stated less than half of all universities began investigating “sexual assault claims in the last five years.” Do the actions of the few represent the values of the many?

The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act is an amendment to the federal Jeanne Clery Act that was passed in 2013, according to cleryact.info, to “help bolster the response to and prevention of sexual violence in higher education.” The amendment requires universities to increase transparency, enforce victims’ rights, conduct proceedings and provide educational programs, according to the website.

America has come a long way, but we are not yet where we should be. Racism and sexual assault should not be this prevalent. Disciplining individuals and groups who participate in such atrocities is a step in the right direction, as is passing legislation to encourage acknowledgment and investigations on college campuses. However, these actions cannot stop freedom of speech and free will.

The choice to participate in racism or assault of any kind is up to each individual. Both issues stem from a lack of respect for others; respect that should be given simply because they are human too. Self-entitlement is also a cause. It can cause one to believe oneself as better than others because of status, race or sexuality. Whether it is a fraternity, an organization or a university, outsiders will not read the handbook; they will see what your members do. Do the actions of the few represent the values of the many?

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March 27, 2015
LRC prepares for renovation

By Marisa Caban
Chief Photographer

Next on the list for RSC building renovations will be the Learning Resources Center. As the LRC packs up for its move, students should be aware that changes will be made.

Right now, the last of the books are being packed up. A majority of the collection is being donated to Better World Books. The rest will be moved to the temporary location for renovations, but there are still tables, shelves and more to be moved still.

“We’re going to bring some of the study tables downstairs so we can move the empty shelves out,” Melissa Huffman, director of library services, said. “It will be a noisy process to bring them out.”

Huffman said that the textbook reserves will still be open, and shelves that still have books on them will be available for students to browse as well.

The LRC is currently set to close May 17; a tentative schedule of renovation is available rose.edu/lrc-renovation-timeline.

“We’re usually open during interim, but we won’t be open in all likelihood during interim because we’ll be moving,” Huffman said.

Many services in the LRC have been moved, or will be moving with a deadline of June 1 to leave the building. A list of where they can be found is at rose.edu/lrc-where-to-find-us.

“Right, LRC audio visual aid Elizabeth Stein and work-study Circulation assistant Deena Harris consolidate shelving on the second floor of the LRC March 25. (Photo by Marisa Caban)"

Renovation timeline:

April 5 LRC closed in observance of Easter Sunday.
April 6 LRC resumes normal hours.
May 18-31 Closure of the Library and other services during some or all of this period. Details to come soon.
June 1 All LRC services available in various locations.

Crossword

Across
1 “Invisible Cities” author Calvino
5 “I ran away from you once. I can’t do it again” speaker
10 Ford Field player
14 Surgery acronym
15 It’s a gas
16 “Snow White” character flaw
17 Forgeries that are easy to spot?
20 By way of
21 French pronoun
22 Habituate
23 Dude in the CIA?
28 Essen’s valley
29 Spotted
30 Slug relative
33 Roll
34 Word after clip or pop
37 Trivial blunder?
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3 Syrian leader
4 Full deck Nero wasn’t playing with?
5 Gave a thumbs-up
6 Like some soccer games
7 Pope before Benedict III
8 Plant
9 Taylor of fashion
10 Pressure
11 Finish, as a tat
12 Finished
13 Where to see "MMM"
18 “Toy Story” character who draws
19 County on the Firth of Forth
24 Composer
25 Gag __
26 Isaac’s eldest
27 Team whose logo involves a “wishbone C”
30 Mustangs’ sch.
31 Trivial objection
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