

Agriculture Program Features Unique Lab



Walter Kruse's agricultural class observes a Simmental Heifer at the H.O.T. Fair for participation in lab.

photo by Donna Richter

By Roger Busby

Walter Kruse, the newly appointed head of the agriculture department, is providing several ways to give his students experience.

This Saturday he will serve as the coordinator for the HOT Fair in FFA and 4-H livestock judging. The judging by the students involves learning to evaluate animals in respect to their specific production capabilities. The MCC students enrolled in the agriculture programs will assist in grading the judging sheets for high school entries.

"I'm well pleased with the number and quality of students we have in our program," said Kruse. He said that the interest in agriculture in this area is very high, therefore, this type of program was needed and demanded. "Most of our students will be transferring either to Tarleton State College in Stephenville or to Texas A&M at College Station. These programs will give them a head start," he said.

The courses offered are Animal Science, Agricultural Economics and Agronomy, which is to be offered for the first time during the Spring semester. Animal Science deals with the fundamentals of animal products, marketing, and value to the human race. Agricultural Economics is the beginning study of field economics which is concerned with food and fiber production. Agronomy teaches the fundamentals of food crop and fiber production.

The college does not own an Agriculture lab facility. However, the classes use industry visitation for their lab participation time each week.

"We've seen about every different phase of cattle

production and marketing since we've started the field trips," said Kruse.

These trips include visits to the meat markets of the H.E.B. food stores, the Midway High School Future Farmers of America project farm, the Markum Cattle Co. of Valley Mills (16) and the Callan Ranches at Lorena. The Callan Ranches breed cattle on approximately 15,000 acres, while the Markum Cattle Co. is a finishing facility for the slaughter of the animals.

Kruse said, "Twenty-five percent of the classes are girls. The field is much larger than just farming." There are many branches of agriculture that are suited for both sexes. Agriculture has enveloped such areas as financing, public relations, journalism and government agency jobs.

"As interest grows in our program here, we will expand to other areas such as horticulture (the study of plants) and entomology (the study of insects)," said Kruse. "We are going to get our message to the area high schools. We'll start with the counselors and teachers and then follow with visits to the schools to talk to the students as a group," he said.

Kruse spent 18 years with Texas A&M; ten of those years were at the A&M experiment station in McGregor. He has also spent five years as manager of a local cattle company that covered six states and Mexico and was interested in the testing, production and marketing of breeder bulls. Just prior to accepting his job here, he was agriculture loan manager of the First National Bank of McGregor.

Student Government Plans Improvement Projects

The newly elected Student Government is kicking off the school year with many improvement projects for the campus.

A committee was formed Monday to begin efforts in improving the cafeteria. A suggestion was made for students to pay a 5 cent deposit on all lunch trays in hopes of reminding them to clean up after eating. Cindy Burt and Martha McConnell will be working on this problem.

Rep. Dale Brillt has been checking into the cost of painting the fire hydrants on campus. The representatives voted to appropriate the money and time to paint the six hydrants this month.

Carleen Ditto, Daleen Ditto, and Sherri Rhea were appointed to check the number of classrooms that do not have clocks. The representatives said that providing clocks for these classrooms would be a worthy project.

A suggestion was also made at the meeting to hold a Halloween dance on campus. Student Government would like to have a disc jockey host the event with dancing to top 40 and country western music. Each club would be asked to set up some type of money raising booth.

The representatives feel that with all clubs on campus involved the dance would be a bigger success than those in the past. A committee of Mark Henson, Randy Hurley and

Carol Mitchell, are checking into the possibilities and costs.

A booth will be set up at the Heart of Texas Fair to inform visitors about the school and campus. Student Government representatives and members of other campus organizations will act as hosts.

Representatives Cindy Burt and Leslie Rahman, who were

not present at last week's meeting, were sworn in Monday.

Paul Holder, government instructor was introduced at Monday's meeting. He will serve as the faculty sponsor. Don Bynum, director of student activities, will be serving as the administrative sponsor again this year.

'Dimension' System Completion Monday

The new "Dimension" phone system will be completed Monday, said George Andreason, director of Administrative Services.

Some training sessions for the new system have not yet been completed, but hopefully all will be completed by Oct. 13.

"Those who have not been trained will hear some funny rings on their telephone instruments," said Andreason. "Persons may go ahead and use the touch tone instruments as any normal telephone pending completion of training."

"Any new system is bound to have 'bugs,'" he said, "but we ask that people bear with us until the telephone system has become debugged and fully operational."

Monday is the official "cutover day" for the new system, and a Southwestern Bell attendant will man the console. No training will be held on this day, but will be resumed Tuesday, said Andreason.

Services Council Meets

The Student Services Council met Thursday to discuss and change the point system on the applications for Who's Who of American Junior Colleges. "We did this in order to give points more where they are deserved," said Dr. LaVerne Wong, dean of student services and chairman of the council.

The council is composed of students and faculty members who discuss and make recommendations concerning college programs, student services and the problems and desires of students.

"We discuss things that might be important to faculty, students and the campus. This is why we are here," Dr. Wong said.

The council acts in an advisory capacity. The decisions made are not final, but action may result. The new traffic lights on North 19th are a result of action by last year's

council. Plans for the installation of another traffic light at Lake Shore and College Drive are now underway.

Student members of the council are Michael Beal, Roxanne Money, Randy McLaughlin, Becky Rose, Connie Walker and Patricia Warneke. Four students are appointed by the division directors, one by the Student Government and one by the dean of student services.

Four instructors who represent the various divisions are also on the council. They are Mary Cantrell, Ken Mueller, Natalie West, Marilyn Kelly and Pearl Garcia. Other members are Clyde Koehne, representative for the dean of instruction; George Andreason, director of administrative services; and Willie Hobbs, registrar.

The next council meeting is Oct. 14.

Competitive Sport Originates On Cow Trails, Popular In Central Texas

For fun, and perhaps a side bet or two, cowboys with intense competitive drives used to pit their riding skills against each other at the end of a cattle drive to prove their outfit was the best on the range. From this beginning back in the 1870's, rodeo has evolved into a professional sport that attracts millions of fans from Madison Square Garden in New York City to the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

It's highly popular in Central Texas, too. Rodeo fans gather during the year in Belton, Gatesville, Dublin, West, Clifton, and in many other Central Texas towns to watch cowboys in action. Then each fall, these avid rodeo fans buy tickets to watch the more intense rodeo competition at the Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco. Once again, some of the nation's top cowboys have posted their entry fees and will go after prize money at

the H.O.T. Fair and Rodeo. Beginning last night and continuing through Saturday night, Tommy Steiner of Austin is producing the rodeo and is furnishing the stock.

Rodeo clowns, specialty acts and guest entertainers Jody Miller and the Oakridge Boys will help make the show a fun-filled and memorable one for the 28,000 to 30,000 persons expected to attend.

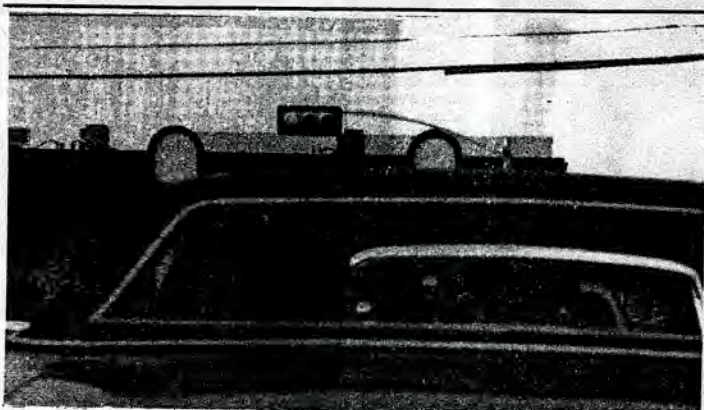


photo by Jim Munson

Oh, Thank Heaven!

Oh thank heaven for 7-11, and for traffic lights at North 19th and Powell Drive and North 19th and College Drive. The long awaited and newly erected traffic signals finally became operational after nearly a month of delay.

According to Rick Charlton, Chief of Traffic Operations for the City of Waco, the delay came about due to mechanical and delivery problems of several pieces of equipment. The new traffic signals will now hopefully take care of the huge traffic build-ups which occur as students come and go from school.

Letters Crowded Sub Sign of Times

Strange things are starting to happen on campus. People are starting to sit outside in the sun and under the trees instead of wasting away in the Student Center playing Old Maid. The clubs on campus seem to have good attendance and good membership, and people are actually starting to eat the food in the Student Center.

But maybe some of the people outside in the sun at the 10 hour are not there by choice. Two years ago a student could get a coke anytime, never had to worry about seats in a classroom, and the parking was fabulous. Now the parking lots

are hard to even drive down, and I can run to the Seven-11 and get a coke there faster than I can get one in the Student Center.

Enrollment figures are not up all that much, so the only conclusion that I can come up with is that MCC students are using the facilities of the school more and more. Oh well, a sign of the times I guess. I have to go now. I decided that I want a front row seat to our first home basketball game, and even though our first game is in November, I need to go now to make sure that I get a good seat.

Jim Munson

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BEOG Checks Available

The first disbursement of the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant checks will be available Thursday in the Financial Aids Office.

Rogers Conducts Seminar

Wesley Rogers, program director for Nursing Home Administration at MCC will conduct a testing and review seminar for nursing home

administrators in Arizona Thursday.

The two-day seminar in Phoenix is coordinated by the National Association of Board Examiners (NAB). Rogers will conduct first day sessions, and Dr. Herbert Shore, adjunct professor of studies in aging at North Texas State University, will hold second day sessions.

Rogers is author of "General Administration in the Nursing Home," a textbook used in 50 universities and colleges. He has also authored a testing and review manual for NAB.

Nursing Club To Meet

Nursing Club will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, in the Highlander Room. Mrs. Nancy Paul, director of the Rape Crisis Center, will speak on a nurse's responsibility to rape victims.

ROTC Test Date Set

The Air Force Officers Qualification Test (AFOQT) will be given to all interested students at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 in

Room 112 of Brooks Hall on Baylor Campus. The test is required for entry in the junior year AFROTC program or to compete for a full 2 or 3 year scholarship. Students who plan to take the test should contact M. Sgt. Stanley Schulz or S. Sgt. Albert Cota at 755-3513.

Cake Decorating Offered

Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas baking, two Cake Decorating courses will be offered in October.

One section began Saturday while another Cake Decorating class begins Oct. 18. The Saturday class meets from 9 a.m. to noon for eight weeks. The Oct. 18 class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday for eight weeks.

Basic techniques will be taught. Cost is \$14.50.

Further information is available from the Continuing Education Office at 756-6551, ext. 217.

Scholarship Awarded

Last week sophomore Oliver Cozby received a three-year Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend the college of his choice. Making the presentation was Maj. Paul Mathews, professor of aerospace studies at Baylor.

This scholarship is awarded to only a few ROTC students throughout the nation. Cozby will receive \$100 a month along with tuition books and fees for the three year period. He is the first to be granted the scholarship while enrolled at MCC.

Cozby attends ROTC classes at Baylor where he is classified as a Cadet Sergeant. He is also a first Lieutenant in the Arnold Air Society, a military club at Baylor.

Cozby is still undecided about which college he will attend next semester, but is leaning toward Baylor.

After he finishes college, Cozby will serve four years active duty with the Air Force. Cozby said that he does not intend to make the Air Force a career.

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calendar

Friday, Oct. 8
Deadline for intramural flag football entries

Monday, Oct. 11
Student Government Meeting, 10 a.m. Tartan Room

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Last day of freshmen orientation

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Flag football intramurals begin, 10 a.m.

Studies Show...

'Johnny's Parents' Can't Read Either

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—Helen Bergen, Reading Lab director

By Joyce Fink and Donna Richter

For years educators have been pointing out the fact that "Johnny can't read." But it's not only "Johnny" that can't read.

Illiteracy has become a major problem in a nation that should be one of the most literate on earth. Studies show that not only do elementary school students have trouble reading and writing, but many adults do also.

In Falls, McLennan, Bosque and Hill counties, 18, 219 adults cannot read or write beyond fourth grade level. 9.2 percent in Texas are considered illiterate. A survey of adults in this area conducted by MCC in June, 1975, showed that 58.6 percent of the population does not hold a high school diploma.

MCC recently received a \$54,020 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to operate a "Right to Read" program in McLennan, Falls, Bosque and Hill counties. The purpose of the "Right to Read" program is to teach reading to adults who cannot read above the fourth grade level.

Persons who cannot read or write above the fourth grade level are considered illiterate.

"Illiteracy is not a lack of mental ability or I.Q.," said Helen Bergen, director of the MCC reading lab, "It's just that some people haven't developed the skill to read or write."

Tom Ridlehuber, director of Adult Basic Education said, "It starts with the home and the attitude at home toward education. Often it's negative: 'I didn't go to school; why should my children?'"

The MCC survey shows that while the four county populace views education as an important factor, opinions are divided as to what the best learning method is—experience or school?

Those who apparently had success in school thought that school is the best teacher. A large

majority of the undereducated said that experience is the best method of education.

"There is also an economic factor. Many times a certain number of children in a family will have to drop out of school to earn a living or to stay at home and take care of the kids so that Momma can earn a living."

There is a concentration of uneducated people among the poor, said Ridlehuber. It's been hypothesized that lack of education contributes to economic poverty.

While illiteracy is a problem among many adults, it begins when children are first taught to read and write. Many college freshmen now read on the junior high level, and scores on the verbal portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) have dropped steadily for the past 10 years.

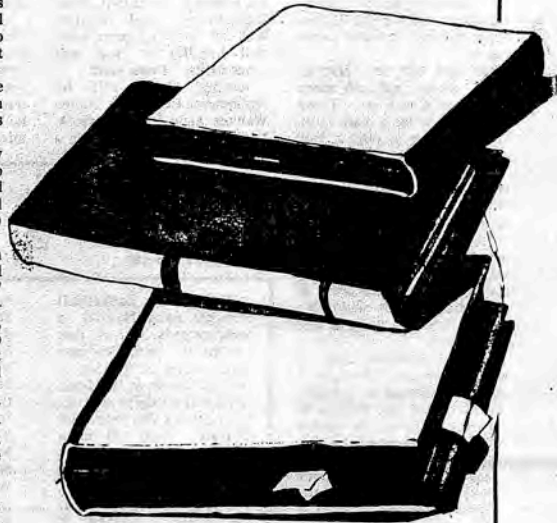
The National Assessment of Education Processes (NAEP), a federally funded organization that measures the level of students' knowledge over the years, found that 17-year-olds have deficiencies in spelling, writing, vocabulary and sentence structure. NAEP also found that many high school students have lost the ability to communicate on paper, a vital college preparatory skill.

In response to the declining scores, many educators and parents are calling for a back-to-basics approach to instruction. Many feel that the "modern" approach to education is to blame for the low test scores.

"I would fault the system, not the teacher," said Ridlehuber. "Teachers have lesson plans and textbooks which must be followed."

"The school system is no better than people want it to be," he said. "We elect the school board which hires the staff, so the system will be no better than what we want."

"When people get up in arms and demand improvements from their schoolboard, then it will be done," he said.



BTO Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Bachman-Turner Overdrive (BTO) concert are on sale at the ticket office on the second floor of the Baylor Student Union Building. Tickets are \$6. The concert will be at 8 p.m. Oct. 14 in Waco Hall.

The group has made such hit

records as "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," "Taking Care of Business," "Hey You" and "Let It Ride." All of the group's albums are gold: "Bachman-Turner Overdrive," "II," "Not Fragile" and "Four Wheel Drive." "Not Fragile" and "II" are also platinum records. "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet" is a gold

single.

Members of the group are Randy Bachman, C.F. Turner, Robbie Bachman and Blair Thornton.

After its brief southern tour in October, the group will seclude itself to record "Head On," its fifth album for Mercury Records.

Drama Director Names Cast For Medieval Plays

The drama department has selected two one hour plays for its fall production. The plays are "Second Shepherd's Play" and "Everyman."

"Second Shepherd's" is a comedy and an elaboration on the story of the three shepherds who visited Bethlehem. One of the shepherds has a sheep stolen by one of the sneakiest thieves of that time. The shepherds begin a journey to find the thief and punish him," said Al Galli, drama instructor.

"Everyman" is a fifteenth century play. It was written for the rising middle-class. The play is about a young man's journey toward death. The play is written allegorically where symbols such as death and strength are the characters," he said.

The plays are scheduled to be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, and 20 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The cast of "Second Shepherd's" are as follows:

Freshmen Coll (first shepherd) played by Kenneth Salaman, Mak played by Mark De Vries, Bill played by Sandra Cossey and Mary played by Margie Fried. Gib (second shepherd), Daw (third Shepherd) and Angel are played by sophomores Gary Bentley, Ross Mormino, and Cliff Sharpless. Production manager is Kevin Colston.

The cast for "Everyman" is as follows: God-Confession, played by freshman Woody Carter. Everyman and Fellowship-strength are played by freshmen Craig Sanders Gary Buchmeyer, respectively. Kindred-Five Wits and Cousin-Beauty are played by freshmen Doug Pobletts and Sheila Davis respectively.

Sophomores Lee Christian, Bill Neckar and Rita Foster play Messenger-Good Deeds, Death-Discretion and Goods-Knowledge, respectively. Production manager is John Clevelin.

'Lassies Look Forward To Run and Gun

By Roger Busby

The Highlassies have been hitting the practice floor for several weeks now and as a result are looking sharp. Coach Pam Davis' new attack seems to be forming for the team's second year of action.

Davis points out, "We want to be able to work a run and shoot fast break type of game. Whether or not we can do this depends on several new people."

She said that the team is much quicker and has more height than a year ago. "These are the qualities a team must have in order to play a fast breaking game."

"Our people have to be in very good physical condition to do this. Most of these girls played only half court in high school. Here they have to travel the full length of the court several times at a very rapid pace before there is a break in the action," Davis said. "We have a long way to go in this department."

Vanessa Anderson says, "I would rather play a fast type of game." Anderson is a highly touted recruit on which a lot depends. She hails from Neches where she used her 6 foot 3 inch frame to help this East Texas school to three Class B state championships in four years.

Anderson, a pre-law major, is facing only one obstacle this time. Early in practice this year, she re-injured an old knee injury that has haunted her since high school. Her doctors will make a decision this week on whether or not to operate.

"Vanessa played guard at Neches and averaged 15 rebounds per game," Davis said. The Highlassies will count on her for a few points per game also.

"She is very quick. She positions herself very well on defense and under the basket. She can steal the ball, and she can shoot," she said. Anderson will fill a rebounding and scoring gap that was lacking on last year's team if she can respond on a questionable knee.

If Anderson is sidelined for any amount of time, the position will fall into the hands of freshmen Gay Lowe and Jackie Swain.

Lowe is out of Hubbard High School where at forward she averaged 35 points per game.

"Forward is her natural position, but she can handle the post if Vanessa can't go. She shoots the ball well and can dribble very well also. Gay will play a lot of high post since she can shoot so well," said Davis.

When Lowe is handling the ball, she will probably be looking to pass to the low post where Swain will be in control. Swain, from Azle High School, ripped the nets for a 32 point per game average before joining the Highlassies.

"She's an exceptional rebounder, disciplined. She's the kind of girl that a coach wishes she had more like. Her attitude is very good," said Davis. Swain played offense and defense in high school and

is very capable of developing into a very good college player.

"Jackie can be about as good as she wants to be. If she continues to work, she'll help our program tremendously," Davis said.

Other notables rounding out the possible top five positions are freshmen Linda Bell, Ellen Lindermann and Sharon Whitney. "Bell is a quick, good ball handler if she will concentrate," Davis said.

Joining them will be sophomores Pat James, Janice Wallace and Kathy Bullock. "James is a good bet to win a

starting position. She hustles," said Davis.

At this time, Coach Davis and her Highlassies are shooting at refining their attack for an Oct. 19 scrimmage with Tyler Junior College. Tyler completed its first year of competition with an impressive 21-8.

"They'll be a good test for us. This (to play good teams) is what we need if we intend to keep on improving. If we can get enough of this type of quality game experience, we'll be ready for our conference," forecasts Davis.

Scoring Points

By Terry Tacker

Highlander basketball fans can mark Nov. 12 on their calendar, for on that day the BIG ORANGE opens their season by playing in the Hill Classic at Hillsboro. MCC will participate in six tournaments this year: Hill Classic, Sam Houston Classic in Huntsville, Lon Morris Classic in Jacksonville, MCC Classic, MCC Christmas Classic and the Navarro Classic in Corsicana. The Highlanders begin their defense of their North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference crown with Cisco here Jan. 15.

The MCC baseball team will be busy this week. Saturday, powerful Texas Wesleyan will be in Waco to take on the Highlanders at noon. Then the Highlanders play the University of Texas at Arlington Sunday at the UTA diamond.

Coach Jimmy Clayton's golfers participate in the Baylor University tournament beginning Tuesday. Tourney action will be held at Woodland West Country Club.

Who won the Ali-Norton fight that was held eight days ago at Yankee Stadium? Ali was granted the unanimous decision, but some critics who are experts at boxing say the decision should have gone the other way. New York Times' Red Smith, one of the most admired sports columnists in this country said, "In this book Norton whipped Ali cleanly for the second time in their three fights. I gave Norton a 10-5 round edge." ABC television network has announced that they will air the fight in a short time for the national viewing audience.

Passing attractive coeds through the stands has become the fad at Illinois University football games this year. Officials of the school are trying to stop the action.

Texas A&I University, located at Kingsville,

defeated Stephen F. Austin 77-7 Saturday to give the Javelinas the nation's longest college football winning streak. A&I has won 31 games in a row, many of them being of the same fashion as the win over Stephen F. Austin. Even before their Saturday outing, the Javs statistics were unbelievable. A&I averages 564.5 total yards per game and 47 points.

Running backs Larry Collins and Glenn Starks, a definite pro prospect at wide receiver, were the top scorers in the Lone Star conference with 40 and 36 points, respectively. Collins and running mate George Franklin were averaging better than eight yards a carry. Finally, quarterback Richard Ritchie was the most prolific passer in the LSC, leading experts to name him the best veer quarterback in the country. Head coach of the Javs is Gil Sienke. When asked about his success at A&I, Sienke replied that he recruits his players where Darrell Royal cannot land his plane. No one can argue with his philosophy.

Texas' professional football teams are rolling along on the right path in the young 1976 season. Dallas owns a 4-0 mark and Houston sports a 3-1 record, with only a one point loss to Oakland spoiling their record. The Cowboys did not look too impressive against Seattle Sunday, but they did not have to. The Cowboys must travel to New York to take on the Giants in their next outing. This game will be much more difficult for Dallas than the game against the Seahawks.

Baylor officials are expecting a crowd of about 45,000 to attend Saturday's Bear-SMU at Baylor Stadium. Tickets can be purchased at the Baylor ticket office.



Highlassies are preparing for their second season with a new run and shoot style. photo by Debbie Garrett

MCC Drops Three To Temple Leopards

The Highlander baseball team dropped three out of four games to the Temple Jr. College Leopards Saturday afternoon at the MCC Field. The four five-inning contests marked the second appearance of the 1977 Highlanders in the fall season.

Coach Rick Butler looked at all of his Highlanders, giving them a last opportunity to show off their skills before the first cut of the squad.

Temple won the first game 5-0. Steve Tucker pitched the full five innings for the Highlanders, giving up three earned runs, seven hits, four walks and striking out two. MCC registered only two hits, singles by Roger Lain and David Stanford. Third-baseman Rudolfo Vera made two excellent defensive plays from his position to lead the Highlanders' defensive efforts.

The Leopards pounded out eight hits on their way to a 6-2 win in the second contest. Freshman Donald George started for the Highlanders, before giving way to Ricky Craft in the fifth inning. Kent Newsome and Tommy Williams scored the Highlander's runs. Austin Crockett sophomore Burt Burrows singled and doubled for MCC.

TJC also won the third game

6-1. Steve Zenna went the full distance on the mound for MCC. Three of the six Leopards' runs were unearned. Kerry Lee Storer got MCC's only hit, and Rusty Erwin batted in the Highlander's lone run.

Coach Butler played most of his regulars in the final contest. MCC scored two runs in the fifth inning to defeat the Leopards 3-2. Darwyn Case and Craft pitched for MCC, with Craft picking up the victory. Glenn Mead singled, and Erwin doubled him in for the first MCC tally.

Two walks to Robert Simmons and Bret Blackwell in the fifth inning proved to be TJC's downfall. John Frechette doubled in both runners to give the Highlanders their 3-2 margin.

MCC VOLLEYBALL SCORES

Championship Round

Slammers over Unsinkable Volleybrocks
Smelly Socks over Good, Bad, and the Ugly

Consolation Round

Stiff Wrists over Misfits
Boots and Buckles over Dynamite Gang
Circle K over Boots and Buckles