

Council Opposes Activity Hour Classes

By Amy Dunlap

The proposed possibility of scheduling classes during the Activity Hour was rejected at the Student Services Council meeting Monday. The purpose of this March meeting was to discuss having instructional activities at the 10 a.m. hour.

At last month's meeting the Council voted to recommend to MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball that the status of the 10 a.m. Activity Hour not be changed. This decision was in answer to a proposal by a facility usage committee appointed by Dr. Ball. The committee suggested changing the activity hour to 12 noon until one p.m.

A cross-section survey of the student body, a survey of

faculty and staff, and a survey of other junior colleges was presented at the April meeting by Director of Student Activities Don Bynum.

Student Government President Mike Kelley also presented a random survey Student Government had conducted. These four surveys and a poll conducted by Bynum showing that 60 per cent of 304 students in six history and six technical vocational classes favored leaving activity hour at 10 a.m. acted as evidence for the councils' decision.

After the rejection of the committee proposal, several faculty members proposed that a "new dimension" be added to

the present activity hour by including instructional classes during the hour. This would give students a chance to choose what they would like to do with the 10 a.m. hour.

The proposal called for the 10 a.m. period to include organized student activities such as club meetings, intramural, and instructional activities as well. The instructional activities would be limited to multiple section courses (those scheduled for four or more day sections), open labs, tutorial services and such other classes and activities as may be jointly approved by the Dean of Instruction and the Dean of Student Services.

The proposal called for announcing in both the college catalogue and the schedule of classes for the Fall and Spring semesters, and advising counseling sessions that if students wished to participate in student government, clubs, intramurals, or other organized student activities they should not sign up for these instructional classes at this hour.

After discussing the proposed change in the Activity hour with Student Government representatives, the council voted not to include instructional activities in the hour.

Student Government

representatives expressed their concern over this proposal. Representatives Melinda Laufenburg and Martha McConnell said that if students had a chance to take a class at the 10 a.m. hour that later in the semester the student might become involved in a club or other activity and drop out of their class. Kelley expressed concern that if the instructional classes work it might be decided to do away with the "activity" part of the Activity Hour.

Student Government sponsor Paul Holder also said that the Guest Speaker Program might be affected by scheduling
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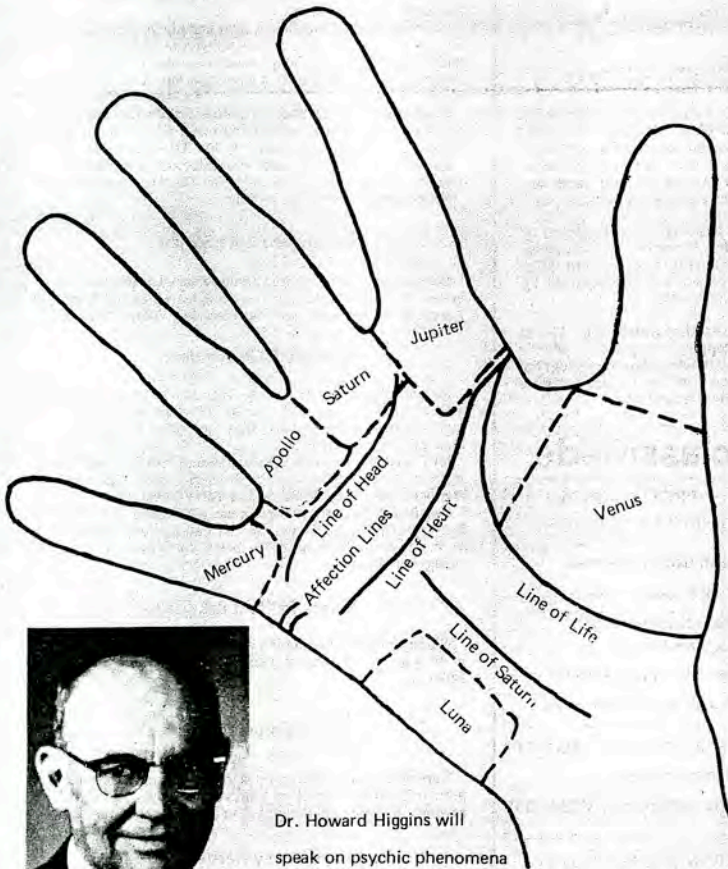
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'Among Spirits'

Speaker To Explain Psychic Phenomena



Dr. Howard Higgins will speak on psychic phenomena such as palmistry and fortune-telling at 10 a.m. Friday in the Science Lecture Hall. Dr. Higgins' visit to MCC is sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

Over the past 100 years people have become more concerned with what will happen to them in the future. The power to tell peoples' future by reading palms, looking into a crystal ball and conducting seances has become a form of science psychology.

Dr. Howard Higgins, former Division Head of Emerson College in Boston, will speak and show the ability of how fortune-telling mediums are able to conjure up "spirits". The program will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Dr. Higgins became interested in methods of mediums and fortune tellers while working on his doctorate of psychology. He has continued his investigations as a hobby.

Demonstrations of alleged psychic phenomena and a

composite seance which features seances by leading mediums will make up the program.

In the program "Among the Spirits", questions such as, "How did the modern practice of mediumship develop?" "Where do mediums obtain their secrets?", and "Is there an honest, genuine medium?" will be answered along with many others.

Students may find themselves sitting on the edge of their seats watching and waiting for their late, late, late grandmother to appear in a cloud of smoke. While Dr. Higgins promises an hour of entertainment he does not promise the appearance of any late, late, late grandmothers.

An open question-answer period will follow the program.

Speech Dept. To Host Statewide Tourney

By Donna Richter

MCC speech department will host the annual Texas Junior College Speech and Theatre Association state tournament tomorrow through Saturday.

Thirteen junior colleges will be represented by about 200 students and their coaches.

Paris Junior College, Wharton County Junior College, San Antonio College, Eastfield Junior College, Tarrant County Junior College, Grayson County College, Henderson County Junior College, Tyler Junior College, Temple Junior College, MCC, Southwestern Assemblies of God College, San Jacinto College and Brazosport College will participate in the tournament.

Events for the tournament are debate, extemporaneous

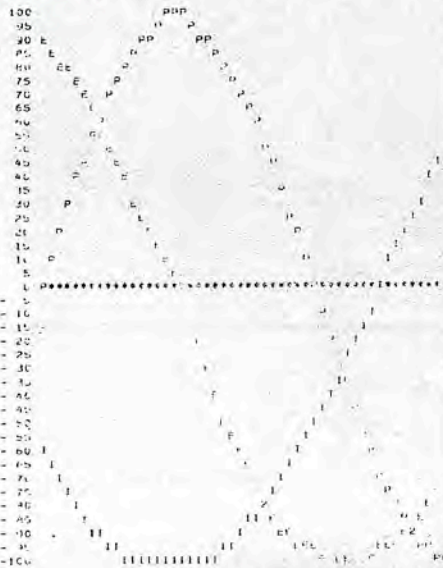
speaking, discussion, prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, duet acting, solo acting, persuasive speaking and readers theatre.

Readers theatre is a medium in which two or more oral interpreters through vocal and physical clues cause an audience to see and hear characters expressing their attitudes and views so that the audience experiences the literature being interpreted.

Temple Junior College will present "Helter Skelter," MCC, "And Out of the Red Tape Came..."; Tyler Junior College, "What Is Woman?"; Brazosport, "Caligula"; Henderson County, "A View of Colge Life"; and Southwestern

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Club To Sell Biorythm Charts



Data Processing Management Club and Epsilon Delta Pi will sell biorythm charts on the last Monday of March and April in the Student Center and Applied Science Building. Biorythm charts predict a persons emotional, physical and intellectual rythm over a 30 day period. They will sell for 50c.

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| Wednesday, March 23
Circle K meeting, 10 a.m., Highlander Room
Afro Student Kindred meeting, 10 a.m., LA 209
Chicanos Unidos meeting, 10 a.m., LA 105
Readers Theatre rehearsal, 10 a.m., HPE Lecture Hall
Veterans Club meeting, 10 a.m., Faculty Dining Room
Film showing, "Farenheit 451", 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Science Lecture Hall
Power volleyball intramurals begin, HPE Building | Thursday, March 24
Highlanders vs Blinn, 1:30 p.m., MCC Field |
| Friday, March 25
Speaker Dr. Howard Higgins, "Among The Spirits," 10 a.m., Science Lecture Hall
Inter-Club Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tartan Room
Deadline for tennis intramurals | Monday, March 28
Student Government meeting, 10 a.m., Tartan Room |

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Music Students To Perform With Honor Band

Three MCC students will participate in the Texas Jr. College Teachers Association Honor Band concert April 1 and 2 in San Antonio.

Students representing MCC's Music Department will be Kim Reinking, clarinet; Mark Racek, trumpet; and David Ross, trumpet. These students are "fine musical talents," according to David Hooten, Music Department director.

The MCC students will only be a small fraction of many students selected to perform together in concert. Other students will be representing about 20 additional Texas Jr. Colleges.

The concert, which will contain primarily "contemporary" music, will consist of two performances. The first performance will be held the evening of April 1 in the San Antonio Convention Center. The second performance will be held the following morning. Both Honor Band performances will be accompanied by the San Jacinto Choir.

MCC Students Pass State Board Cosmetology Examination

Cosmetology students Kathlene Jansing and Suzie Redford successfully completed their state board examinations in Austin recently and are licensed operators.

Miss Jansing is employed by Mr. Raymond at Townwest Shopping Center, and Miss Redford will be employed by Redkin Hill.

Another student, Mrs. Andrea Popp, completed MCC's instructor training program and has also passed her state board examination.

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Students Invited To Enter Art Show

The MCC Annual Student Art Show will be held April 11-May 3. Any MCC student may enter up to five pieces of work in any media. Entries may be delivered to Gwynn Gattis in the Art Department between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday and between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Berry Klingman, juror for the show, will select work to be included in the exhibition with special recognition given for first, second and third places.

Financial Aid Applications Available

Students in need of college work study employment and other financial assistance for the summer session may submit applications to the office of Financial Aid on or before April 15.

All applicants are encouraged to make arrangements as soon as possible in order to avoid delays during and after registration, said Stephen Crump, director of Financial Aid.

Film On Tap Today

"Fahrenheit 451" will be shown today at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The film stars Julie Christie, Oskar Werner, Cyril Cusack and Anton Diffring and is directed by Francois Truffaut. The movie is an adaptation of Ray Bradbury's novel depicting a totalitarian world in which knowledge is suppressed and reading books is prohibited.

Art Center Opens Membership Drive

The Art Center has launched their 1977 Membership Drive. It will continue through March. The categories of membership are student-\$7.50; general-\$25; contributing-\$50; patron-\$100; sponsor-\$250; benefactor-\$500; and guarantor-\$1000 or more.

The benefits of the Art Center membership for general and contributing members are newsletters, invitations to exhibition openings and other special events, a discount on classes, and a discount on Art Center sponsored tours to other cities.

Patrons receive the above benefits plus an invitation to participate in a unique art related event and copies of all exhibition catalogues published by the Art Center.

Sponsors, benefactors, and guarantors also receive an original print produced especially for The Art Center. Membership is open to everyone.

Kennedy Sponsors Sought

Persons wishing to sponsor James Kennedy, who will run in the 1977 Boston Marathon may do so by contacting Walter Reece, Jr. at Reece Interior, 541 Westview Village, 772-9150.

Stage Band 'Outstanding'

McLennan Community College Stage Band I brought home a second place rating and several individual honors in the junior college division of the Wharton Junior College Jazz Festival March 17 and 18.

MCC students who won the Outstanding Musician Awards include Dawn Burow, Robert Holbert, Mike Makowski, Manuel Pena, Mike Williams and Terry Zavala.

Considered the largest and most prestigious jazz band festival in Texas, the Wharton Junior College Festival hosted 55 bands from high schools, junior colleges and senior colleges in Texas.

Nurses To Hold Bake Sale

Nursing Student Association is holding a bake sale Monday at 10 a.m. in the Student Center and the Health Careers Building.

Club Sponsors Car Wash

Nursing Club will have a car wash Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. at Townwest Center on Valley Mills Drive. The club is raising money to send a member to its National Convention.

Ping Pong Tourney Needs Participants

Student Government is sponsoring a singles men and women table tennis tournament to be played after spring break. Interested players may sign up now at the Games Room window. Deadline for entries is March 30. Trophies will be given for first and second place winners.



Photo furnished by the Art Center

From Henderson College Tournament

Three Speech Students Bring Home Trophy

Speech students Ken Salaman and Casey Cossey won a second place trophy in duet acting at the Henderson County Junior College Speech Tournament Saturday in Athens.

Kathy Miller placed third in extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking. Salaman also placed third in prose interpretation.

Nine MCC students also received certificates for their

achievements.

Miss Miller received superior ratings for extemporaneous speaking, poetry interpretation, prose interpretation and impromptu speaking. Susanna Guerra won superior ratings in poetry interpretation.

Joey Derting received superior ratings in informative speaking, and impromptu speaking, and excellent ratings in solo acting and poetry interpretation.

Ann King won an excellent rating in poetry interpretation; and Carolyn Massie received a superior rating for poetry interpretation. Louise Burney received an excellent rating in informative speaking; and Paul Hill received a superior rating

also in that event. Miss Cossey received an excellent rating for solo acting.

Three MCC exes, David Wiley, Glenn Whatley and Jamie Oliver, served as judges at the tournament.

Nine junior colleges participated in the tournament which was a "warm up" for the state speech tournament to be held here tomorrow through Saturday. Schools attending the Henderson tournament were Cisco Junior College, El Paso Community College, Mountain View Junior College, San Jacinto Junior College, Tarrant County Junior College, Temple Junior College and Tyler Junior College.

Statewide Speech Tourney Brings 200 Participants

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Assemblies of God, "Madonna in Concert."

Eastfield, Tarrant County and San Jacinto will also present untitled selections.

The readers theatres will be presented in two sections Friday in the Fine Arts Theatre. The first will begin at 6 p.m. and the second will begin at 9 p.m.

Dr. Charles McGeever of Baylor University will give oral critiques of the performances at the end of each section.

MCC's readers theatre will employ slides and sound effects to enhance the script. Dr. Micheal White is technical director. He is assisted by Ron Wyatt, Ed Cupp, Roxanne Minze, Cindy Phillips and Sherri Alexander. Adriane Young and Hill designed costumes.

Trophies will be awarded to

Paintings from the Blaffer Collections will be exhibited in the Art Center through May 8. Mrs. Blaffer's collections is one of the finest. (The Art Center is located at 1300 College Drive on the MCC Campus.)

Waco Art Center Displays Masterpieces

An exhibition of European masterpieces from the 14th through 18th centuries will be on view at The Art Center from March 26 through May 8. "Old Master Paintings from the Blaffer Collections" is on loan to the Center from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Gallery at the University of Houston.

All of the paintings in the exhibition come from the private collection of the late Sarah Campbell Blaffer, heiress to Texaco and Exxon fortunes. When Mrs. Blaffer died in 1975 at the age of 91, she left one of the state's finest art collections.

The twenty paintings in the exhibition represent major periods in the development of

Western art. Works by Florentine master Piero di Cosimo and Andrea Mantegna, one of the great geniuses of that time will be on display. A 16th century portrait by Lucas Cranach is representative of secular portraits of the German Reformation. Two fine portraits by Murillo are among the Spanish masterpieces included in the collection. From the post Renaissance era is Ruben's Mystical Marriage of St. Catherine.

The Art Center is located at 1300 College Drive on the MCC campus. The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues. through Sat. and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

Fines Increase, Violators Decrease

Violators of traffic regulations seem to be fewer in number since the increase in the fines this semester. Fines were increased because of student negligence to pay them, and as a result, the violations have decreased.

"Students are more aware of the traffic violations since the increase," said Don Bynum, director of Student Activities, "as fines and violations posted outside the Student Center on the bulletin board, the Student Activities Office also published the list in several publications of the "Chanter."

Statistics were not readily

available for determining the major kind of violation. Appeals for violations are not made on the basis of whether a violation was actually committed. Bynum said that the student usually comes in, says he is appealing and states the reasoning behind the appeal. There is rarely an outright denial of a violation, said Bynum. Parking violations usually occur because a student is afraid he will be late to class, but then again the number of complaints about the distance one must walk to class has always been the priority of many students, he said.

SS Council Opposes Classes

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classes at the activity hour. A member present at the meeting said that maybe this would be an asset to the program — maybe the classes would be expected to attend the program giving the speaker a large audience.

It was stated by a council member that "we, (the Student Services Council, the Faculty Council and the Instructional Council) are far from unity."

The meeting closed with the decision of sending a recommendation to Dr. Ball, who will make the decision on what to do about the activity hour, recommending that the Student Services Council does not support any change in the Activity Hour but in the event that we must have classes scheduled at the 10 a.m. hour the Student Services Council supports a stipulation to the new proposal that instructional classes be held. The stipulation states that "no new student to MCC will be allowed to enroll during this first long semester in any M-W-F 10 a.m. class. (Exceptions could be granted by the Dean of Instruction and Student Services).

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Water Polo Matches Near

By Eddie Wiley

Plans for intramural water polo matches are well underway as deadline time draws near.

Water polo is a game usually played in a swimming pool. Seven men make up a water polo team, of which one playing member is captain.

The object of the game is to throw or place the ball in the opponent's goal. In the process of advancing the ball to the goal, the individual having control of the ball may be attacked or prohibited from

advancing the ball by a defensive player.

If the team is successful in advancing the ball to the opponent's goal, a goal is scored when the ball passes between the goalposts and over the goal line. There are four five minute quarters with a five minute intermission between halves and two minutes constitutes a game. Time out is called when a goal is scored, for fouls, or when the ball is thrown outside of the field of play.

Coach Ray Murray expressed enthusiasm regarding the challenging of two clubs against each other in challenge matches. Murray went on to say that the coed sport is both rewarding and exciting but very strenuous.

If any club wants to challenge other clubs, Murray said that members should complete their rosters and turn them in to the Student Activities Office so that brackets may be made as soon as possible.

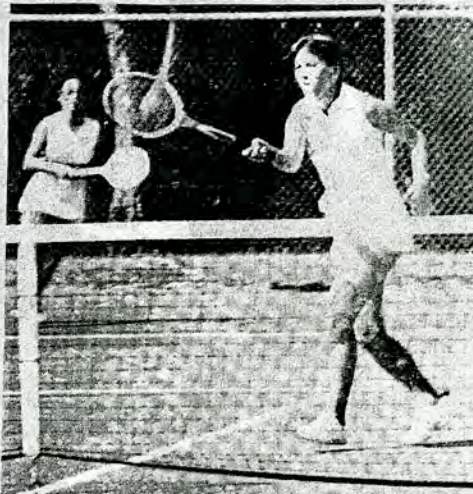


photo by Donna Richter

Netters Sherry Collazo (left) and Denise Norred are shown during a recent Highlander match at the MCC courts.

Nesrsta Leads Orange To Win

Sophomore Andy Nesrsta knocked a first-pitch home run to lead the Highlanders to a 4-3 win over Grayson County and a split of the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader. The Vikings won the first game 8-4.

Nesrsta, who is hitting the ball at a 500 percentage since being inserted into the starting lineup, lined the first pitch offered by Viking pitcher Steve Binton over the centerfield fence. MCC starting pitcher Donald George won his first game of the season with relief help from Oscar Tibbs in the ninth inning.

The Vikings gathered 12 hits to win the opener. Kevin Wiebold absorbed his fifth loss of the season against two wins.

The Highlanders started off the afternoon rather well, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. Glenn Mead and Bret Blackwell singled to open the rally. Burt Burrows then singled to drive in Mead and Terry Kunkel followed with another single to drive in Blackwell. But the MCC lead of 2-0 was shortlived, as the host Vikings rallied for 6 tallies in the bottom half of the first first.

The Highlanders collected two additional runs in the fifth.

Blackwell again singled, Burrows drew a base on balls and Kunkel sacrificed the runners to his first and second. Erwin walked to load the bases.

Sophomore Louis Rendon drove in both Blackwell and Burrows with a single.

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SECOND GAME

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GCC 001 000 002-3 5 4

WP-George

Netters Pound Coyotes

Coach Carmack Berryman's MCC tennis team captured a conference match form the Weatherford Coyotes 8-4 yesterday in Weatherford. Next action for MCC is Thursday in Denison when they take on Cooke County College, the conference leader.

MCC 8 Weatherford 4

MEN'S SINGLES

Bob Davis (W) def. Tim Roerick (MCC) 6-0, 6-3
Warren Gradick (MCC) def. Gordon Franck (W) 6-3, 6-4
Art Hobbs (MCC) def. George Butler (W) 6-1, 6-3
Dave HarAmmon (MCC) def. Dave Rogers (W) 0-6, 6-0, 6-2

WOMENS SINGLES

Debbie Ewing (W) def. Arlene Simms (MCC) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2
Denise Norred (MCC) def. Chris Cribari (W) 6-0, 6-0
Lilith Eberle (MCC) def. Mary Beth Flippen (W) 6-1, 6-4
Mary Nash (W) def. Claire Morris (MCC) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

MENS DOUBLES

Davis-Francks (W) def. Roerick-Gradick (MCC) 7-5, 7-6
Ammon-Hobbs (MCC) def. Butler-Rogers (W) 6-1, 6-3

WOMENS DOUBLES

Norred-Simms (MCC) def. Ewing-Cribari (W) 6-2, 6-1
Eberle-Morris (MCC) def. Nash-Flippen (W) 4-6, 6-1, 7-5

Swaim Named All-Regional

By Terry Tacker

The All-Regional women's basketball team for 1977 has been announced from the regional office. Making the All-

Regional team is a very high honor considering that the Northern Texas conference in which MCC is a member, does not have an all-conference list for women.

The All-Regional team includes Tammy Edwards, Howard College; Tammy Baker, Western Texas; Donnet Marble, South Plains College; Ivonda Mobbs, Grayson; Kathy Hooper, Weatherford; Darla Wardlaw, Weatherford; Vicki Henderson, Clarendon; Carol Vincet, Clarendon; Lisa Resching, South Plains; and Jackie Swaim, MCC.

Miss Resching was voted the Most Valuable Player in the region even though Miss Swaim finished the number one scorer and rebounder in Region V.

The All-Regional team is not to be confused with the All-Tournament team of the

regional tournament at Abilene, of which MCC's Carolyn Johnson and Gaye Loewe are members.

In Conference Opener...

MCC, Hill Split

The Highlanders and Hill Rebels split a conference-opening baseball doubleheader Saturday in Hillsboro. Hill won the opener 7-6, despite 14 Highlander hits, but the Orange came back to win the nightcap 10-6.

Fielding errors on the Highlander's part, 10 of them for the twin bill, provided their downfall in the first game and almost the second. MCC combated their poor fielding performance with their best hitting afternoon of the season. Orange batters accumulated 29 hits for the day.

The Highlanders jumped on Hill starter Brian Gilbreath for six runs in the first three innings in the opening loss. But Oscar Tibbs, MCC's best pitcher of late, could not make the scores stand up as Hill scored the winning run in the sixth inning. Tibbs, however, only gave up six hits but the Highlanders committed five errors.

Brian Combs picked up his third win of the season against three losses in the second game. MCC batters supported Combs with 15 hits, including home runs by Glenn Mead and Andy

Nesrsta.

In the opener, Nesrsta went 2-for 3, Rusty Erwin 3-for 3, Mead 2-for 4 and Scott Nichol 2-for 3 led the MCC hitters. Nesrsta has cracked the starting lineup at second base and has responded well with the bat. Erwin has really come on, hitting .600 the last two weeks.

Sophomore Bret Blackwell led the Orange hitting attack in the second game with a 3-for 5 performance. Erwin finished 4-for 5, Robert Simmons 2-for 5 and Rudolpho Vera 2-for 5 also hit well for the Highlanders.



Jackie Swaim