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## Assembly honors student achievements

Erica Sanchez  
 Staff writer

The growth of the annual student awards assembly may prove too large to continue in the lecture hall, Dr. Dennis Michaelis, MCC president, told a standing-room-only crowd on Apr. 16, so the Highlands Gym might need to be used next year.

The Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges distinction was awarded to 21 students, 17 students received the Presidential Scholars award and 22 students were recognized as Tartan Scholars.

Beverly K. Williams was singled out as an Outstanding Tartan Scholar.

William Mears was honored with nine awards: Tartan Scholar, Leaders of Promise, Coca-Cola Scholarship, State of Texas Academic Recognition, Pi Chi Chapter Texas Hall of Honor for Member, Guistwhite Scholar, Distinguished Pi Chi Chapter President, All-USA Academic Team, Outstanding Student Government Association Leader and Outstanding Student Organization Officer of the Year for 2002-2003.

Mears said he plans to attend Texas A&M-Commerce in the fall.

Phi Theta Kappa was recognized with the Most Improved Chapter Award, Outstanding Merit and Achievement in the Service Hallmark, Pinnacle Award, Five Star

Achievement, top 100 chapter in the nation and top 25 chapter in the nation in the Hallmarks of Service and Fellowship.

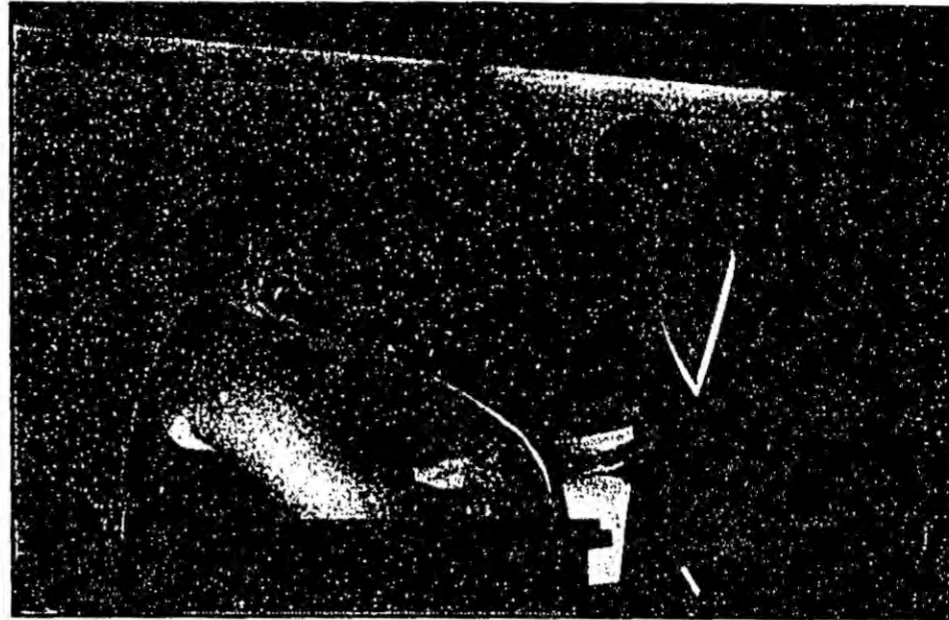
Phi Theta Kappa inductees were also honored.

The honor society inducted 66 in fall 2002 and 80 in spring 2003.

The Master Student awards went to Patty Price, William Warren, and Joanne Williams.

Transfer student Greg Regalado and associate degree student Juana Maldonado received the TRIO Student Support Services Awards.

Psi Beta, the psychology honor society, initiated 35 students: Donna P. Alix, Marolyn Barber, Sonya Bermudez, Connie Blackwell, Valerie



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Bill Mears accepting one of numerous awards at assembly

Clipper, Cruz Escobar, Thalia Forero, Billie Joe Garcia, Donna Harris, Charles Jaquith, Jannette Lingle, Heather Malar, Christina Marino, Denise Mesmer, Marie Middleton, Norma Nichols, Donas Quin, Kimberly Taylor, Kimberly Wolske, Sandra Allen, Amythest Brice, Carolyn Diane Duggan-Gaubert, Kari Freyer, Jeff Humphrey, William Mears, Anna Marie Miller, Julie Ming, Candy Moreland, Christy Patton, Valerie Patton, Cynthia Van Antwerp, Courtney Weaver and Beverly Williams.

Tuan Mary Gallery won the CRC Freshman Chemistry award.

There were 18 Outstanding  
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## Fire set intentionally in Waco

Janice-Marie Ferguson  
 Staff writer

A flaming home on Seley St. in Waco was the talk of the neighborhood last Wednesday as local residents packed the streets to see where all the smoke was coming from.

Three members of the Waco Fire Department stood idly with a crowd as close as the searing heat would allow and watched intently as McLennan Community College's Fire Academy Class wrapped up nearly three months of training last week with the second of three days of controlled burning exercises.

The burnings were the final phase of the cadets' training before the state exam on Monday and also allowed cadets to utilize skills learned in the classroom to handle examples of common fire situations that may arise while working as a fire fighter.

The first burn, last Tuesday, was on the grounds of the Waco Regional airport with a simulated car fire, propane tank fire and dumpster fire. There was also a 24' by 24' pit fire consisting of steel drums filled with flammable material.

On Wednesday, fire cadets burned an unoccupied home on Seley St. and another unoccupied home on Thursday in Bosqueville.

During the house burning exercises, teams of cadets moved room-to-room extinguishing deliberately set fires.

On Wednesday, the exercise



Digital image by Janice-Marie Ferguson

MCC firefighters fight outside house blaze before having to take state exam

began at 9:30 a.m. After all the cadet teams had a turn extinguishing fires inside the home, the home was torched around 2:45 p.m. and took less than an hour to burn to the ground. The flames fiercely rolled from the home and the heat was unbearable at more than 30 feet from the back of the home.

The heat was more bearable at the

front of the home as two teams of fire cadets with hoses continuously sprayed water over the top of the home to contain the flames enough to prevent damage to power lines and several large oak trees around the home.

The homes that were burned are "red tagged" and not suitable for occupancy Steve Cook, MCC Fire

Fighter Academy Instructor and Coordinator, said. Cook supervised and coordinated the exercises. Obtaining permission to burn the homes requires approval from local and state agencies and home and landowners.

Everything went as planned and no problems arose throughout the three days of training, Cook said.

## 'Circle' publishes artistic talents

Erica Sanchez  
 Staff writer

The Stone Circle, MCC's literary magazine, offers students the chance to publish their literary or visual works. This semester's issue has an anticipated distribution date of Friday, April 25.

Jim McKeown, faculty advisor for the Stone Circle and English instructor, said this semester he received 115 writing submissions, some of which were multiple writings from the same person.

"One person turned in about 10 poems," McKeown said.

Six poems and four fiction pieces were chosen out of the 115 submissions.

McKeown said various faculty members and students, some who belong to the Sigma Kappa Delta English honors society judge the writing submissions.

The judges do not see the names of the authors.

Art instructor, Andrew Murad, handles the art side of the magazine.

Murad said there were fewer art submissions this year.

Art is judged based primarily on originality, variety, uniqueness, and in some cases technique, Murad said.

Any MCC student can enter their work.

"A lot of the time we have non-art majors in there (the Stone Circle), which I think is very important," Murad said.

Any type of art can be submitted and if it's three-dimensional a photograph can be taken of it, Murad said.

McKeown said that any type of writing can be entered such as, poetry, short fiction, essays, or feature articles.

McKeown established the Stone Circle two years ago.

"For about seven or eight years we've had a poetry insert in connection with Casa de Café. . . I got the idea two years ago that we ought to make that into a separate literary magazine," McKeown said.

Casa de Café is a presentation during the fall semester, where poets can read their poems aloud.

The Stone Circle comes out during the fall and spring semesters, McKeown said.

The Stone Circle was given its title in a naming contest that attracted 80 submissions from anyone around campus.

A student came up with the title when she was thinking about the stone circles in England and Ireland and the new plaza outside the LTC, McKeown said.

"I'm really glad the administration is very supportive with this (the Stone Circle) and even in these budget crises they've been helping us with the funds for it," McKeown said.

"I think there's a great need for it. The amount of submissions we get

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## President visits Central Texas

Carolyn Barnett  
 Staff writer

President Bush arrived Apr. 14 around 2:30 p.m. at the TSTC airport to spend Easter weekend at the "Western White House" in Crawford.

Black-clad snipers were posted on aircraft hangers, scanning the land with binoculars that had a five-mile range. Secret Service men walked around wearing serious faces, black suits and shades. Marines readied their uniforms.

The President stepped out with his dog Barney in hand, and his other dog Spot following him down the steps. Bush descended the steps to an applauding crowd, smiling and waving. He did not stop to answer questions from the local press but kept walking towards the helicopter bound for his ranch.

During his stay, Bush spent most of his time at his ranch, though he traveled to Ft. Hood for Easter Services with Mrs. Laura Bush. He

also met with recently released POWs Chief Warrant Officers David Williams and Ronald Young Jr.

Williams called the meeting "an absolute honor," while Young said the meeting was "one of the highlights" of his life. President Bush said that both of the men exemplified the belief that America is a "great country full of great people."

President Bush left for Washington on Apr. 21 around 11:30 a.m. The strict security was again in place, and was again comprised of snipers, Secret Service agents, state troopers and Marines. When Bush arrived at the airport he descended from the helicopter with Mrs. Bush and his dogs. Barney walked toward the public but was caught by the President. He got closer to the public than when he first came on Monday and again gave the public a warm smile and waved to the crowd. At the top of the airplane steps he and Mrs. Bush waved to all of the spectators. President Bush saluted and the plane



Digital image by Chris Wong

President Bush and first dogs leave Air Force One for the Easter Holiday.

left.

The children in the crowd waved their American flags while pictures were taken.

The President is now in Washington where aides say, "he'll resume pushing his domestic agenda."

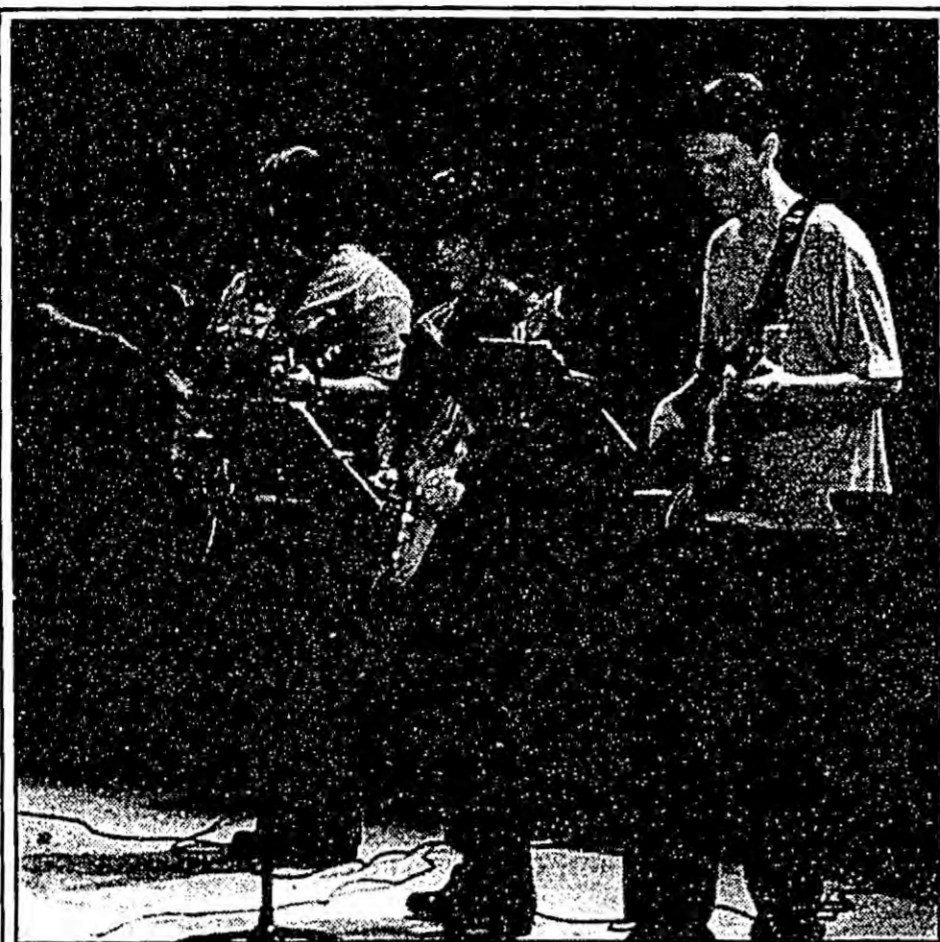
# Student Life

## Upcoming Events

**April 26** Cerronato. 8 p.m., Bosque River Stage. Columbian-based Vallenato and Cumbia music. Admission \$10. Call 299-8259.  
Softball vs. Temple. 1 p.m., MCC Softball Field. Admission: Adults, \$3; Students, \$2; Children 12 and under, \$1. Call 299-TEAM.

**April 28** Rock concert. 8 p.m., Bosque River Stage. Performances by students in the commercial music program. Free Admission. Call 299-8283.

**April 30** University Center Information Fair. 4-8 p.m., Learning Technology Center. Representatives from Tarleton State University, The University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas Medical Branch/Galveston will be on campus to discuss bachelor and master degree programs available in Waco and to register students for upcoming classes. Call 299-8378.



Digital image by Kelly Coleman

Students in the Monday night commercial music class performed a free guitar ensemble on the Bosque River Stage Apr. 21 and 22.

The group of eight, plus their two instructors, played a variety of pieces in an assortment of musical genres. Some of the songs they

performed included *Watermelon Man*, *Night Train*, *Killer Joe* and *Donna Lee*.

All of the students were given the opportunity to show their stuff in solos during the performances.

A crowd of around 40-50 people attended each of the performances.

## Foundation raises money for students' tuition fees

Stacy Gatlin  
Staff writer

The McLennan Community College Foundation recently entered its 13<sup>th</sup> year of existence and continues to raise money for students who cannot afford to attend MCC.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for student scholarships, capital enhancements around campus and staff and faculty professional growth and development.

The foundation has 26 board members, only five are MCC faculty and the rest are members of the community and area investors.

"In a four year and even a two year college there is a difficulty even

by law for the school to raise money, but the foundation can raise any amount they can," Harry Hareluk, Ex-

ecutive Director, said. "The first part of the foundation is to secure the money and the second part is investing the money."

Hareluk and the board of directors hold school-sponsored events to raise money for the foundation. The events mainly coincide with the scholarship in which the money goes for. If MCC Foundation is raising money for an athletic scholarship then they would hold a golf tournament, or for an art scholarship a play and dinner would be held for that occasion.

"If you look at all the money coming in to the college there is more money coming in to the school through donations than anything else, but there still is money coming outside the community," Hareluk said.

As McLennan Community College grows, the foundation hopes to get more investors to aid the students in

need of the money.

The scholarship committee directly determines who gets a scholarship. The foundation board decides how much money is going to which scholarship and other places.

Rick Butler, Men's Golf-Instructor and board member, said that the Foundation is "one of the most fantastic things we have here."

Butler is directly involved in one of the scholarships because some of his former baseball players donated money in his name, which should be available this summer.

The foundation doesn't just raise money for scholarships. Another purpose of the Foundation is the beautification of the campus, as well as the expansion of cultural activities and the visual and performing arts.

Donations are always welcome.

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Scholarship in Arts and Sciences awardees in 18 different subject areas.

Outstanding Scholarship in Technical Programs was awarded to 27 students in 23 different programs.

Outstanding Students in Athletics recognized were: Alberto Vazquez for

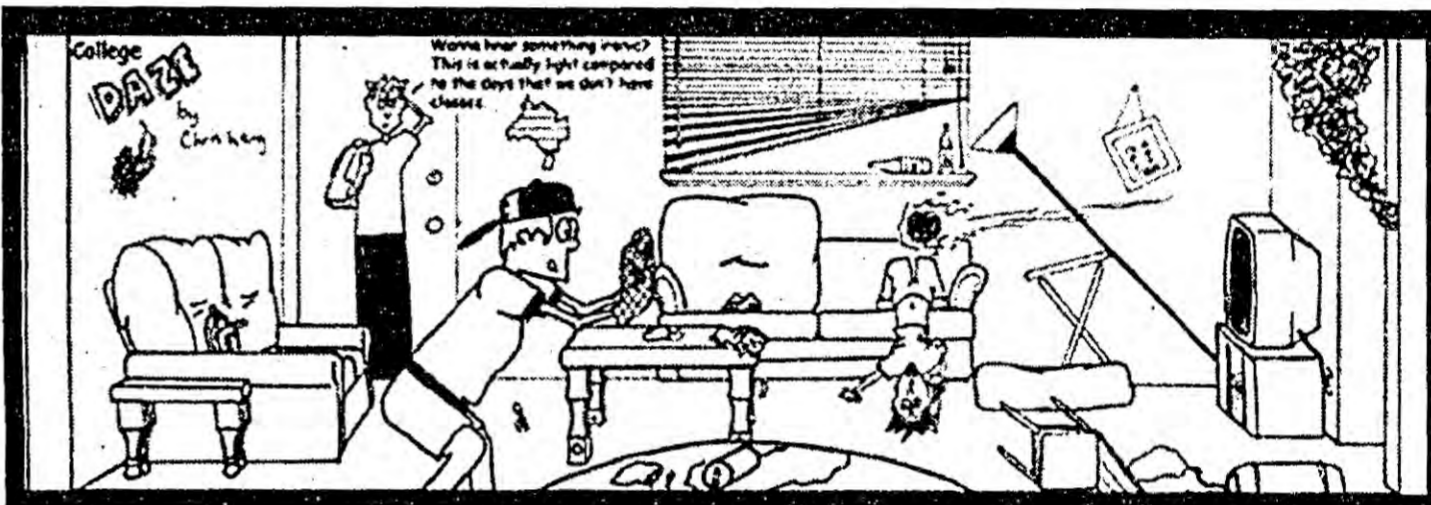
men's basketball; Tamisha McGinty for women's basketball; Amanda Lindsay for the MCC Dance Company; Brian Jennings for men's golf; Heather MacRae for women's golf; Clay Reichenbach for baseball and Renee Fratus for softball.

Fourteen outstanding student leaders were recognized, as well as the advisors of the organizations.

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show that students really want some place where they can send their stuff," McKeown said.

"All great colleges have some kind of literary magazine published; why should MCC be any different?" McKeown said.



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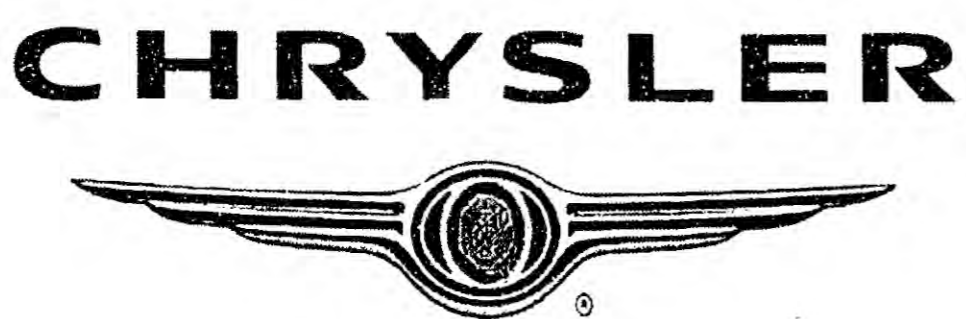
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# Sports

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## Dance Company takes second place

Courtney Griffin  
Staff writer

The MCC Dance Company won second place at the National Dance Alliance Collegiate National Dance Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 3 and 4.

One tenth of a point separated MCC, with a final score of 9.27, and first place winner, the University of Central Oklahoma, which scored 9.37.

"I was very pleased with their performance in the NDA Competition. Their jumps were beautiful and the expressions were priceless. We had a lot of fun," Sandy Hinton, Dance Coach, said.

The Division II Dance Competition included 21 teams from every corner



Photo courtesy of Sandy Hinton  
Pictured from left, front row: Lt. Chayla Harrison and Captain Amanda Lindsay. Second row: Randi Callihan, Elizabeth Haught, Sonia Rile, Haley Hinton, Marcella Garcia, Julia Sallinas and Emil Smith Back Row: Brandi Tidmore, Sherry Blair, T.J. Maple, Elizabeth Kinsey, Terra Scoot, Meredith Cogbill, and Holly McCurrin.

of the United States. The only two-year colleges that made it to finals were MCC and Barton Community College from Kansas.

The Dance Company brought home three victories on March 29, winning the American Dance/ Drill Team School Collegiate National in Denton, the Division II National Collegiate title and the National Collegiate Academic championship with a 3.55 GPA for its 16 members.

The Dance Company will perform in Division IA finals in both cheer and dance. The performance will be aired at 2:00 p.m. on CBS. Fox Sports Net will show the top two teams in all other Divisions on April 30 and May 14 at 3:00 p.m.

"Their jumps were beautiful and the expressions were priceless."

- Coach Sandy Hinton

Tryouts for the MCC Dance Company are scheduled for April 25 and 26 in the Highlands Gymnasium.

A Pre-Tryout Workshop will take place April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those unable to attend the tryout session may submit tryout videos immediately following the workshop.

Prospective dance company members will attend a pre-tryout Dance

Clinic to learn a new routine and review dance elements that will be judged in tryouts. The April 25 clinic is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. and last to 10:00 p.m. The April 26 clinic will begin at 8 a.m. and last until noon. Tryouts will begin at 12:30 p.m.

To learn more about the MCC Dance Company, call director Sandy Hinton at 299-8851 or e-mail at shinton@mcclennan.edu.

## 'Landers win golf conference; qualify for regional tourney

Lauren McReynolds  
Staff writer

After tournaments in San Antonio, Tyler, and Abilene, MCC Men's Golf Team emerged conference champions with a 53-stroke lead over second place Temple at White Bluff Country Club in Whitney, and earned second in the state on April 13 and 14.

The April 13 game ended after 72 holes with the 'Landers ahead by six shots and players Jason Holm of The

Woodlands and Andreas Kali of Denmark tied for first.

After 18 holes on day two, the 'Landers finished second overall behind Odessa and one seed above Midland, sending MCC to Regionals in Hobbs, New Mexico on April 27 and 28.

Andreas Kali placed first in conference and second overall after three rounds with a 221 total.

Holm placed second in conference and fifth overall with a 225.

Both players were named to the All-State team.

Depending on the 'Landers performance at Regionals next week, they could be among the top three teams headed to nationals May 20-23 in Scottsdale Arizona.

"It's going to be just like it was in state," Coach Rick Butler said. "Anything can happen when you're playing 54 holes."

"We're just going to try to play the course," he said, "not the teams."

## 'Landers dominate double-header

Crystal Adams  
Magen Rigdon  
Staff writers

The Highlander Baseball team led Brookhaven 3-2 and 12-3 in a double-header on April 16.

The first game's first inning started with Brookhaven getting one run, followed by MCC's Clay Reichenbach pulling his hamstring while attempting to take first.

The second inning began with MCC's pitcher, Garrett Perkin, throwing three strikeouts in a row. Brookhaven responded by catching a fly ball, and MCC ended the inning with runners on second and third with no runs.

The third inning saw Brookhaven make it to first base. Their glory was cut to the quick when MCC stepped up to bat. 'Lander Nick Aranda walked to first and then stole second, while Clay Reichenbach struck out.

Brookhaven's pitcher fond his fire during the fourth inning but Perkin struck out three Brookhaven batters,



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not allowing a single run.

The fifth inning proved to be the same. Two 'Landers managed to make it to base, but didn't make it home, when Robert Neagli's pop fly was caught, ending the fifth inning.

The sixth saw Perkin, still pitching, give up a steal and one run.


Reichenbach hit one out of the park, getting MCC's first run of the game. Michael Lusk followed up with another over-the-fence hit, bringing the game to 2-2.

Brookhaven changed pitchers due to an injury. This didn't seem to stop the 'Landers' momentum. Heath Keel was walked by the fresh pitcher, then proceeded to steal second and was brought home by a wild pitch from Brookhaven, placing the game at a 3-2 lead for MCC.

Perkin ended the game by striking out the first three batters, leaving the score 3-2.

There is not much to be said for game two, save that the 'Landers dominated it.

In the first inning MCC took the lead at 3-1. MCC allowed two runs in the fourth inning. The 'Landers pulled back with 3 runs in the sixth, ending the game with 6 runs in the seventh and leaving Brookhaven in the dust with a final score of 12-3.



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