



Photo by Jeffrey G. Shatzer

Randy Owcar warms up for match against Lancaster Bible.

## Batters manage despite odds

By Angelo Vecchio

The Capitol Campus baseball team, with an abbreviated roster, has managed an official record of four wins and six losses, although two of the wins resulted from a double-header forfeited by Valley Forge. The team won a double-header against Lancaster Bible, but dropped twin bills to Saint Mary's and Eastern, and lost decisions to Allentown and Lincoln.

Coach Ron Melchiorre is operating with just twelve players, and he is concerned with the small number.

"We have guys playing new positions. Outfielders who have

never played the outfield, and others in unfamiliar places. That's one problem. And if we get any injuries, we'll really be in trouble," Melchiorre said.

"The coach went on to give credit to the existing players.

"I have nothing but praise for these guys. They're having a rough season, but they're staying with it, and playing to the best of their ability. If this program bounces back next year, to the level it was at last year, it will be thanks to the dedication of the team. If it wasn't for their efforts in keeping the program alive, baseball at Capitol Campus would be finished."

## Netters eye district win

By Angelo Vecchio

With a current record of three wins and no losses, the Capitol Campus tennis team is in the midst of what could prove to be another outstanding season. The wins have come over Eastern College (9-0), Philadelphia College of the Bible (9-0), and Lincoln (6-3).

The team is coached by Frank Capprell, a student/player, who was named as N.A.I.A. District 19 Coach of the Year after only his first season at the helm. Last year, he took a team that went without a victory during the entire 1982 season and improved them to the point where they lost just one regular season match in '83.

Returning players include Capprell, Panos Xynerios, and Randy Owcar. Owcar and partner John Nelson won doubles titles in conference and district playoffs.

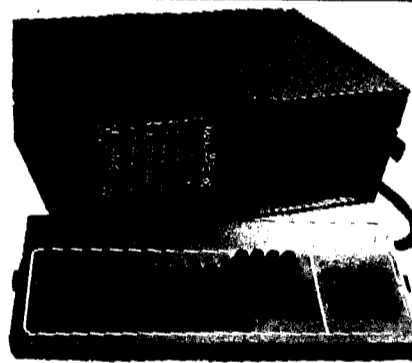
Newcomers this year include Tim Frantz, Ghan Desai and John Thomas. Thomas, a basketball player for Capitol, is a former high-school tennis player.

Also, some women are training with the team this season, with an eye towards the playoffs. The women don't compete in the regular season matches, but they will be considered as part of the team when playoff time rolls around.

Capitol Campus home matches will be played at two locations this year--Harrisburg Area Community College and Middletown High School. According to Capprell, "Our own courts are not adequate for competition."

Capprell sums up the prospects for this season by saying, "I think we're going to do really well. We have a great opportunity to win our conference. I even think we have a strong possibility of winning districts."

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