



It's anyone's game

In the upper right, Helen Kosey (1st-Liberal Arts) likes the way the action has developed in her game on the courts next to the Natatorium. Below, a southpaw practices her forehand against a wall on Foster Avenue. Up in the left corner, a group of students play and leave on the courts on Pollock Road, opposite South Halls.

Photos by Sally Hunter

Court crowds thin in summer

Time is now for racquet fans

By MIKE VANDINE
Collegian Sports Writer

Just walk around campus. It's hard to ignore that tennis is becoming one of the most popular sports around.

Tennis racquets can be seen sticking out of knapsacks and on the backs of 10-speed bicycles everywhere.

The majority of people questioned around University courts said that the two main reasons they play tennis are for the fun and exercise. But there are other reasons. As one player put it, "It's a great way to catch some rays."

The ability of players on campus ranges from the beginner to the near professional. Many players are just out for a good time, racquets and apparel don't matter much. The sun, the running, and the mistakes make the game enjoyable.

There are also a number of nonsense players. These people play regularly and take a great deal of pride in their game, trying to improve every time out. Often accompanying this pride are double knit shorts and \$30 dollar tennis shoes. But don't be fooled, the wardrobe does not make the player. For example, notice the person with the \$70 outfit and the ten cent backhand.

As for facilities, the University has a total of 68 tennis courts, 16 of which are privately run. All of the 52 public courts are in good condition as a result of a rubberized surface that was installed two years ago.

The classiest courts are those run by the Penn State Tennis Club. Six of the 16 semi-private courts have a clay surface, which provides a feeling of tournament action. The club also

operates the only four indoor courts on campus which enable year-round playing.

With the increased interest in tennis comes the increased demand for courts. Getting a court this summer is seldom difficult, but fall will bring thousands of additional players who will no doubt cause a problem.

One answer might be lights. The installation of lights around the courts would increase the amount of playing hours enormously. At present there are no lights on any campus courts and no immediate plans for them to be installed.

The popularity of tennis has also given rise to a new tennis technology. For example, the once standard wood racquet is being challenged on the

market by aluminum, graphite, and fiberglass frames.

Also a rainbow of tennis balls from purple to australian gold, each claiming their optic superiority, are being sold. Meanwhile the traditional white is rapidly becoming extinct.

For those who have the proper equipment but lack the proper form, lessons may be the answer. For the beginner and intermediate players a University tennis class is a good way to improve their game. Betty Arink who has been teaching for 7 years, guarantees that anyone with a little coordination will learn the basic strokes that are necessary for a good game.

Regardless of your ability, tennis is a great game. But you better get out and enjoy it now, while there's still a court to play on.



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