

## REMARKABLE GROWTH

This marks the first year ever that all 17 USTA sections have hosted a Section Campus Championship tournament. It's a remarkable feat considering 2004 saw only three such tournaments, and in 2005 there were only six. This rapid growth is a testament to the success and advancement of every club tennis team around the country and the energetic and dedicated staff in all 17 USTA sections.

The Section Campus Championships were spawned from the National Campus Championship. However, that's not the only link between these events. In 2006, the winner and runner-ups from every Section Campus Championship received an automatic berth into the National Campus Championship. Several sections also awarded travel stipends to these teams, assisting them in their journey to Austin, Texas, to represent their school and their section.

In addition to the growth of the Section Campus Championships, there has been a growth in regional leagues. The five leagues currently in existence (Florida, Middle States, Midwest, Pacific Northwest and Texas) all used the league results for seeding information at their respective Section Campus Championship tournament, thus giving collegiate club tennis a seamless regular and post-season for the first time ever!

If you and your club are interested in starting or joining a league, please contact Justin Street, USTA campus tennis coordinator, at [street@usta.com](mailto:street@usta.com).

## THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SEASON

The USTA Florida Campus Championship Series is a collegiate club tennis league that has rocked the collegiate club tennis world. Instead of highlighting dual matches between schools, the Campus Championship Series emphasizes team tournament play. Its season is comprised of one large tournament per month that each participating team volunteers to host once per year. These tournaments regularly see more than 100 individual participants and up to 16 different schools represented. The host team is allowed to determine the format. So far, the Campus Championship Series has showcased World Team Tennis; singles, doubles and mixed doubles draws; and a modified Davis Cup format.

"The Series is designed so each tournament will have a different format to test teamwork, the depth of a school's roster and abilities in singles and doubles," says Brent Boostrom, president of the University of Central Florida (UCF) Club Tennis Team, who created the Campus Championship Series in the fall of 2005 with the help of USTA Florida's Jodi Manning.

The Campus Championship Series has proved to be so popular that it has attracted schools from across Florida and as far away as Georgia Tech, Auburn and the University of Tennessee. "I want to see that any project or team that I am a part of exceeds all expectations," says Boostrom. And it has most definitely exceeded all expectations—perhaps even his own. Boostrom's model is going to be used in the USTA Southern California Section, where teams are now structuring their new league like the Championship Series.

It should come as no surprise that Boostrom's efforts are receiving recognition. He won the USTA/NIRSA National Student Tennis Ace Award in 2004, and he was the runner-up for the same award in 2005.



**Brent Boostrom, president of the University of Central Florida Club Tennis Team and founder of the USTA Florida Campus Championship Series.**

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## US OPEN SUITE LIFE



Play the US Open Suite Life Sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2006 US Open, including airfare, hotel, luxury suite tickets and a VIP tour of the USTA National Tennis Center. Simply go to [USTA.com/USOpenSuiteLife](http://USTA.com/USOpenSuiteLife) for your chance to win. Be sure to log on every day to see if you are an instant winner. And remember: The more times you play, the better your chances of winning. The US Open Suite Life expires June 30, 2006. So log on today and play!

# USTA/NIRSA TENNIS ACE AWARDS



It's always nice to be recognized, and the Tennis On Campus program likes to give credit when it's deserved. NIRSA recently acknowledged several members for their dedication to growing tennis on their respective campuses. The winners provided leadership in promoting, organizing or supporting recreational tennis participation on campus.

These are the people who make it happen. So if you see them on campus, be sure to say, "Thanks!"



Tennis Ace Award winners (left to right): Joe Rasgado, USTA Board of Directors member; Rick Leeper, Oregon State University; Brent Boostrom, University of Central Florida; Gary Cahen, University of Central Florida; Mirum Washington White, University of Arizona; Patty McConnell, University of Colorado; Valerie McCutchan, NIRSA National Center; and Glenn Arrington, USTA National Product Manager, Collegiate & Corporate Tennis.

## Student Tennis Ace Award

*National winner:* Rick Leeper, Oregon State University (USTA Pacific Northwest)

*Runner-up:* Brent Boostrom, University of Central Florida (USTA Florida)

## Professional Tennis Ace Award

*National winner:* Mirum Washington White, CRSS, University of Arizona (USTA Southwest)

*Runner-up:* Patty McConnell, CRSS, University of Colorado (USTA Intermountain)

*USTA Southern winner:* Kim Clark, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

*USTA Northern winner:* Travis Sieber, Northern State University

*USTA Pacific Northwest winner:* Jeff Crane, Western Washington University

## Institutional Tennis Ace Award

*National winner:* University of Central Florida (USTA Florida)

*Runner-up:* Stanford University (USTA Northern California)

*USTA Southwest winner:* University of Arizona

*USTA Missouri Valley winner:* University of Nebraska, Lincoln

*USTA Northern winner:* University of North Dakota

*USTA Southern California winner:* Pepperdine University

*USTA Pacific Northwest winner:* Washington State University

## THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SEASON *(continued from page 1)*

A great deal of Boostrom's success stems from his involvement with UCF's recreational sports department and the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). In addition to being president of the UCF Club Tennis Team, he is president of the UCF Sport Club Council and serves as NIRSA's Florida student director. Boostrom also volunteers on the USTA Florida Recreation Tennis Council and is involved with First Serve, a program devoted to teaching underprivileged children the game of tennis coupled with tutoring.

In the Campus Championship Series' inaugural season, the UCF Club Tennis Team came in first place—which led to a No. 1 seed in the USTA Florida Campus Championship. There, the team secured its place at the USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship in Austin, Texas, on April 20-22 by winning the tournament convincingly.

To set up a match with UCF, contact Boostrom at [brent@knightstennis.com](mailto:brent@knightstennis.com). To visit the UCF Club Tennis Team website, go to [www.knightstennis.com/club.htm](http://www.knightstennis.com/club.htm). And to visit the USTA Florida Campus Championship Series, go to [knightstennis.com/CCS/ccshome.htm](http://knightstennis.com/CCS/ccshome.htm).



Participants at the fall 2005 Daytona Cup from the University of Central Florida, Georgia Tech, University of South Florida, University of Miami and Flagler College.



# A GREAT EXAMPLE



In 2003, the USTA and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) founded the USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award to honor ITA coaches who have done an outstanding job of implementing recreational tennis programs on campus in an effort to grow tennis participation. For 2005, the awards program was open to more than 2,000 ITA head and assistant coaches at NCAA Division I, II and III schools as well as the NAIA and junior/community college levels.

The national winner was selected from a group of USTA sectional winners determined last fall (at right), and the USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award went to Dee Henry, women's tennis coach at Biola University, an NAIA school in La Mirada, California. Henry was honored in December at the ITA Coaches Convention at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, during the ITA Membership and Awards Banquet.

"The ITA and USTA strongly believe that campus recreation programs are extremely important for today's college coach to become involved in, and the award helps highlight the efforts of those coaches who have," says ITA Executive Director David A. Benjamin. "Dee is a great example of a coach who gives back to her community and campus, and our hope is that many other varsity coaches will emulate the great work she is doing."

Henry, who was also the award recipient for the USTA Southern California Section, has coached at Biola for the past 35 years. She has been instrumental in organizing numerous tennis events and programs that run throughout the academic year on the Biola campus. These programs involve the university's students along with its faculty, alumni and the surrounding community.

Some of the main programs Henry runs at Biola are: a USA Team Tennis campus league; hosting an annual tournament since 1979 for the students and community; a campus wheelchair program that provides instruction for recreational and competitive players; and Tennis Across America, a free program of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) that introduces tennis to families from Biola and the community. She started the USA Team Tennis program just three years ago, and it has already tripled in size.

Henry has also been involved with a Girl's Sports Day on campus, which is a program supporting Girl Scouts, and the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), which seeks to develop the character of young people through tennis and emphasize the ideals of the late Arthur Ashe. A new tennis center is also being constructed on the Biola campus that will help grow the already successful programs Henry is running.

## USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award— Sectional Winners

*USTA Intermountain:*  
Brad Pearce, Brigham Young University

*USTA Mid-Atlantic:*  
Constantine Ananiadis, Washington College (MD)

*USTA Middle States:*  
Dave Shook, Lehigh University

*USTA Missouri Valley:*  
Lisa Johnson, Oklahoma Christian University

*USTA New England:*  
Christine Davis, Smith College (MA)

*USTA Northern California:*  
Peter Wright, University of California (Berkeley)

*USTA Pacific Northwest:*  
Carl Swanson, Linfield College (OR)

*USTA Southern:*  
Mary Ann Sunbury, Pfeiffer University

*USTA Southern California:*  
Dee Henry, Biola University



Bill Ozaki (left), USTA senior director of junior and collegiate competition, with 2005 USTA/ITA National Campus Recreation Award winner Dee Henry of Biola University.

## BILLIE JEAN KING'S TENNIS TIPS

- Tennis can be a roller coaster ride. It's important to handle the day-to-day ups and downs with your tennis game in a rational manner.
- You really need to have the passion to play.
- Keep the vision of being a champion in your mind and know that there are bound to be setbacks along the way.
- Think of your game in terms of small steps. In other words, a short-term loss sometimes pays off in a long-term gain.
- Stay in the process and look at your progress, not just the end results. This frame of mind will help you maintain your focus when the going gets a little rough.

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# PROGRAMMING IDEAS: SMOOTH LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

As the school year winds to a close, your club should be looking to the future by holding board elections for the 2006–07 academic year. A smooth leadership transition will ensure the continued success of your club. Here are a few tips to help avoid the major pitfalls of the leadership transition process:

- Hold elections early enough so the outgoing leadership has time to train the incoming leadership.
- Keep the class composition of your board in mind. An all senior board could serve well for the upcoming year, but the ramifications may be felt the year after. Keeping at least one person actively involved on the board that will be returning the following year helps lead to successful board transitions.
- Plan a meeting with your recreational sports department and other key contacts to introduce the incoming leadership, update necessary paperwork and discuss the future year together.
- Turn over and review all club paperwork and equipment together.
- Update all bank information and review all financial records together.
- The incoming leadership should prepare a summer contact list for club members to facilitate easy communication.
- The incoming leadership should prepare for fall club recruitment opportunities (fairs, festivals and other campus events) with assistance from the outgoing leadership.
- The outgoing leadership should brainstorm and share with the incoming leadership its top three challenges, best practices, important documents, key people, activities, contacts and things it would do differently.

It is important for the outgoing leadership to keep in mind how it felt when it was the incoming leadership. Make sure the questions you did not have answers to and the information you wish you had when you assumed office are passed on to your replacement. This is your chance to leave your legacy, share your vision and impact your club tennis team for the years to come.

*Many thanks to Rollie Madison from DePaul University for providing "Planning a Leadership Transition" by Bonner Curriculum, from which several of the above ideas were taken.*

## PICTURE THIS

If you have a picture you would like to submit for this newsletter's *Picture This*, please e-mail it to Justin Street, USTA campus tennis coordinator, at [street@usta.com](mailto:street@usta.com).



The Valley City State University Club Tennis Team ([vikings.vcsu.edu/clubsports/tennis/](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/clubsports/tennis/)) paid a visit to Mt. Rushmore on a recent road trip to play the South Dakota School of Mines.

Left to right:

Bridget Birrenkott,  
Megan Schmidt,  
Shannon Mundfrom,  
Rodrigo Gaitan,  
Jameson Miller  
and Mark Nielson.

(Photo by Erik Kringlier.)

# NATIONAL CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP

## USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship

USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship

April 20-22, 2006

University of Texas

Austin, Texas

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Texas A&M, the reigning USA Team Tennis National Campus champions, will have its work cut out for the team to repeat as champions this year. A strong field at the National Campus Championship, highlighted by the University of Texas, University of Central Florida, University of Michigan and UCLA, has its sights set on the championship, too!

For more information on the 2006 USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship, visit [www.nirsa.net/sc/tennis/2006/index.htm](http://www.nirsa.net/sc/tennis/2006/index.htm).

## USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship Field

Alabama, University of (Tuscaloosa)	*Iowa State University	Oregon State University
*Arizona, University of	James Madison University	*Oregon, University of "A"
*California, University of (Berkeley)	Lehigh University	Oregon, University of "B"
California, University of (San Diego)	Marquette University	*Penn State University
*Central Florida, University of	Miami University	Pennsylvania, University of
Central Michigan University	Miami, University of	*Portland State University
Clemson University	*Michigan, University of "Maize"	*Puerto Rico, University of (Mayaguez)
College of William and Mary	*Michigan, University of "Blue"	Rutgers University
*Colorado, University of "A"	*Minnesota, University of "Maroon"	Sam Houston State University
Colorado, University of "B"	*Minnesota, University of "Gold"	*Southern California, University of
*Colorado State University	Missouri, University of (Rolla)	*Stanford University
*Cornell University "Red"	Nebraska, University of (Lincoln)	†*Texas A&M University
*Cornell University "White"	*New Mexico, University of	*Texas, University of (Austin)
Delaware, University of	North Carolina State University	Tyler Junior College
*Florida, University of	North Carolina, University of (Chapel Hill)	*UCLA
Florida International University	North Carolina, University of (Charlotte)	*Villanova University
*Georgia Tech	North Carolina, University of (Wilmington)	*Virginia, University of
*Georgia, University of	North Texas, University of	*Virginia Tech
*Harvard University	Northwestern University	*Washington University
*Hawaii, University of (Manoa) "A"	Ohio University	Western Washington University
*Hawaii, University of (Manoa) "B"	Ohio State University	Wisconsin, University of (Madison)
Houston Baptist University		

\* Qualified through Section Campus Championship

† Defending National Campus Championship winner