

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Greetings from snowy Syracuse, New York! My name is Shelley George, and I am one of the new co-chairs for the USTA Collegiate Committee. I have also recently accepted an assistant coaching position for

the women's tennis team at Syracuse University. Along with my new coaching position, I have had the pleasure of working with the club tennis team here at Syracuse. I wanted to share some information with you about the important relationship between varsity and club tennis teams on campus.

In my opinion, the partnership between the club team and the varsity team is essential for both to survive and thrive on campus and in the community. Although they have different needs, they share the same love of the game!

It is very important for varsity coaches to show support of their club team and offer to assist the student leaders of the program. These students often need guidance in learning how to run a successful team practice, reserve court time and come up with fundraising ideas. Often the mere presence of the varsity coach at a practice can inspire the student-athletes!

I know that time is valuable and coaches are very busy with their varsity teams, but involvement with your club team is an investment in the future of your varsity program. It is important for non-revenue sports like tennis to have support from the community and the club team to achieve success. It is a win-win situation for everyone involved!

Recently, we hosted a home match and I asked the club team to come to the match to support the varsity. Not only did they

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2007 USTA CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP

The USTA, along with our partners at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and World TeamTennis, are pleased to announce the eighth annual USTA Campus Championship. The 2007 event will be held April 26-28 at the Cary Tennis Park in Cary, N.C., and feature 64 colleges from across the country. The teams will compete against each other for the right to be crowned national champions using the dynamic and exciting World TeamTennis format, which offers coed teams the opportunity to participate in men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles, and mixed doubles.

As a result of the recent explosion of club tennis teams and the increased popularity and prestige of the USTA Campus Championship, teams can gain entry into the championship field in only two ways. First, a team can earn an automatic bid by competing in its USTA Campus Championship-Section event. Teams can also obtain at-large bids to the tournament on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details and full tournament registration information, please visit <http://www.usta.com/campus>.

Last year, Texas A&M University won a record third straight title, its fourth in five years. Previous winners include the University of North Carolina (2000, 2001) and the University of Florida (2003). For more information on this year's championship, please contact Valerie McCutchan at NIRSA: valerie@nirsa.org or (541) 766-8211.



Texas A&M, 2006 USTA Campus Championship champion



COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the USTA Midwest Section's Collegiate Coordinator, Steve Wise! Wise is the second recipient of the Tennis On Campus Coordinator of the Year Award. This award is bestowed on behalf of the USTA Collegiate Committee each year to honor and acknowledge a staff member who constantly seeks to increase participation throughout the campus community in innovative and exciting ways.

Through a tireless work effort and the utmost dedication, Wise has made a tremendous impact on all aspects of collegiate tennis in the Midwest Section. Over the past year,

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Steve Wise, 2007 USTA Tennis On Campus Coordinator of the Year

he has increased the number of Tennis On Campus programs to 55, with 25 of those colleges having club tennis teams! He runs one of the first club tennis leagues to have been established in the country, the Midwest Conference League, in which all of the club tennis teams in the Midwest Section compete. The culmination of the league season is the USTA Campus Championship-Midwest Section. Wise recently hosted more than 200 participants from 17 colleges on 24 teams at this year's tournament, more than doubling the number of schools and teams at last year's event!

"Without his inspiration, motivation and support, it would not have been possible to make the tennis program on the University of

Wisconsin campus as successful as it is," says University of Wisconsin Club Tennis Team President Andy Rebhun. "He has given me advice both on and off the court, which has been instrumental in running the club tennis team. Not only can I call Steve a great league coordinator, I am proud to refer to him as a friend."

Wise works closely with the Midwest Section's successful Collegiate Committee. Together, Wise and the Collegiate Committee are continually pushing the envelope of the Tennis On Campus program to achieve bigger and better things. He also works closely with varsity tennis programs throughout the section and arranges several College Tennis Workshops to inform high school tennis players of their collegiate tennis options.

"We're very pleased to see this year's award go to Steve Wise," says Glenn Arrington, USTA National Manager, Collegiate and Corporate Tennis. "Steve has shown tremendous leadership and vision in growing campus programs throughout the Midwest region. He's also one of the only full-time coordinators strictly devoted to collegiate tennis in the country. The results clearly speak volumes about his ability to make things happen."

TENNIS SHORTS

Tennis Warehouse

The Tennis On Campus program is excited to announce that Tennis Warehouse will be the presenting sponsor of the 2007 USTA Campus Championship! It's not too late to get hooked up with some sweet uniforms before heading to Cary, N.C., either. Visit <http://www.tennis-warehouse.com> and roll into the USTA Campus Championship looking like a champion!



Proctoring Available at USTA Campus Championship

A little known fact of the USTA Campus Championship is that we can proctor your exams. That's right! Don't let an exam keep your team from coming to the Championship. Contact Valerie McCutchan at NIRSA at valerie@nirsa.org or (541) 766-8211 for more information or to arrange for your exam to be proctored in Cary.

USTA Guide to Tennis on College Campuses

A long overdue USTA resource is now available: the *USTA Guide to Tennis on College Campuses*. With a foreword by James Blake, the guide provides important information about varsity and recreational tennis opportunities on campuses all across the country. It also includes information on collegiate wheelchair tennis and colleges that offer curriculum for a career in tennis. The guide is available at <http://www.usta.com/campus>.

UCLA Standouts

Congratulations to UCLA's Mark Otten and Anthony Horsley! The duo received the 2007 USTA Southern California Tennis On Campus Service Award, and deservedly so. Otten founded the UC Davis Club Tennis Team while he was an undergrad there and then started to reshape the recreational tennis scene at UCLA while attending grad school. Horsley played on his college's varsity tennis team in New York before relocating to sunny California and meeting Otten through the UCLA recreational sports department. Together, the two have overhauled the tennis scene at UCLA, expanding recreational tennis opportunities from two weekend tournaments with 30 students to an ongoing fall and spring intramural league and a club tennis team with over 200 students! The UCLA Club Tennis Team is now a four-time USTA Campus Championship-Southern California champion and two-time Top 5 USTA Campus Championship finisher.



Anthony Horsley, left, and Mark Otten, UCLA

USTA/ITA AWARDS



Dave Shook
Lehigh University

Dave Shook, Lehigh University men's and women's tennis coach, is the national winner of the USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award, and Chris Young, Wichita State University director of tennis, has been named the national winner of the USTA/ITA Community Service Award. They were honored Dec. 15, 2006, at the ITA Coaches Convention at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, during the ITA Membership and Awards Banquet.

The USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award honors an ITA coach who has done an outstanding job implementing recreational tennis programs on campus in an effort to grow tennis participation. The USTA/ITA Community Service Award honors an ITA coach for significant contributions in developing community-based tennis programs. This year's national winners were selected from a group of USTA sectional winners determined last fall. These awards, which began in 2003, were open to more than 2,000 ITA head and assistant coaches at the NCAA Divisions I, II and III,



Chris Young
Wichita State University

NAIA and junior/community college levels.

"Dave and Chris are great examples of coaches who give back to their communities and campuses," says ITA Executive Director David A Benjamin. "We strongly believe that community service and campus recreation programs are vital for today's college coach to become involved in, and these awards help highlight the coaches who have gone above and beyond in their efforts."

Shook has done outstanding work growing tennis on the Lehigh campus. He started a club tennis program that has grown to more than 100 players in just a few years and includes a traveling team that competes in matches and tournaments throughout the year. He holds an annual walk-on tournament for a spot on the varsity teams and assists the players who do not win the tournament in becoming involved with the club team. Shook also helps organize "Friday Night Tennis Parties" on the Lehigh campus, offering the student body fun, non-alcoholic alternatives.

Young has spent countless hours working to promote tennis in the Wichita area with fresh, new programs and events throughout the year. Just a few of the numerous programs he has been a part of include: tennis carnivals, the formation of a doubles league for Wichita State faculty and staff, and assisting the Tennis On Campus program at Wichita State.

"The USTA is proud to be associated with these very special coaches," says Glenn Arrington, USTA National Manager, Collegiate and Corporate Tennis. "We recognize the many challenges varsity tennis coaches face and tip our hat to those who go above and beyond the call of duty like this year's winners have. The extra efforts coaches put into their campus and community activities pay dividends for everyone involved in and around the sport of tennis."

USTA/ITA CAMPUS RECREATION AWARD – SECTIONAL WINNERS:

Eastern – Ira Miller, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Middle States – Lori Sabatose, Clarion University

Midwest – Al Wermer, University of Toledo

New England – Chuck Kinyon, Dartmouth College

Pacific Northwest – Gail Patton, Southern Oregon University

Southern – James Cuthbertson, Johnson C. Smith University

Southern California – Paul Settles, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges



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attend the match, they showed up "wearing the orange," with body paint on and with lots of energy! It was FANTASTIC! We provided pizza and they provided the cheering section. Head Coach Luke Jensen has utilized the club players as "bleacher coaches" for the varsity. They chart matches and help out wherever they are needed at each home match. In turn, Luke and I are willing to help their team grow and attend some of their practice sessions. We asked one of the girls on the club team to join the varsity, too. She has already made a big contribution to the Orange program, recently playing in her first match.

I would like to encourage varsity coaches to get involved with their club teams or to start a new program on campus if you don't already have one. The rewards are unlimited for everyone involved! Don't hesitate, PARTICIPATE! I am looking forward to the next two years as co-chair of the USTA Collegiate Committee and helping to grow the game of tennis on college campuses across the country! If there is anything that I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me for further assistance at Ihawk10s@aol.com or (315) 403-1484.

2006/2007 CALENDAR

National Event

USTA Campus Championship April 26-28, 2007 Cary Tennis Park, Cary, N.C. Contact: valerie@nirsa.org

Section Events

USTA Section	Date	Host Site	Contact
Caribbean	February 24-25, 2007	Centro de Tennis Honda	martinez@cta.usta.com
Eastern	February 18, 2007	Sound Shore Indoor Tennis Club	schnitzer@eastern.usta.com
Florida	February 17-18, 2007	Florida Gulf Coast University	manning@florida.usta.com
Hawaii Pacific	March 3, 2007	University of Hawaii, Manoa	kurosu@hawaii.usta.com
Intermountain	March 17-18, 2007	Darling Tennis Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	chien@ita.usta.com
Mid-Atlantic	February 24-25, 2007	Tennis Center at College Park, Md.	reardon@mas.usta.com
Middle States	October 28-29, 2006	Lehigh University	bkisthardt@msn.com
Midwest	February 23-25, 2007	University of Wisconsin	steve@midwest.usta.com
Missouri Valley	February 17-18, 2007	Drake University	riemann@mvalley.usta.com
New England	March 10, 2007	Weymouth, Mass.	tindall@newengland.usta.com
Northern	February 3-4, 2007	Swanson Tennis Center	egart@northern.usta.com
Northern California	November 4-5, 2006	Stanford University	somers@norcal.usta.com
Pacific Northwest	November 4-5, 2006	Tulatin Hills Tennis Center	markt@pnw.usta.com
Southern	March 24-25, 2007	Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn.	smithsta@earthlink.net
Southern California	February 10-11, 2007	UCLA's Sunset Canyon Rec Center	lmlan@scta.usta.com
Southwest	March 2-3, 2007	Tucson Racquet Club	gleason@southwest.usta.com
Texas	March 9-11, 2007	McFarlin Tennis Center	tcarlson@texas.usta.com

WTT TIPS – SUBSTITUTIONS



Mariaan de Swardt, coach of the Professional World Team Tennis League's Delaware Smash

This WTT tip was provided by Mariaan de Swardt, the coach of the Professional World Team Tennis League's Delaware Smash, former WTA Tour player and former assistant tennis coach at Georgia Tech.



In World Team Tennis, you have to be ready to play! This is true with substituting as well. As a coach, I am always communicating with my players on the court, as well as with the possible substitutes. You want to make sure that the substitute has warmed up and broken a sweat, even if they have to warm up off the court to get ready. Since it is about the TEAM and not an individual player, we substitute to help the team win. 3-0 is the key set score that I look for to make a substitution. You still have time to win games or possibly the set. Waiting until it is 4-1 or 5-0 is too late!

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