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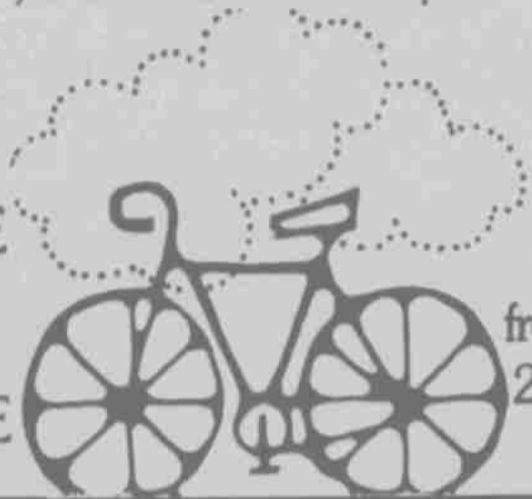
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Tired of lounging around? Summer sports are a solution

by VICKI RUHGA

Finals are over. You're tired of lounging around the apartment watching soaps and drinking iced tea. You want to go outdoors, get a suntan and maybe even some exercise.

In Lincoln, summer sports are the perfect solution. For tennis players, the city has 10 courts located at various parks in Lincoln. The condition of the courts varies, and tennis players may have to wait for a free court, depending on the number of other players and the time of day. Although there is a two-hour playing time limit, these courts are free of charge to the public.

Woods Tennis Courts, 33rd and J streets, has courts in good shape available for \$2.50 an hour for singles. Lisa Scott, a Woods employee, said the courts are usually full during mornings and afternoons, but in the evenings, they are not quite as full.

Lincoln also has bike routes which are free of charge. Cindy Sonderup, an employee of Cycle Works, 725 N. 27th St., said the bike routes, which are sponsored by the Lincoln Transportation System, are in fairly good shape.

Sonderup said the number of people using the bike routes varies, depending on where the route is located.

"The main routes through the city are really busy," she said.

IN ADDITION, there will be several sponsored events for cyclists this summer, she said. On June 26, Pete's Century Bicycle Ride will be held in Richfield, Neb.

Sonderup said this event allows riders to ride distances 25, 50- or 100-miles. All riders receive t-shirts, and patches will go to the 100-mile riders.

Cycle Works will sponsor a sag wagon, a van which follows riders and carries drinks, tools to fix bicycles, and food, Sonderup said.

The Rotary Club will sponsor a June 5-11 BRAN (Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska). Sonderup said the riders will camp at different cities each night, and the Rotary Club sets up the camp site and carries gear. This is the third annual 505 mile BRAN event. T-shirts will be given to each participant.

Sonderup said there are minimal fees for some events which benefit charities, a minimal amount of pledges are needed.

Dave Frazell, salesman and repairman of Lawlor's, 1118 O St., said the Nebraska Touring Bike Club in Lincoln will have

several small rides around Lincoln during the summer.

Although racquetball is an indoor sport, it is also popular during the summer. Sue Reed, evening manager of Sports Courts of Lincoln, Inc., said it costs \$7.18 to rent a racquetball court in non-prime-time hours, which are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. and all day Saturday.

PRIME TIME RATES (from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) are \$9.23 an hour. Both prices include the guest and court fee, Reed said.

Another option is to purchase a membership, which allows a person to use the 10 racquetball courts, 15 Nautilus Fitness Center machines, three exercise bikes, a swimming pool, a lounge, dancercise, and a free nursery, she said.

Students can purchase a three month membership for \$90, which entitles them to use all facilities except the racquetball courts during prime-time hours.

Reed said the prime time courts are reserved for full members, who pay an initiation fee and monthly fees.

Because students usually have more variety in their schedules, they can play during non-prime time hours, unlike business people who work all day, Reed said.

Reed said that members of the Lincoln Sports Courts can also play at the Omaha Sports Courts during certain times of the day for no charge. A student could also change his or her membership over to Lincoln, she said.

Students are also welcome to play racquetball at Wall-Bankers Racquetball Club and Fitness Center, 330 West P St., Dave Putensen, manager, said.

Putensen said there are two membership options. The annual membership has a \$30 initiation fee and a \$24 monthly fee.

The other option is a \$30 a month fee for a minimum of three months. Putensen said this entitles members to use all facilities, including the racquetball courts, fitness center, sauna, and whirlpool.

Putensen said the courts are in excellent condition, and availability is no problem because the courts are currently used only about 45 percent of the time. Wall-Bankers has eight courts which are open from 6 a.m. to midnight, he said.

"We're very close to the university, within easy bike riding or jogging distance," Putensen said.

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