

## Delays hinder club

Like a horse fighting the reins, the UNC Racquetball Club is working stubbornly to establish its prominence at UNC.

Growth, however, has been hindered by the repeated postponements of the opening of Fetzer Gym's new racquetball courts.

"The Racquetball Club has a great deal of potential," said club president Eric Plott. "I've received no word from Fetzer, Woolen, or the P.E. department (about the opening of the courts)."

Dr. John Billing, chairman of the Physical Education department, said that he did not know when the facility would be completed. "I've stopped giving out dates," he said. "I don't know what to tell them anymore."

and make contact above the waist. "Racquetball is a lower game. You have to bend your knees and back more," he said. "It's a faster game. You have to be fast on your feet."

Like volleyball, teams must win two out of three games to win a match.

The UNC club is new, having just begun in the spring of 1980, but the club has grown rapidly. Saturday, the team will face its first competition when it takes on UNC-Wilmington at Highwoods Racquet club in Raleigh. Plott said he was excited about the match.

"I'm not sure how we'll do," he said. "We definitely are a stronger team than last year."

Competition so far has been between club members. This year, club members play each other on a ladder. For both the men's and women's ladder there is an ultimate winner.

In March, the club will host its first racquetball tournament. There will be about 25 teams in the tournament, making it the largest ever in the Southeast, Plott said. He added that sponsors such as Pepsi-Cola and Ektelon, a racquetball equipment manufacturer, were interested.

Plott said he hoped more players would join the club. He estimated that as many as 40 percent of the students at UNC have played the game at some time, perhaps as many as 60 percent. "It's a rapidly growing sport."

Practices are held in Woolen Gym from 6-8 p.m. Plott said that the novices usually played the first hour and the advanced players had the courts for the second hour.

"That should appeal to the beginners, and it should appeal to the more advanced players on campus, too."

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Notes: Today is the deadline for team captains to schedule IM volleyball games for next week. Friday is the deadline for entering innetube water polo and the annual IM wrestling meet. All IM unit managers should check in with the office for updated information. Saturday, The Lifetime Leisure Activities Program Golf Clinic will be held at 10 a.m. on the Finley Golf course.



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## Volleyball team spiked by N.C. State

By TRACY YOUNG  
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Arch-rival North Carolina State got the best of the UNC volleyball team Tuesday night in Raleigh beating the Tar Heels 15-10, 15-9, 15-11.

"I don't like to lose, especially to State," head coach Beth Miller said. "But, I don't feel badly about how we played. We played better than we did this past weekend."

UNC has been working to eliminate blocking errors and overhit balls, and

Miller said those areas looked good against State.

In the third game of the match, the Tar Heels were down 2-10. A nine-point comeback put UNC on the winning track, but State prevailed.

Donna Meier had ten kills and four service aces. Sandy Schmidt had seven kills, while Laura Held and Jenny Watson each had four kills. Katie Howard spiked three kills, and Mercedes Balbe added two.

"Donna is a strong player," Miller said. "She didn't get set up that well this past weekend, but she did not set us much

more against State. This gives her more of an opportunity."

Maryland, Duke and Georgia Tech are in UNC's pool at the ACC Tournament this weekend in Raleigh. Miller said Maryland would be the team's major pool competition, while Clemson and State would provide good competition in the single elimination part of the tournament.

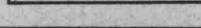
"I think we have an excellent chance to win," Miller added. "We are improving and as long as we put it all together, we have a good chance."

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Billing said that he had been told several times when the courts would be open, but on each occasion, the deadline was not met.

Plott, though, is enthusiastic about the opening of the new courts. "We're not as strong as we could be, but the new courts will help."

Currently, the club is using the facilities in Woolen Gym. Plott said that these courts were not adequate considering the number of people interested in playing.

"We had 60 or 70 in the first meeting, but when you only have five courts to divide among them, people begin to drop out."

"Only now is the University able to satisfy the needs of the club," he said. "We'll get a campaign (for membership) going as soon as the new courts open."

Plott said that there were presently about 35 members in the club including novices and advanced players.

"I encourage beginners to join, as well as advanced players," he said.

Racquetball is basically a simple game to play. It is scored like volleyball; the winner is the team to score 15 points first. It is similar to tennis in the way it is played, but there are differences.

"In tennis, the stroke is different," Plott said. "You use your shoulder more

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