

The Beef Box

Tennis court etiquette apalls waiting players

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Dear Beef Box: Yesterday, a friend of mine and I waited nearly an hour and a half for a tennis court. Some people finally vacated the court; we took it, but 15 minutes later, we were thrown off it by a tennis class. Couldn't we please have some organized system of getting a tennis court? UNCOURTED

Dear Uncourted: I bounced over to the courts myself to check out the rules. In addition to those requiring tennis shoes and proper court etiquette, rule number three specifies that when people are waiting for the use of a court, "doubles should be played," and "play should be limited to one hour." At the bottom of the rule-displaying placard, there appears the following warning: "Persons Failing to Comply with These Regulations May Be Asked to Leave."

Then, again, they may not. Last year, the P.E. Department attempted to engage a paid supervisor to keep non-University people off the courts and enforce the rules. They were unable to because of — you guessed it — budgetary limitations.

Karla Rice, chairer of the University Recreation Coordinating Committee, plans on re-

submitting a new plan this year which would provide for a full-time supervisor to be financed by a "user's fee." She welcomes comment on the plan, so call ext. 3389, which may solve your problem in the long run.

In the short run, you could follow the advice of Mike Reuter of the Men's P.E. Department — raise a racket! When faced with inconsiderate court-holders, Reuter suggests that, "You go up and tell them the rules." Of course, depending on your size, you may want to be armed with more than righteous indignation and the rules of the court! Good luck.

Dear Beef Box: A few days ago I went to the transcript office to order transcripts for graduate school applications. Some of the schools I am applying to require pre-graduation deadlines for applications, but I must send a complete transcript upon graduation. I asked if the office sent a supplement upon graduation, and was told no; I'd have to come back later and pay the fee again and so forth. I don't mind going in and requesting a supplement, but I do mind paying the whole fee again. It seems to me, especially if the student only has to send one transcript (to his final choice of school), that he should not have to pay \$2 twice. A Xerox copy is five cents, and the

official sticker and seal can't be much more. Perhaps a supplement (giving just the quarters since the first transcript) could be available for 50 cents or so? C.H.

Dear C.H.: The logic of your idea flies in the face of the accumulated rules and regulations of the State System of Higher Education. While you look at the procedure in terms of the product received, the price charged is computed on the basis of the service provided.

Assistant Registrar Dorothy Brown informs us that the State System of Higher Education establishes the fee structure and that the Registrar's Office is merely a collecting agency. As well as determining the amount of charges, it sets up criteria concerning when the charges will be assessed.

"Every time you order one (a transcript) the fee would apply," Brown adds.

While your idea of a supplement appears most reasonable, it seems such practice is outlawed by the same

State System: "We never send a partial transcript or just the portion that the student wants," the Assistant Registrar further explained.

Anyhow, the copying of the official record is but one of a number of steps — retrieving, typing, filing, mailing and replacing are also involved — in securing a transcript. No matter what part of the transcript is needed, many busy hands must paw that graded anthology of your collegiate career and that takes money.

Maybe you can take consolation in the fact that you only have to pay once every four years and that, in the long run, it is a small ransom to pay considering the gargantuan joys of unemployment, poverty and anxiety which graduation may bring you.

The Beef Box eagerly solicits your outpourings of grief, anguish and awful anger, be they directed to those souls in or out of the campus community. Gather them into a paper-like device and send them to The Beef Box, care of the Emerald, 301 Allen Hall.

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