THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEN'S CREW

N E W S L E T T E R

AUTUMN 1980

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the club was conducted in June in the Reynolds Club on campus. The general business meeting and election of officers was followed by an awards ceremony and wine and cheese refreshments. Ed Stack, our coach for two years, was feted for his accomplishments during his tenure during which the club improved greatly.

New officers: Clifford Kozemchak President — Noah Silverstein Treasurer
Alan Hodges Vice-President — James Parker Secretary
Andrew Lang Captain

Summer The club is officially inactive during the summer months with interested oarsmen eligible to row under the auspices of the Lincoln Park Boat Club. This summer, four UC oarsmen and a coxswain formed a boat that went on, after two months of daily practices, to easily defeat both a Lincoln Park four and a Michigan State University four.

The Boat: Glazer-stroke, Howard, Silverstein, Kozemchak, Rojek-cox

Autumn Season This autumn the club will engage in a more ambitious program than in the past. In addition to daily practices beginning the first week of classes, several competitions are planned. It is hoped that most of this year's novices can be introduced to rowing during the autumn so as to facilitate a fast start in the spring. Races in varsity eights and fours, and novice eights are anticipated.

Oct 19 Head of the Charles, Boston
Nov 1 Notre Dame, U of Michigan, Michigan State at Michigan State
Nov 8 Head of the Tennessee, Knoxville

Immediate Past President's Address--Andrew Lang The overall theme of the men's crew during the past year was to concentrate on improving the team as an active,competitive body and to do fund raising through our own efforts. Although we were faced with the unfortunate situation of having lost our racing eight due to a collision with a yacht on the Chicago River during the summer, we were able to reach an acceptable agreement with Lincoln Park Boat Club for our spring season. During the spring racing season the team aquitted itself well, the first eight winning the varsity consolation final at the Great Lakes Invitational, beating arch-rival Michigan State at the Michigan Championships, and then suffering a heart-breaking loss to underdog Lincoln Park in the Chicago Sprints. The president bequeathed to his successor the projects of looking for a new coach and the setting up of a Friends of Chicago Crew Foundation, two endeavors begun in the final weeks of the rowing year.

New President's Address The coming year presents many challenges, yet we have reason to be more optimistic than ever. Our fundraising efforts are already well-planned and it seems likely we will double last year's total revenue. The big boost will be the purchase this year of a racing eight. Our entire varsity eight will be returning, some of our novices who showed great potential last year will be competing for seats in the varsity eight, and a strong effort to recruit both undergrads and graduate students will add even more to the quality of the team. The Lincoln Park boathouse is completely renovated and the park district is cooperating by keeping the full length of the lagoon open allowing 1800 meter straight stretches. With a great deal of hard work and some good fortune this will be the year the University of Chicago Men's Crew becomes a viable force in mid-west rowing.