

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEN'S CREW

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 1980-81

Autumn Meeting The crew had a strong and active autumn, with daily morning workouts establishing a solid base for our spring season. Our new members were able to gain a good introduction to the team and topped their season with a race against Michigan State's novice boat. The varsity four had a successful showing in Boston at the Head of the Charles despite an equipment problem.

New Coach We are most fortunate to have secured the services of Murray Beach for the coming year. He will serve as a coach and technical advisor. His experience in crew is extensive, having rowed at Kent School in Connecticut and at Harvard, rowed and coached at Dartmouth, and coached a recent U.S. National team. His arrival is a tremendous windfall for the crew and should provide us with the technical advisement necessary to have a successful season.

Wisconsin Trips On November 9th and again on January 24th the crew traveled to Madison to use the ergometer and indoor tanks at the University of Wisconsin. We plan to make several more such trips between now and the spring, one every two to three weekends. Such trips afford us the opportunity to preserve and improve our rowing form in the tanks and to test our fitness on the ergometer.

Winter Plans Winter workouts began in early January utilizing a program provided by Coach Beach and the University's fieldhouse facilities. This winter's program is more extensive than those used in the past and should prepare us well for the spring season.

Tentative Spring Schedule The crew hopes to be on the water as soon as the ice breaks on the Lincoln Park Lagoon. At the latest this should be March 21st, which is the beginning of the week-long spring break at the University. Our spring racing schedule tentatively shapes up as follows:

April 11	race to be announced	
April 18	Notre Dame and Michigan State	South Bend, Ind.
April 25	Midwest Sprints	Madison, Wisc.
May	Waterloo Invitational	Waterloo, Iowa
May	Michigan Championships	Grand Rapids, Mich.
May	Great Lakes Invitational	East Lansing, Mich.

Planned Equipment Purchases If the spring of 1981 is to be a successful racing season for Chicago, it is important that we upgrade our equipment. Thus, we have the goal of securing the following items:

Racing 8-man shell	\$4000
8 oars at \$100 each	800
outboard motor for coach's boat	350
stroke watch	100
Total	\$5250

Thus far the University has provided us with a grant of \$2300 to help us toward our goal. In addition, the crew hopes to raise about \$1000 through the showing of popular movies on campus. This still puts us nearly \$2000 short of our goal. Thus we are currently engaged in our annual fund-raising effort. Contributions are being sought for the general discretionary fund, or earmarked for specific purchases. Individuals interested in our fund-raising effort may contact Clifford Kozemchak, president of the crew, either by mail at 4901 S. Greenwood, Chicago, 60615, or by phone at 536-1643, for further information.