THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEN'S CREW

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Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the club was conducted in June in the Reynolds Club. The general business meeting and election of officers was followed by an awards ceremony and a wine and cheese reception. Cliff Kozemchak won the most valuable oarsman award and Dave Koester won the most improved oarsman award.

New officers: President: Alan Hodges Treasurer: Clay Belcher
Vice-President: Bruce Lifka Secretary: Dan Laurence

Past President's Address - Cliff Kozemchak The U of C Men's Crew had an exceptional year, both organizationally and competitively. We accomplished or exceeded most of our goals and laid a solid foundation for the future of the club. We established ourselves as one of the most viable athletic organizations within the University and as one of the best organized crews in the Midwest. We also improved competitively, becoming the sixth or seventh best crew in the Midwest. It was truly an exceptional year - a year pointing the club towards future progress. However, few of these accomplishments could have been made without the diligent assistance of Alan Hodges, coach Marty Howard, and technical advisor Murray Beach. I also wish to express deeply felt pride and admiration for my fellow oarsmen this year - best wishes always, gentlemen. As I leave office, the incoming administration is a strong and competent one and next year's oarsmen tough and perseverent. The continued success of the crew is assured.

Summer Team members row under the auspices of the Lincoln Park Boat Club during the summer. The major event of the season is the Welborn Regatta, held in Evansville, Indiana. It was the site of perhaps the most sensational upset of the year as a LPBC boat, manned mostly by UC oarsmen, won four medals, including a first place medal won in a thrilling race against Purdue, this year's Midwest champion, and the Detroit Boat Club.

Overall, the summer season has been a great success. U of C oarsmen and coxwains have gained invaluable racing experience and have been fortunate in receiving excellent coaching from Chuck Hewitt (head of LPBC) and several other LPBC members. The remaining weeks of the summer will be spent reconditioning equipment and preparing for the Head of the Charles this Fall.

Treasurer's Report This year a racing shell and ten oars were purchased from Harvard for $3,500. This was an important investment for the club. Skills can be developed to full potential with good equipment and the shell has led to further club unity. Unfortunately, the shell was damaged in transit and damage has been estimated at $1,700; claims are pending. Additionally, the oars are showing signs of their age and harsh use. Replacement of the oars has become the foremost financial objective of the club. Financial support will be greatly appreciated and should be directed to:

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