

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CREW

NEWSLETTER - 1981 FALL

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SEASON RECAP - 1981 proved to be a banner year for the UC Crew Club. Following successful spring and summer seasons, the team continued its competitive growth by ending the Fall season with a varsity win at the Head of the Tennessee and a novice win at the Lincoln Park Fall Regatta. The season began when the Chicago varsity eight rowed in the club eight event at the Head of the Charles after two weeks of fall practise. The team finished a dissapointing 27th. However, this is the first time the club has sent an eight to Boston and our participation was healthy for the development of the club. On a brighter note, two weeks later the club entered the lightweight four event at the Head of the Tennessee. The crew captured the Knoxville City Cup with a first place finish in a field of eight teams. This marks the first victory for the UC Crew in an officially sanctioned USRA regatta. In another equally satisfying victory, new club members participated in and won a race against the Lincoln Park Boat Club and the newly founded Northwestern Crew. We hope this is an indication of continued competitive growth in the future.

ORGANIZATION - Two organizational changes have been made during the Autumn. We are pleased to announce that Marty Howard has assumed the duties of Head Coach and Dave Glazer has been elected the team captain. Marty has been associated with the club since its inception six years ago and also served as an assistant coach under Murray Beach last spring. Dave has been a member of the club and a leading oarsman for three years.

RECRUITMENT - Fortyfive people expressed an interest in participating in the club on Activities Night this fall. Approximately twenty eventually rowed with us and we developed a hard core novice group of twelve members. Included among these new members are four women rowers. Although we are not actively recruiting women, it is hoped that we will be able to compete in men's and women's events this spring. At the conclusion of the fall rowing season, an additional thirty persons were recruited on campus. New prospective members will be contacted in the beginning of the Winter quarter for participation in winter workouts. However, you are welcome to contact us at any time. Anyone reading this newsletter and interested in joining our club can reach us at: 324-2527.

TRAINING - Coach Howard, with the aid of Larry Briand, the UC varsity trainer, has designed an intensive training program for this winter, consisting of team workouts and excursions to Madison to use the indoor rowing tanks. Club members should be running and/or lifting over Winter break to prepare for the workouts. In addition to scheduled workouts, we hope to have the cooperation of the Sports Medicine Clinic in the application of stress tests for club members. Finally, as many of you know, Chicago water in March is often not in a liquid state and water time is essential for competitive rowing in our early regattas. Therefore, for the first time in the club's history, we are trying to plan for a spring training during our academic break, in a southerly climate.

PURCHASES - The club recieved \$2,300 in funding from the Sports Club Council this fall. The majority of funds will be spent in partial repayment of past loans and the purchase of another Pocock eight man shell from the Minneapolis Rowing Club. The 10+ year old shell will cost \$1,100 and will be stored in Minneapolis this winter. We also plan to purchase an ergometer in time for the winter workouts which will cost approximately \$475. Although we are still hopeful about the prospect of buying a new set of oars, the decision rests solely on the success of fund raising efforts this winter. One final note for team members is that rowing uniforms and jackets will soon be available. While jackets are optional, racing jerseys are mandatory for competition. Uniforms will be discussed at the first team workout in January.

PICNIC - For all those interested, the first annual Winter Crew barbeque and swim will be held at the 57th street beach at 5:30 A.M. on Saturday, December 12th. Call 324-2527 for reservations.

BLOOD MONEY - Again, as many of you know, we are in critical financial shape. While we are a solvent organization, our funding is limited. If we are to continue increasing our membership ranks and improving competitively, we need to increase our funding in order to replace our antiquated equipment. Unfortunately, we are restricted in many types of fund raising activities. Therefore, we are making an appeal to parents and relatives of students involved with rowing to help support us with any type of contribution possible. Contributions should be made out to the University of Chicago and directed towards the Crew Club. They are tax deductible and written verification will be given by the University. Remember that any deductions dated December 31 or sooner are eligible for deductions on 1981 tax returns. This appeal would be more formal, but due to the lack of time before the fiscal year ends and the fact that this writer is battling mono and finals at the same time, I'm asking that team members distribute copies of the newsletter to their parents - at their option, of course. Correspondence should be addressed to:

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