

THE LAGOON MAROON

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"Yoo-hoo! Oh, yoo-hoo! ... I think I'm getting a blister."

1983/84 REGATTA RESULTS

Fall

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| Head of the Mississippi: | ML4 1st | WL4 2nd |
| | Mixed 8 2nd | |
| Head of the Charles: | ML4 6th(!) | W4 23rd |
| Head of the Tennessee: | ML4 1st | WN4 2nd |
| | MN4 1st | |
| Head of the Chattahoochee: | MN4 4th | MixN4 6th |
| Frostbite Regatta: | WL4 1st | MN4 1st |
| | W8 1st | |
| | WN8 1st | MN8 3rd |

Spring

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| Notre Dame: | ML4 2nd | WL4 2nd |
| | W4 2nd | |
| | WL8 2nd | MN8 2nd |
| Midwest Regionals: | ML4 1st(!) | WL4 4th |
| | WL8 3rd | MN4 6th |
| Milwaukee Sprints: | ML4- 2nd | WL4 1st |
| | MN8 2nd | Mix8 1st |
| | MN4 1st | |

Summer

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| Chicago Sprints: | MN4 3rd | MixN8 3rd |
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NEW FALL OFFICERS

President: Jim Wooten/Gordy Williams
Vice-President: JoAnn Butler
Secretary: Ian Sweedler
Treasurer: Geof Plampin
Equipment Manager: Chris Jordan
Transportation Manager: Mark Shapiro
Captains: Ted Beutel and Eva Merchant
Faculty Adviser: Jim Meyer (a rowing member!)

GENERAL PATTON GETS A NEW LOOK

During the first part of June, the General Patton received a well deserved overhaul. Under the capable direction of Jon Pritchett and Jim Meyer, a willing crew of volunteer workers performed some much needed tasks. The front decking has been replaced, along with all of the seat tracks. The inside received two coats of varnish and was sanded and patched in several places. Four coats of marine varnish were applied to the hull. Additional water-speed has been assured by a final coating of wax to the skin, the careful application of maroon enamel highlighting to the riggers, and the restoration of General Patton's name to the bow. As a result, the Patton's appearance now arouses considerable admiration and awe. The major repair remaining is the replacement of the rear decking; this should be accomplished in the early Fall (God willing...).

HOW THE PATTON GOT ITS NAME

The University of Chicago Coed Crew (formerly the UC Men's Crew) acquired the General Patton from Harvard University in the Fall of 1980. The Patton, which is a heavy-weight Pocock eight, was Harvard's fastest boat in the early seventies, having once set the course record for the men's open eight at the Head-of-the-Charles. It turns out that a member of the Lincoln Park Boat Club was a member of that crew, and he told us this story. The name "Patton" was chosen because the stroke of this Harvard crew was a military fanatic who wrote his BA paper on tank warfare tactics. He apparently required the members of the boat to wear plastic army helmets in order to inspire the boat to greater glory. Perhaps we ought to resurrect this tradition?

LEARN TO ROW

Our third annual learn-to-row class is going great this summer. We experimented with something new this year and taught two sessions. Not only did 34 new rowers join us for the summer season, but over \$1,000 was raised for the club. The weather was perfect and the enthusiasm was high when the first session LTR graduates fielded a mixed novice eight for the fifth annual Chicago Sprints Regatta held in the Lincoln Park Lagoon. After only five weeks of rowing the UC boat beat Milwaukee Boat Club in the first heat and lost to Mendota Boat Club in the semi-finals by only .5 Seconds! A good number of the graduates from both sessions will be joining us this fall for another very full season of rowing.

Even properly cared-for equipment suffers from wear and tear; boats eventually get tired and oar blades get chewed up. Looking toward the future, our equipment replacement program has a short-term goal of acquiring a new set of Dreissigacker oars, and a long-term goal of purchasing a new racing shell. To help fund these efforts we are offering our old, but refinished, Pocock oars for sale at \$185 a piece (the cost of a new Dreissigacker oar). These oars will add the finishing touch to your living room decor, so don't pass up this great opportunity. We're also looking for patrons to buy an inch (or more!) of a new oar. Each inch could be yours at only \$1.50. Please help. All contributions are, of course, tax deductible. Make checks out to University of Chicago Coed Crew Club.