

U of C success at Charles

By Anna Leider

Last weekend members of the University of Chicago Co-ed Crew Club travelled to Boston to compete against teams from all over the United States and Canada in the 19th annual Head-of-the-Charles Regatta. The Men's Lightweight Four finished sixth out of 28 teams in their event, well ahead of both Harvard and Yale, while the women beat Smith and Wellesley, placing 23rd out of 40 in the Women's Open Four.

Starting in the 28th position, the men's four (Carla Pritchett, cox; Jon Pritchett, stroke; Mark Sexton, 3; Greg Prince, 2; Ted Beutel, bow) overtook five boats to finish the three-mile course in a time of 17:45.2. The women's four (Ian Sweedler, cox; Sarah Potter, stroke; Anna Leider, 3;

Ingrid Hunt, 2; Adena Schutzberg, bow) improved greatly over last year's 35th place finish, rowing the same winding, upstream course in 20:21.9.

Some 720 boats, carrying over 3000 rowers, race in 18 events, making the Head-of-the-Charles not only the oldest, but also the largest regatta of its kind in North America. The participants range from high school and college teams to Olympic hopefuls and world class champions.

While the Charles is certainly the highlight of the fall rowing season, it does not mark the end. This weekend the men's lightweight four travels to Knoxville to defend its title at the Head of the Tennessee. It will be joined by a women's novice four and a men's novice four.