

Crew sweeps Michigan

By Jo Storesman

Undaunted by bus problems which caused a five hour stopover in Portage, Indiana, members of the University of Chicago Coed Crew Club continued on to East Lansing, Michigan where they won five of the six events in this year's "Frostbite Regatta." Winning their events were the Women's Novice Eight, the Women's Varsity Eight, the Women's Varsity Four, the Men's Novice Four and the Mixed Eight. The Men's Novice Eight came in third. Unlike the fall's three mile head regattas, where Chicago has also fared well, this course was a 2000-meter sprint.

Ironically, the day of the race was sunny, warm and windless making the running starts easy for both officials and coxwains. The races were casual with two of Chicago's winning boats, the Women's Novice Eight and the Women's Varsity Eight, containing oarswomen from other schools. These two events, like most of the others, were won easily as the Chicago boats pulled ahead at the start and finished with a large lead. The only exception was the Men's Novice Four (Ian Sweedler, coxwain; C.M. Hettrick, stroke; Jim Wooten, 3; Sam Gilbert, 2; Mark Shapiro, bow). Racing against the clock, they beat a strong Northwestern boat by a mere two seconds.

The Women's Varsity Four (Sweedler, coxwain; Ingrid Hunt, stroke; Adena Schutzberg, 3; Anna Leider, 2; Eva Merchant, bow) at first looked to be an exciting race with Chicago and Michigan State matching strokes well down the course. But at the finish line, Chicago had open water and a twenty second lead.

An unexpected victory came when Chicago's mostly novice, thrown-together Mixed Eight (Sweedler, coxwain; Hunt, stroke; Leider, 7, Lars Wulff, 6; Mitch Wirth, 5; Sam Gilbert, 4; Hank Scheunemann, 3; JoAnn Butler, 3; Schutzberg, bow) finished

with an impressive three-boat lead over Michigan State. The only loss suffered by the club was in the Men's Novice Eight event, as Chicago's boat (Schutzberg, coxwain; Hettrick, stroke; Wooten, 7; Wulff, 6; Joe Holtz, 5; Chuck Connolly, 4; Wirth, 3; Joe Karten, 2; Geoff Plampin, bow) took third behind Northwestern and Michigan State. With only three weeks of rowing and no racing experience behind most of them, this loss was not entirely unexpected.

For most, this was the last race of the fall, but for the undefeated Men's Novice Four, and a newly formed Mixed Four, the season continues at the Head of the Chattahoochee in Atlanta. If Georgia is too far to travel to watch the Coed Crew Club in action, just turn on your television set. "Eye on Chicago" is featuring the Club this Saturday (Nov. 12) at 6:30 on channel 7.

Winter workouts will begin soon, as the Club prepares for an equally active and successful spring season. Anyone interested in joining should contact Ingrid Hunt at 241-7395, Mark Sexton at 947-9083, or Gordy Williams at 947-9441.