

Crew brings home medals

By Anna Leider

The University of Chicago Co-ed Crew Club set two course records last weekend when it travelled to Knoxville for the 7th annual Head-of-the-Tennessee Regatta. Setting records were the Men's Lightweight 4 and the Men's Novice 4 while Chicago's other entry, the Women's Novice 4, finished a respectable second.

Surrounded by magnificent cliffs and brilliant fall foliage, the Men's Lightweight 4 (Carla Pritchett, coxwain; Jon Pritchett, stroke; Mark Sexton, 3; Greg Prince, 2; and Ted Beutel, bow) had no problems defending their Head-of-the-Tennessee title. They rowed the 5000-meter course in a time, the Men's Novice Four (Ian Sweedler, coxwain; C.M. Hettrick, stroke; Jim Wooten, 3; Jim Meyer, 2; and Mark Shapiro, bow) also earned first place medals. Finishing the course in a time of 21:13.0, theirs was a much closer race as they

edged out 2nd place Wayne State by a mere 1.25 seconds.

The Women's Novice 4 (Ian Sweedler, coxwain; Molly Moon, stroke; Anna Leider 3; JoAnn Butler, 2; and Eva Merchant, bow) was able to overcome early interference from one of host Tennessee's boats to finish 2nd in their race. In head races, a passing boat is always given the right-of-way. Unfortunately for Chicago, Tennessee refused to yield causing the two boats to lock oars. Both crews were forced to a complete stop in order to disentangle themselves and reset their courses. Chicago rapidly pulled away and finished the course in a time of 23:55.46.

While this race marked the end of the season for Chicago's highly ranked Men's Lightweight 4, other member's of the club prepare themselves for this weekend's "Frostbite Regatta" in East Lansing, and next weekend's Head-of-the-Chattanooga in the warmer climate of Atlanta.