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Crew rows to easy wins

The U of C coed crew club ended the fall season with an impressive showing, outscoring Grand Valley State, Michigan State and Wayne State Universities to win the Michigan State Invitational Regatta last Saturday.

In its debut as the "coed crew club," the team scored first place finishes in both women's and men's events. The cold but calm day began with the women's novice eight easily outdistancing the rest of the field, taking the lead at the start and increasing it throughout the 2000-meter race. This was the first race for five of the women.

The mixed eight (four men and four women) from U of C managed a third place finish, which was not unexpected since the rowers had virtually no experience rowing together.

The women's novice four turned in a devastating performance, reducing their contest to a one-boat race. Technical difficulties with the Grand Valley crew necessitated rowing the course again, but the results were the same.

The only other loss of the day went to the men's novice eight, competing for the first time. Lack of practice was a factor for the novice entry, as three of the eight rowers had less than three week's experience prior to the regatta.

The men's open four event was won by a lightweight crew from the U of C, an area the team expects to dominate during the next season.

Head Coach Martin Howard was encouraged by the team's performance, and said, "The fact is that we are now one of the finest crews in the Midwest.

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The teams we defeated today all have longer histories and bigger budgets than we do. I think the credit must go to all the team members who clearly demonstrate that there are no secrets to our system other than hard work. Our team members must help with equipment maintenance, fundraising, transportation, and other expenses. This level of dedication is impressive and should be recognized by the University community."

The Club will spend the winter in an intensive conditioning program that was begun last season with the help of trainer Larry Briand.