

## SPORTS

# Co-ed crew opens season

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The University of Chicago Co-ed Crew Club opened its 1983 fall season with an impressive showing at the Head of the Mississippi Regatta last Saturday in Minneapolis, winning the Men's Open 4, and taking second in both the Women's Open 4 and the Mixed 8. Both fours consisted of the club's lightweight boatings, rowing in what was seen as a warm-up for the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston Oct. 23.

The men's four (Carla Pritchett, cox; Jon Pritchett, stroke; Mark Sexton, 3; Greg Prince, 2; Ted Buettel, bow) defeated rival and host Minneapolis Rowing Club by 11 seconds, finishing in a time of 15:03. In the women's four, Chicago (Ian Sweedler, cox; Sarah Potter, stroke; Anna

Leider, 3; Ingrid Hunt, 2; Adena Schutzberg, bow) was edged out by 4 seconds by Mendota (Wis.) Boat Club, finishing in 17:23 over the 45000-meter course.

The hardier members of both fours later participated in the mixed eight,

losing only to the Minnesota Boat Club entry.

In rowing, the fall season is populated mainly by head races — all spiritual descendants of the races among the colleges at Oxford, in which the individual colleges would compete for the position of Head of the River. Head races differ from the usual 2000 meter boat race in that the distance is longer (5000 meters) and, rather than starting all boats at once, each boat is started at approximately 15-second intervals. The winning boat is the one with the fastest time.

Included in the Club's autumn schedule are the Charles in Boston and, one week later, the Head of the Tennessee, in which the men's lightweight four is the defending champion. The Charles is the largest regatta of its kind in the nation, with forty boats entered in each of 18 events.