

High winds delay Midwest rowing championships

The Women's Crew fielded Frosh Eight and Open Single entries at the Midwest Rowing Championships in Madison, Wisconsin last weekend. The regatta normally consists of events running from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., but for the first time since the Championships began in 1972 heavy wind conditions caused the cancellation of all races on Saturday. Most crews in attendance stayed in Madison an extra day hoping conditions would allow the regatta to commence on Sunday.

The two Frosh Eight heats, originally scheduled for noon on Saturday, finally took place between 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The University of Wisconsin A in heat one and the University of Minnesota in heat two were the winners with times of 7:37.1 and 7:40.9, respectively. UCWC finished last in heat

two with a time of 10:38.0, two minutes behind the second slowest time of 8:26.0 by Northwestern.

The frosh eight final and consolation final, and the Women's Open Single final without qualifying heats, rescheduled for 1-1:15 p.m. on Sunday, were cancelled as weather conditions again deteriorated beyond the point of safe racing.

According to UCWC coaches Susan Urbas and Janet Lubert, the team's performance was predictable and not worrisome at this point in the crew's development.

"Due to bad weather this spring the team had only two weeks of water time and no pre-racing experience going into this regatta," they said. "The Frosh Eight did 1,850 meters in 10:30 during Thursday's practice. We antici-

pated that under favorable water conditions they could shave a minute off that time in actual competition. That they didn't we attribute to the weather and the poor condition of the boat we borrowed from Wisconsin. In every other sense they performed well and accomplished their goals at this regatta. They are at the point in development where large gains in speed come with each additional day on the water. We have a great deal of faith in their ability to become highly competitive as the season progresses. They have the best training water in Chicago and that's going to begin to pay off soon."

Participants in the novice eight included Lisa Wilson, Jeanne Gravois, Caara Fritz, Sunnie Quijada, Melanie Janson, Larisa Goldin, Starley Shade, Ariana Lloyd, and Ellen Brown. Serri-

ta Jane and Susie Brady will join the team for next week's meet.

UCWC's second competition this spring will take place at an informal meet at Lincoln Park Lagoon this Saturday. The team plans to compete in Women's Frosh Four, Eight and Open Single events against the Coed Crew, Lincoln Park Boat Club, Northwestern and Notre Dame.

The Women's Crew rows out of the Chicago Aquatic Center on the Chicago River, and continues to recruit women for its spring and summer rowing programs. Any undergraduates, graduate student, alumni, faculty, staff or spouses interested in joining the team should call Coach Urbas at 938-1093.

This number may also be used to contact the team regarding the sale of its famous STROKE t-shirts beginning next week.