

Crew places 6th to end season

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Saturday, May 14, the coed crew ended its finest season with an impressive performance at the Waterloo, Iowa Regatta.

Forty of its rowers competed in Novice, Varsity Men's, Women's, and mixed races. Of 22 teams entered, the Chicago crew placed sixth overall.

The large number of entries made heats necessary for most events, and all of the UC entries except the women's open four qualified for the finals. Making the finals in men's events were the Open 4, Lightweight 4,

Varsity 8, Novice 8, and Novice 4 boats. Women's boats in the finals were the Lightweight 4, Novice 4, and Novice 8.

Chicago's Men's Light 4 won gold medals despite strong competition, and will be going to the National Championships in July as one of the fastest such boats in the Midwest region. The Men's Open 4 placed second, earning silver medals.

The performance of the team was noted by United States Rowing Association officials, who complimented President Dave Glazer and Head Coach Marty Howard on the growth of the team, and on its first-rate competitive performances.

The Waterloo Regatta followed a similarly fine performance at the Midwest Championships two weeks earlier at Madison, Wisconsin. There, too, all the Varsity boats qualified for the finals, and the Men's Light 4 won bronze medals in a photo-finish for the first four places. The Championship Regatta is one of the largest in the country, and this was the first medal won there by a U of C crew in many years.

The weekend between the Waterloo and Madison Regattas was marred by horrible weather, and a regatta at East Lansing, Michigan was canceled before many events were run.

The University of Chicago coed crew will continue to grow this summer with another series of "learn-to-row" classes for beginners, as well as competition at the Nationals and throughout the Midwest. Any experienced rowers, coxswains or coaches, or persons interested in learning to row can call Dave Glazer at 477-5652.
