CRASH-B Sprints attract 600 rowers

By Ash Tho Yo

The Charles River All-Star Has-Beens (CRASH-B) continued their domination of the World Indoor Rowing Championships, as they carried home the Team Trophy for the fifth consecutive year at Rockwell Cage Feb. 18. The Sprints, sponsored by CRASH-B since 1981, attracted over 600 rowers from all parts of the country.

The CRASH-B Sprints gave rowers a chance to compete in the midst of winter. To demonstrate a spirit of friendly competition, the CRASH-B association awarded day honorary memberships to the top individual winners.

The Sprints had four different divisions: veterans, masters, open and lightweight, each with men's and women's categories. Each rower raced in an elimination heat of 2500 meters on the Concept II rowing ergometer. Race officials recorded a first mile and a total race time, sending the top six finishers on to the finals.

Each division had a petite and a grand final. Petite finalists competed for the fastest time in the first mile while the grand finalists strove for the fastest time in the 2500 meters.

Professor of mathematics Harley Rogers, rowing for the CRASH-B team, won the grand final of the men's veterans division with a time of 7:58, his fifth consecutive win at the Sprints.

Doo Mangine '86 won the men's open petite final with a time of 1:22.6. Gall Crowell from the Cambridge Boat Club carried off the women's veterans grand final cup in 10:24.0. There was no women's veteran petite final due to a lack of participants.

In the men's masters, Richard M. Cashin of CRASH-B logged a 7:56.4 victory in the grand final. Laurence P. O'Toole of North- eastern University won the petite final in 1:20.9.

Uttuckmann of the University of Rochester won the women's masters' grand final with a time of 9:23.7. Again there was no women's masters petite final due to a lack of participants.

Eric Johnson of the University of Kentucky boated the winner in the grand final of the men's open by a time of 7:32.8

There was a tie in the men's open petite final for Claude Stolar of Harvard and Winslaw Kuoji from the University of Wisconsin Rowing Championship. Their time was 1:19.4.

The winner in the women's open grand final was Barb Kirsch, a non-affiliated rower, in 8:22.2 while Mara W. Krigge of the Boston Rowing Club logged a 1:32.5 victory in the petite final.

In the men's lightweight, the grand final winner was Keith Gray of Northeastern in 1:21.4 while the petite final cup belonged to Henry Huntington of Princeton in 8:03.6. Heather Hatton of the Argonaut Rowing Club won the women's lightweight grand final in a time of 9:38.1. She was followed by Liz Filler '88 (10:09.8), Jen Kwo '88 (10:31.1), Dori Bremmer '89 (11:13.2), Ash Tho Yo '89 (11:36.4) and Rosina Samanadl '89 (12:14.8). The CRASH-B Sprints were established in 1981 by Christopher "THG" Wood, captain of the 1984 US Olympic Rowing Team and a three-time Olympian. Charles Al- telewine, another Olympian, and Bruce Ball, a world-class rower and the coach of the men's varsity heavyweight team, were also involved in the race's creation.

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