Student Interview Questions

1. Before coming to U of I did you have any experience rowing?
No, I had never done rowing before I came to U of I.

2. How did you become informed about/hear about the crew team here at the university?
When I went to college visits at other universities (Iowa and Wisconsin) they had rowing teams, so I thought that U of I would have one and I found out they did at Quad day.

3. What made you become interested in joining the team?
I watched rowing in the Olympics and it looked really interesting and so I signed up to join the team.

4. Do you know any history on the women’s crew team at U of I?
No our program has only existed for two years, so there is not a lot of history.

5. Where do you practice? How often do you practice? What is a typical practice like?
We practice on Homer Lake. We practice four times a week. Usually you do a warm up run for fifteen minutes. Then we lift the boat into the water and everyone gets in. Then you warm up so only certain people row and then you do sprints or bursts up and down the lake for about forty minutes.

6. How many girls are on the team?
Twenty girls are on the team: 8 open weight, 8 light weight, 4 in the four person boat.

7. Do you participate in rowing competitions against other schools? If so where, and what were the results?
Yes, we have regattas or a.k.a. races; we had one in Skokie, IL and one in St. Louis. I don’t know the results.

8. Do you plan to continue participating on the team next semester and future years?
Yes, I really like the team and the sport so I will definitely continue on with rowing.

9. Do you find it difficult to balance your time between studying and rowing?
At first yes, but then I learned to get things done early and to balance my school work and still go to practice.

10. Describe some of the experiences you have had with the crew team.
Dance parties at regattas, cheering on one another, going to Curtis Orchards with the team, rowing with the president of the university.