Spectators scarce at rowing championships

"I don't know if too many rowers will tell you that's why they row, they're not doing it for that reason," Bell explained. "But when it comes

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"I THINK IT'S the biggest shortcoming in any modern sport when you don't get spectators out," basid. 'I think we must continue to try to sell the idea of rowing. We do need spectators. Right now, we're feeding off ourselves.'

According to Bell, it cost \$14,000 to stage the ameteur championships, and, with no admission charge to view or participate in the races, the onus to foot the bill was entirely on "A lot of hard work went into this," Bell said. We've been working to raise money the last two years. This wasn't something that happened overnight."

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The Detroit Boat Club raised money to host the event through direct solicitation, advertisements in the championship program, and proceeds from a millionaire's party. However, most of the funds were raised via direct donations, according to Bell.

with the results of the men's cham-pionships, which took place in the De-troit area for the first time since 1959 and the first time ever at Stony Creek. The women's championships took place at Stony Creek in 1979.

There were a lot of good races; a lot of close races," Bell said. "There was only one that was really lopsided. It was very competitive, I thought everything came of well. There were no major calamities."

Bell, who served as a liaison be-

park committee, said the biggest problem he concerned himself with was getting Stony Creek Lake closed during competition.

"That was my biggest concern," Bell said. "I'm really grateful to Huron-Clinton Metro Parks and the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) for letting us close the lake to outside traffic. That was the key to the success of the championships. We had to cross some hard bridges, but the Huron-Clinton people were really good about it.



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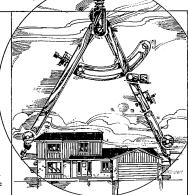


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