

December 15, 1942

Mr. E.O. Leader
Yale University Athletic Association
The Ray Tompkins House
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Leader:

Last spring I wrote you inquiring about the possibility of obtaining some spare rowing equipment for a group of boys here at Clark who are anxious to get the sport under way. At that time you wrote me that all rowing equipment of Yale was very much in use and suggested that I try again after the summer. As the fall season is now over, it occurred to me that you might, at this time, be in a position to dispose of some of the spare equipment. We are not financed in any way by the school and, consequently, cannot afford much for equipment. However, it is probable that we could pay for transportation, and possibly a nominal amount over this if it is desired. I shall sincerely appreciate hearing from you, and would like any suggestions you might make about getting equipment elsewhere.

We carried out a rowing program last spring using borrowed equipment and ended the season with participation in a local regatta here in Worcester. While we did not win any races, the boys who took part had considerable fun and finished with enthusiasm to try again. This fall Tom Bolles of Harvard gave us a rather heavy old shell, made, I believe, by Davey, which we used in practice this fall. It is fine for practice, but very heavy for most of the boys I have who, on the whole, are rather light in weight. I think we may be able to continue the sport successfully if we can obtain enough equipment to enable us to have two crews on the water at a time in order to get needed competition in practice.

Please give my regards to Bob Butler and Don Grant if they are still with you at Yale.

With best wishes for a fine holiday season,
Very truly yours,

Associate Professor of
Economics and Sociology

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