

considerable interest to the boys in the Armed Services who are alumni of our little rowing club. I have in mind some sort of little sheet, perhaps mimeographed, giving a few short anecdotes about the progress of rowing; eg. getting a cut of the athletic fund etc. and a few notes about the activities of some of the ex-members. I would like to get your reaction to it, as I would expect that your cooperation would be indispensable. If you think it feasible we might be able to get something out in V-Mind form, just for a first attempt. I've wondered if you are still

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Dear Rudi:

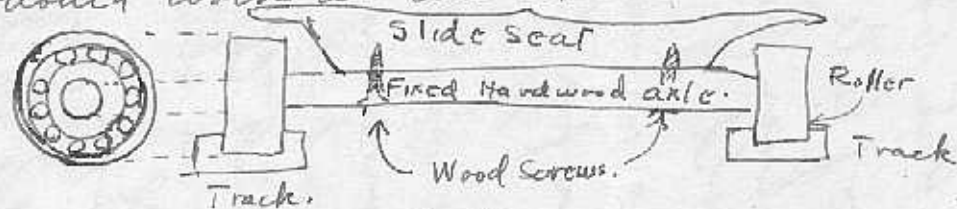
I've thought of you many times, especially when I've had occasion to run the movies of our summer crew activities of '43. An incident of a week ago brought it home to me that School is again open at Clark and so I am prompted to write. The incident I refer to is an evening I spent attending a Detroit Clark Alumni Meeting, on which occasion I was shown some of the new Clark advertising literature. Much to my surprise I found the Clark Catalog has gone modern and has a series of Campus photographs - and most

surprising of all was a picture of Rudi Nunnemacher, Norice Hoyt and a lot of little kids holding a rowing shell. I never thought I'd live to see the day that Clark would be so proud of her crew that its picture would be decorating the annual catalog. After the first shock of the catalog picture, the next one was mild - the girls crew in the bulletin puffing up the Women's College. It all tickled my funny bone - and suggested to me that your crafty methods of promotion far outshine my own. It also amuses me that the sales department of the institution has discovered some promotional value in rowing six years after I broached the idea to the president of the concern and various and sundry others, when I received an offer of some free equipment including a couple of shells and could find no takers.

Well Rudi, I'm extremely glad to see how well you have done. It makes me feel pleased that I was so lucky in passing my hobby along to you.

Rudi, I've been thinking of a project that would probably be of some

take much ingenuity for a guy like you to solve that problem. Mounting the rollers on the slide itself would require more ingenuity but I think you could solve even that problem. I have the following idea which should work as the axles could be fixed due



to the fact the <sup>ball</sup> rollers allow the rim to roll without requiring the hub to rotate.

Let me have the news of the campus as I hear nothing from Worcester. I last wrote Brandy 3 or 4 months ago and haven't heard from him, so assume he is very busy. Poor man, he had a big load, last year.

How are Sylvia & your baby? Give my regards to Sylvia, and my friends on the staff. I heard Don Jordan got a leave. What did he do and where did he and his family go?

I missed seeing Norry by an hour, when I was in New York in August. Norry had left Fort Schuyler for the week end when I arrived to visit my brother (who is on the staff there and knows Norry).

My family is pretty well accommodated to the Detroit life, now. We have a few friends but they're so widely scattered it

isn't very often that we see them.  
However, we don't particularly like  
the Detroit area as a place to raise  
a family nor do I like my work  
schedule, as Jim goes from home  
from 7:15 a.m. until 6:30 a 7 p.m.  
every day except Sunday each week.  
The disadvantage it has over College  
life is that there are few "social  
muscle" such as commencements,  
etc. But it is a grind, and gives  
one little chance to get away and  
forget it. However, I like my work  
and get a great amount of satisfaction  
from it, so have no serious complaint.  
My chief recreation has been gardening,  
but that is about past now.

Well, Rudi, I've written rather  
late for me, therefore, so long and  
best wishes for a full and gratifying  
year at school or whatever you want, <sup>Gene</sup>

a civilian or if you've joined  
Navy in the Military life.  
I rather guess that you're still  
free, as the drafting of the  
fathers, etc., has been considerably  
slowed down, of late.

Have you ever been able to  
work on the old 8 oar shell  
I collected from Sam Wright.  
I have an idea for the rollers  
for the slides. If you could  
pick up some small ball bearings  
at the auto wrecking yards, such  
as the bearings out of old generators  
or starters) I think they would be  
the finest thing in slide rollers ever  
put in a shell. You might have to  
use a different type of track from  
the traditional ridge track, but it wouldn't