

May 29, 1944

Mr. George Pocock  
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Dear Mr. Pocock:

In October 1942 Dr. Gene Melder ordered ten pairs of oars from you for the Clark University Rowing Club. I believe the following summer he was out in Washington and stopped in to visit you, and surely told you how much we liked the oars you had sent us. Unfortunately Gene is on leave of absence from the University and working on the War Labor Relations Board in Detroit. When he left he dumped the Rowing Club and its equipment in my lap. Now if I did not think so highly of Gene I surely would have cursed him, but instead I have done my best to continue the activity of the Club as he would have liked it.

Because of the reduced enrollment in the Men's College I was forced to accede to the wishes of the girls and allow them to row. This proved more fortunate than I first thought because through their efforts we have been able to get enough money to purchase two second-hand four-oared shells. It is for these that I would now like to order from you ten new oars. If you have more of the so-called seconds, I would prefer those, because I am sure they would be satisfactory for our purposes. I would like to have them sent as soon as possible, by express I suppose, and will send you a check upon receipt of your bill.

It is possible that in a year or two we might have sufficient funds to buy some new fours or eights and because Gene has always spoken of your boats in the highest terms I would very much like to know at which price your boats sell. He also mentioned your plywood shells as being most remarkable for their sturdiness and durability, how expensive are they? What is the approximate cost of shipping a four or an eight across the country?

Sincerely yours,

Rudolph F. Nunnemacher