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Mr. Rudolph F. Nunnemacher  
Associate Professor of Biology  
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Dear Professor Nunnemacher:

I was very much interested in your letter telling me of the introduction of rowing as a sport for women students at Clark University. I think it is an excellent sport for women provided it is taught with the emphasis on form and team work rather than racing against time.


As you doubtless know, rowing is the oldest sport that we have here at Wellesley and it is our most popular one. We have almost four hundred girls registered in this sport for this fall season. There are two instructors on our staff that handle the classes in this activity.

It is against the policy of Wellesley College for the students to engage in any type of intercollegiate competition. For this reason, it would be impossible for us to arrange any kind of a contest against the women students of Clark University. This policy runs through all of our athletic activities and I believe it is a sound one.

I am pleased to see that you have very much the same idea as we have here at Wellesley in regard to the emphasis to be placed in rowing for women. I am sorry you do not have a large enough group to make it possible to have sufficient competition within your own group to satisfy all your students.

May I take this opportunity to wish you continued success with your rowing instruction.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ruth Elliott, Chairman

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