

Sept. 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Tinsley,

A year has passed since I last asked you in the name of the Clark University Rowing Club for permission to use the south side of the basement of the Erompton and Knowles bath House. It has been for us a very happy and successful year and we are extremely grateful for the use of your facilities.

Last spring we introduced the Clark coeds to the rowing sport and found them most enthusiastic and appreciative of the opportunity presented to them. It was primarily through their efforts that we were able to purchase two second-hand, four-oared shells. These matched boats have given added impetus to our rowing because we can now carry on the sport on a competitive intramural basis and we can also invite other teams to Coe's Pond.

With the help of the students I have been able to repair our "eight" and our "double" so that there is every indication that rowing ought to become even more popular this year.

In the ROWING NEWS (Bulletin #3, 1944) of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen there appeared this paragraph which may interest you.

"ROWING AT CLARK UNIVERSITY: Worcester Mass. You probably don't know that for some years this New England College has been trying to develop rowing. First under Dr. Eugene Melder as Western oarsman and now supervised by Rudolph F. Nunnemacher of the Faculty. Now that most of the boys have gone into Service, girls also help to form crews and with prospects for competition and success in the venture at their worst, the College has actually recognized the sport as official for the first time. The writer (C. Leverich Brett) has never seen this group but we have been corresponding with them for some years. We are surprised at this forward movement in rowing in the face of seemingly unsurmountable difficulties. OUR HAT'S OFF TO CLARK UNIVERSITY AND MORE POWER. IN THE FACE OF THIS DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST CAN CLUBS WITH GREATER ADVANTAGES FOLD UP?"

In view of these facts we most earnestly hope that you will again grant us permission to use your facilities for this new school year. We on our part promise to be ever respectful and appreciative of your kindness.

Most sincerely,

Rudolph F. Nunnemacher
Faculty adviser to the Rowing Club.