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Director of Physical Education
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Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Madam:

Three years ago when Clark admitted only male students, one of our instructors inaugurated rowing as an intramural sport. A short time later he left and the rowing was put in my charge even though I have never had any experience in competition. Simultaneously with the leaving of our boys into the armed forces, Clark became coeducational and to continue the sport at all, we had to make our facilities available to the girls. While a good many jeered at the mere thought of a girls' crew, I have found them a most enthusiastic and competent group.

Now that the girls are really interested they beg for an opportunity to row against other schools. I personally dislike the idea of their racing against time, but would favor competition based on form and pure fun.

Is there any possibility that the Wellesley girls would be interested in meeting Clark on such a basis? We could come to Wellesley, or would be very happy to entertain your girls here in Worcester. The one point I want to stress is that we want all to know that this is not a test of strength, speed and endurance, but an opportunity to share training and experience and to give some stimulus to their struggles with the oar.

If this suggestion interests you, I should be very glad to hear from you, but I believe it would be best not to give the notion any publicity for the present.

Sincerely yours,

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*Next day to Miss Dorothy Alworth
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