

April 26th, 1945

Dear Miss Clarke,

I meant to write to you sooner to discuss our rowing regatta which we have set for the 12th of May. We have just purchased another eight-oared shell from Harvard and I wanted to see whether it would float before I suggested the possibility of racing in the eights rather than in the fours. While the two boats are built by the same man, Lutz of Harvard, one of the boats is now cloth-covered and therefore I presume somewhat slower, but never-the-less I do think we could race in them without handicapping one crew very much. Please let me know then your choice of boats.

If you decide to race in the eights, do you still wish to bring a first and a second crew? That is a total of 16 rowers and a cox?

The authorities have declared May 12th Clark Sub-freshman Day and they have asked me whether it would be possible to hold our races at 4:30 P.M. instead of at 3:30 as we had planned before, because they would like to have some of the High School seniors visiting Clark on that day ~~to~~ see the races also. I told the Dean that we had already set the time, but that if you wished to race at the later hour it would be agreeable with me.

I have had to think of your statement about Radcliffe girls liking their studies better than their sports many times because almost every day two or three of the girls say, "Nunni, I can't row today, I have to study for an exam!" Frankly, if I can get a crew of girls to row together the day of our race I will be happy regardless of the outcome!

I have asked, but not heard yet whether Miss Dillon will be one of our judges. Our regular girl's athletic director, Miss Hazel Hughes, and the athletic director of South High school, Miss Delna Carlson (one-time half-mile singles champion) have consented to help us judge the races if this meets with your approval.

With best wishes,

Rudolph F. Nunnemacher

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Dear Miss Dillon,

Two weeks ago I was in Cambridge and was able to arrange a rowing race between the Radcliffe and Clark girls. This event is to take place on Saturday afternoon, May 12th, either at 3:30 or 4:30 (we have not settled that point yet) here in Worcester at Coe's Pond near our University.

Both Miss Clarke and I would like very much to have you present and act as one of the judges. We plan to have the girls judged separately on form and on speed. Because of the difference in the style of rowing which undoubtedly will be apparent, we plan to judge form on coordination and craftsmanship rather than on style.

I have also asked Miss Hazel Hughes (~~with~~ our athletic director) and Miss Delna Carlstrom (director of phys. ed. at South High School and one-time half-mile sculling champion) also to act as judges.

Hoping you can come,

Sincerely,

Rudolph F. Nunnemacher