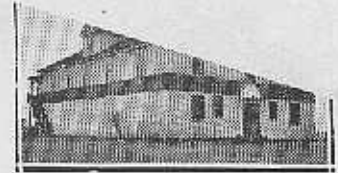




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Dear Rudi:

From your recent letter, I gather that your visit to the banks of the Charles last Sunday was most profitable. That is mighty fine, but I am afraid that we did not show you as much courtesy and hospitality as we had planned. However, that was entirely our fault for not having things organized better. We too learned plenty which should help us next time in serving as a more satisfactory host.

Being slightly keyed up for the day, I was not quite my normal self, especially at the time of your arrival, and wish to apologize for being so brief and formal like. All afternoon I kept remembering that you wanted to borrow a single, but always at the wrong moments! Please forgive me. I hope my forgetfulness did not cause too great a disappointment.

A regatta can be well planned, but that does not insure its success. The most important part is to select a competent set of officials who are really the key men and deserve a great deal of the credit. They seldom receive due credit but never fail to bear the brunt of the attack when things go wrong. We were exceptionally fortunate in this respect. Even after you have things well planned with a good set of officials your worries are not over. You still have to have the willing cooperation and spirit of each and every contestant. As we hit few snags on the ninth, you see we were again most fortunate. However, I have witnessed unfortunate circumstances in the past where it took only a handful of individuals to add a sour note to an otherwise fine afternoon. Even after you survive these three hurdles you still have another big factor to contend with --- the weather. Need I say more than we were most fortunate in all the above mentioned respects?

Mr. Rudi Nunnemacher

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Just do not know when I will be getting out to Worcester, but I will let you know in advance. There has been some talk that the Union Boat Club will have a regatta on October 12. This is more or less of a traditional date with them and I thought that you might perhaps be interested in some advance notice. Incidentally, my wife (Marjorie Merrill) is a sorority sister of Joy Putnam. Guess Margie couldn't place her and was thus a bit embarrassed, but this also can be corrected.

In closing, I must thank you for your compliments on our double. However, we have been rowing together for three years now and have both been rowing for much longer than that. Joe started rowing for the Club along about 1933 and I started rowing in the spring of 37 at Rutgers. However, I started rowing in St. Lawrence skiffs just after I was out of my mother's arms (so they tell me). Lev Brett's father was my first rooter! You see we have no excuse for being other than how you visioned us. We hope that we can always give you the same pleasure. Now I will say so long with hopes that our second meeting will not be as hectic as the first.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Schwanhausser

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