

November 14, 1958

Mr. George Pocock
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Dear George:

At last I have the pleasant duty of writing you to tell you that I think we will have the means to buy a new shell on a plan along the lines which you suggested in your letter of September 24, 1957. At that time, you suggested that we pay a minimum of \$500 and pay the remainder as quickly as we can raise the money. I am authorized by the Athletic Director to ask you if we could place an order now and get delivery in the coming (1959) spring season. We can pay immediately \$600 and should be able to pay at least \$600 more by the first of the year, if it is possible to obtain a shell for the 1959 season. I have discovered an "angel" who will match what we can put toward a new shell, if we can obtain ~~the~~ shell.

The Athletic Director has asked me to write you for answers to the questions of delivery, terms, including total price of a new eight-oared shell. Since we are very limited in equipment and need a boat that will give rugged service, I wonder if you would recommend the double skin boat. Our crews range between 165 and 175 pounds from year to year, I would want a boat that would be suitable for this type of crew. As I am in a hurry, I shall stop at this point in order to get this letter off today. I shall appreciate an early answer to this inquiry in order to move as quickly as possible. I realize that this is a late date for ordering a shell, but as I indicated, I had had no hope of acquiring enough funds to swing it this year, until today when I got assurance at least \$12,000 for this year.

Cordially yours,

F. Eugene Melder
Coach of Crew

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