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The big news of this year is the new coach Kenneth Burns, mentor of the Shrewsbury High crew. He is taking the place of Dr. Melder while he is in England on a Fulbright grant. With seven out of the eight members of the starting 1956 crew returning, the outlook for the 1957 season seems promising. Leading this year's team is Captain George Collins, backed up by returnees Joe Behrman, Carl Erickson, Art Lee, Ed Kinell, Idrian Resnick, Don Zulauf and Coxswain Stu Miller. Returning from the J.V. boat are Neil Barton, Ed Cook, Bob Dawson, Larry Klinger, Al Wahrek and Coxswain Bob Lockhart. Several rangy freshman prospects also will undoubtedly strengthen the team.



The 1956 Clark crew was greatly hindered by the late disappearance of ice from the waters of Lake Quinsigamond. During spring vacation, the crew had to make daily trips to Boston where they rowed on the Charles River as guests of Boston University. It was not until April 16th that the ice finally melted, giving the Scarlets five days of real practice before their first race with A.I.C. on the Connecticut River. The varsity lost by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and the J.V. by 2 lengths, but the results were not as bad as predicted considering Clark's lack of practice and A.I.C.'s trip to Florida.

The first home race was against Amherst and the varsity lost by 3 lengths to an extremely potent Lord Jeff aggregation. The J.V.'s were also swamped by a vastly improved Amherst J.V. boat. The second straight home race saw the Harvard third varsity whip Clark by 3 lengths, while the Junior Scarlets lost to the Crimson second freshman crew in a close race. Journeying down to the swirling waters of the Seekonk, the varsity was beaten by Brown and killed by the weather. The J.V.'s also lost. The crews had to combat a 16 m.p.h. headwind with waves averaging over three



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Seated Left to Right: S. Miller, G. Collins, L. Klingler, N. Barton. Second Row: B. Josephs, J.

Belman, C. Erickson, R. Carlin, J. Berman, E. Kirrell, R. Dawson.

feet, and the Clarkmen being used to the calm sheltered water of Lake Quinsigamond were literally swamped. Meeting the Dartmouth freshman team in their next home race, the Scarlets lost by a scant 8 feet on the mile and a quarter course, in the most thrilling race a Clark boat had experienced in quite a while. The J.V. picked up their only victory of the year by trouncing a mixed freshman crew by 2 lengths. The final home race of the season saw both Clark teams again lose to A.I.C., the varsity by two lengths and the J.V. by a similar margin.

On May 12th, the varsity entered the "Dad" Vail Regatta in Philadelphia and need it be said that they came in last. However, they did far better than anyone had expected. The talk around the boat house after the race concerned Clark's spectacular finish in the qualifying round. They closed a gap of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths to get within $\frac{1}{4}$ length of Brown which held that distance with a do or die sprint of its own. Brown went on to take fourth in the regatta. In the consolation race, Clark came in 1 length behind A.I.C.

