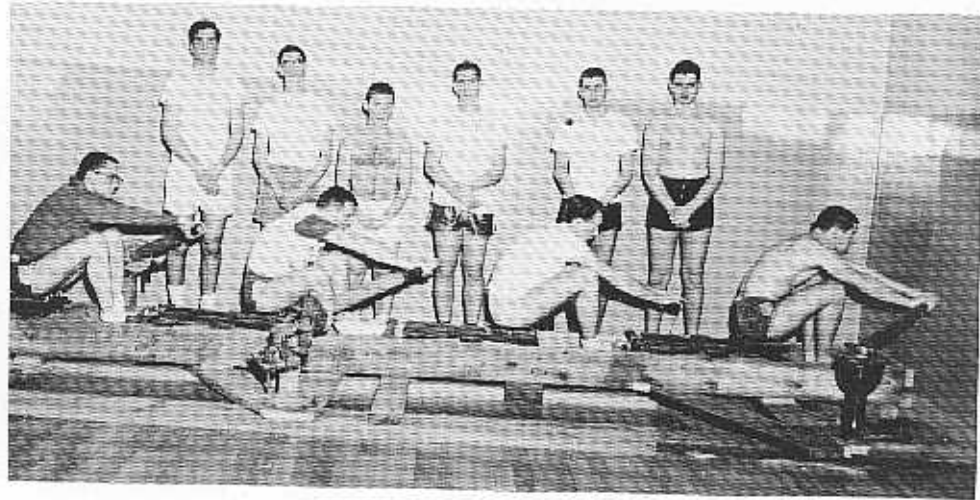
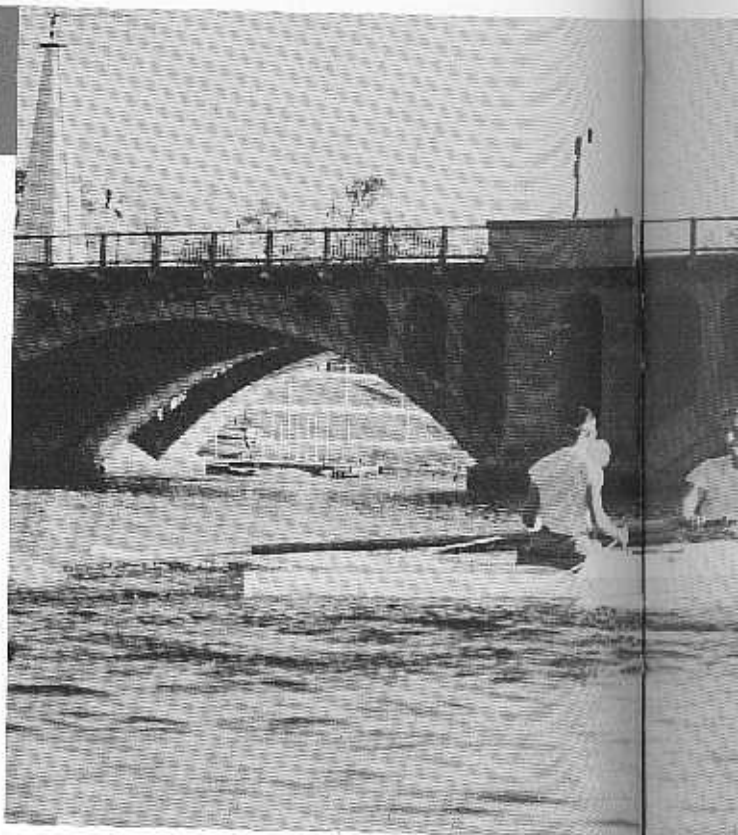


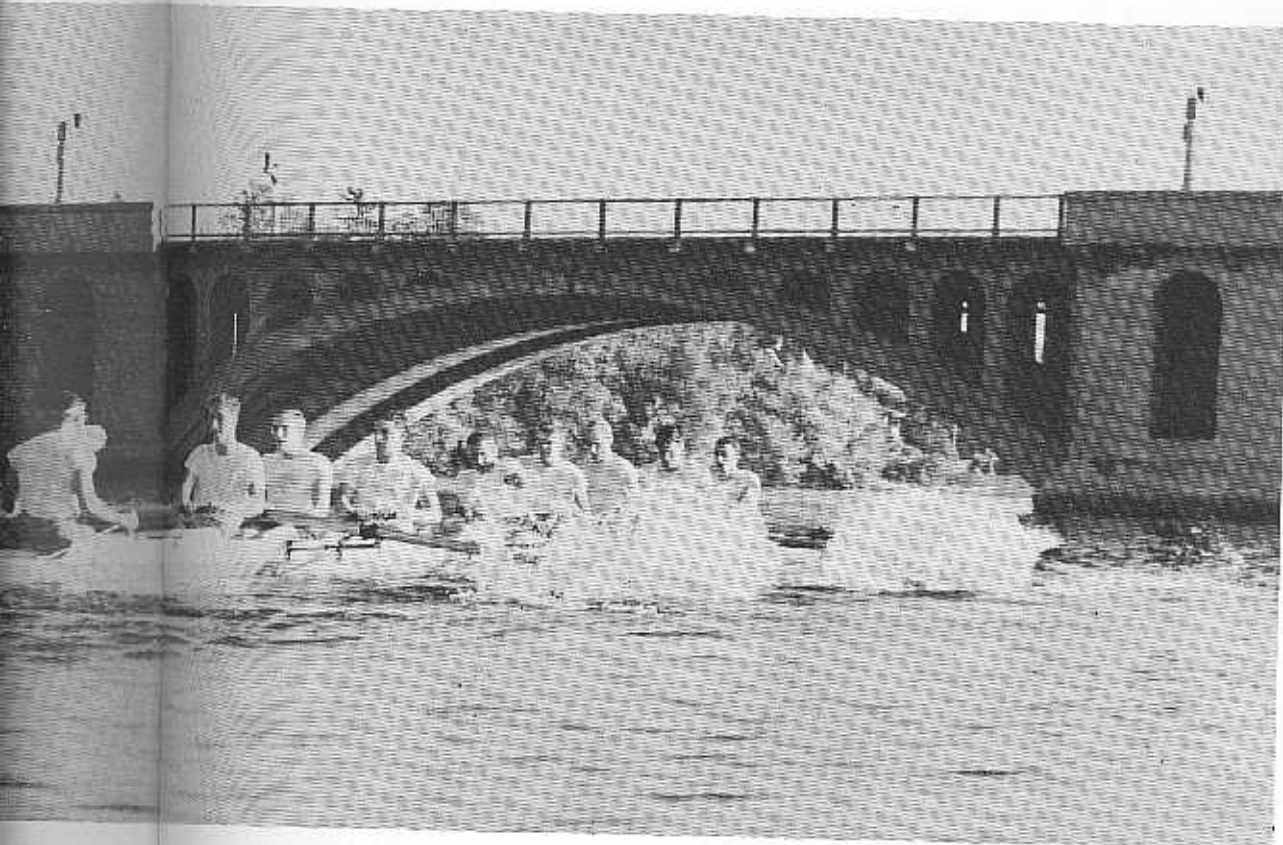
Crew-wise, 1957 showed several marked improvements—with Mother Nature contributing her share. The earliest thaw in over twenty years allowed sculls to ply the waters of Quinsigamond as early as March 12. Easter vacation was completely utilized so that by mid-April, Coach Burns could boast a well-trained crew. On April 17 the crew traveled to Springfield for their first race against powerful A. I. C. Clark lost by three lengths, the curved course wreaking havoc with the Burnsmen. The following Saturday Clark again rowed on the Connecticut River, this time against Amherst. Battling against extremely rough water Clark lost by a length and a half—a more representable showing than the five-length trouncing of the year before. On April 24 Clark tussled with a scrappy Brown octet. This turned out to be one of the unforgettable contests of the year with Clark bowing by a half-length margin.

Our next opponent was Fordham. The race was only a mile instead of the usual mile and a quarter, yet our first victory was not to be denied. The Scarlets left a comfortable two length gap between themselves and the trailing Rams. A pepped-up crew faced A. I. C. on April 30. This race saw our record time shaved from 6:59 to 6:42, but it was not enough. A. I. C. turned in the fastest time ever registered to clinch the race. To wind up the season Clark made its annual trip to Philadelphia to compete in the Dad Vail Regatta. The semi-final had Clark pitted against La Salle, Tampa, Amherst, and Purdue. LaSalle, paced by Tampa, won the heat. Clark with a blazing finish nosed out Amherst and easily beat Purdue to take third and win a place in the finals. Dumping Amherst proved to be the highlight of the year.

Rowing in the finals was a new experience for Clark. At the quarter-mile mark the loudspeakers announced, "Here is the surprise of the year—Clark University has taken the lead from LaSalle." This continued for another quarter of a mile until the roof caved in. Unable to reproduce the fast finish of the morning, Clark dropped to sixth. But, our showing caused much stir among the Dad Vail Association. Several people called the Clark crew the most improved crew of the year, our time being only ten seconds slower than LaSalle's.



A practice session for the Melder-men.



Stroking along old Quinsig.

That was last year, what about the 1958 crew? Lost through graduation were veterans Ari Lee and Ed Kinnef. Also lost due to injury at the Dad Vail was Angie Scola. Returning veterans are Capt. George Collins, Joe Behrman, Neil Barton, Al Wabrek, Carl Erickson, Stu Miller, and Mgr. Larry Klinger. This year's crew will be hurt by the fact there was no competing junior varsity last year. However, there were several oarsmen who rowed in an informal capacity in 1957. Among these, Dick Carlin, Harvey Spector and Barry Josephs

should prove helpful this year. Upon his return from England, Dr. Melder organized a very profitable fall session which saw several promising candidates man the oars.

The Clark Crew should be in for another good year, provided they get a fair break from the weather. This year's schedule includes A. I. C. on a home and away basis, Brown at Providence, Amherst here on parents weekend, and a Harvard crew. Then there is the big trip to Philadelphia for the Dad Vail, with a stop over at Fordham.



Standing, L. to R: S. Brown, L. Klinger, A. Kirshenbaum, J. Behrman, C. Erickson, R. Passler, G. Collins, A. Wabrek, P. Goldschmidt, R. Carlin, F. Mass.