

Crew



Coxwain Miller directs the '58 shellbacks along Quinsig.

For the 1958 season, the Clark crew welcomed back Dr. Melder who had spent the preceding year in England on a sabbatical. Since Lake Quinsigamond was still frozen in late March, the Scarlets decided to help Mother Nature along. A path was broken through the ice and a navigable channel provided. The oarsmen trained doggedly through Easter vacation and thereafter in preparation for the opening meet. As the season opened, both a varsity and a junior varsity crew took to the water.

Beer, bermuda shorts, and Jaguars were the order of the day on the banks of the Seekonk River in Providence on April 19 as the Scarlets opened against a strong Brown oar. Bartling choppy water, the crew lost by three lengths to the Brown varsity, and a green junior varsity proved no more successful. On April 25, the shellbacks bowed to an experienced A.I.C. crew. In losing, however, the crew turned in the excellent time of 5:48 on the fast Connecticut River. In the first home race — against Amherst — the Clark shellbacks turned in their second fastest time but lost by one length to the Lord Jeffs. The Scarlets were also nosed out by the A.I.C. Aces for a second time and then dropped a close one to the Harvard third varsity.

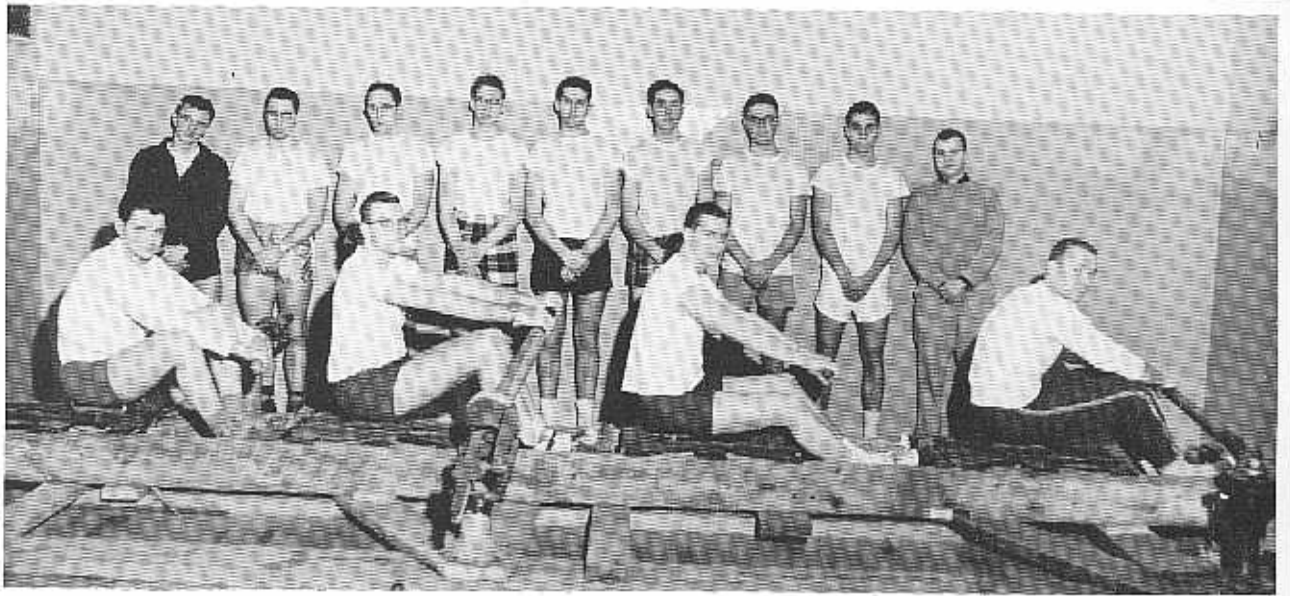
To wind up the season, the Scarlets made their annual trek to the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. On the way,

they stopped off to race Fordham. The Ram shell, which had been bested by Clark the previous season, was greatly improved and easily avenged its earlier loss. At the Dad Vail, Clark finished sixth in its qualifying heat. Though eligible for the "race for place", the crew did not compete.

The prospects for the coming season are bright as much experience was gained despite the winless season. Lost through graduation were captain George Collins, Joe Behrman, Neil Barton, Stu Miller, and Larry Klinger. Returning veterans are captain Carl Erickson, Duncan McLeod, Dick Carlin and manager Barry Josephs. Big things are expected from returning J.V. lettermen Harvey Spector, Dick Passler, Rick Rawson, Lenny Jacobs, Ralph Anderson, Bernie Cohen and Steve Brown.

A successful fall practice has yielded promising freshmen Bruce Brooks, Bob Larson, Rick Kjerting, Ray DuVarney, Dick Stressenger, Frank Lee and Mike Wichman. It is still too early to tell whether these men will provide the extra punch that is needed for a winning season.

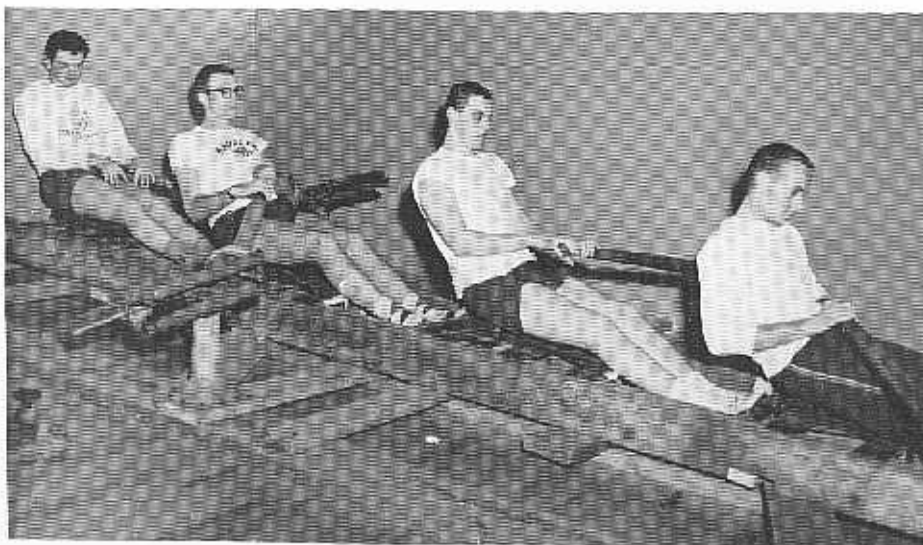
This year's schedule includes A.I.C. on a home-away basis, Amherst, a Harvard shell, Brown and Long Island University. As usual, the season will be climaxed by the annual competition in the Dad Vail Regatta.



First Row: L. Jacobs, R. Carlin, D. McLeod, C. Erickson. *Second Row:* S. Brown, M. Wichman, R. Stressenger, R. Larson, C. Watson, R. Rawson, F. DeLoma, B. Josephs.



Coach Melder checks the rowing form of his fall recruits.



Captain Erickson and others work out on the practice shell.