Faculty Masters of Hinman College

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

-Albert Pine

Prologue

In its forty year history, Hinman College has been blessed with having some of the best Faculty Masters of all the residential colleges of Binghamton University. From Pete Gruber to Vito Sinisi to Nick Sterling to Al Haber to Nick Sterling (again) to Al Vos, each of these men has contributed more than they could possibly imagine to this residential college. Every alumnus believes that the Faculty Master who was in charge of Hinman College during their time as a student in Hinman is the best. However, it doesn’t matter which Faculty Master is the best. What does matter, and what becomes crystal clear during the research and writing of this history, is that each and every one of these five men has done important things in Hinman and have made it a better place to live and learn for the students which inhabit the five buildings of Hinman. Each one has also been an authority on the subject that they taught. Whether it has been English, Philosophy, Mathematics, or Biology, all of the Masters has exuded a passionate love for the subjects that they teach, a passion that is second only to their love of Hinman College and its students. Each Master, whether they realized it or not, has also had a profound impact on a least a few, though usually far more, of the students who have been involved in Hinman. Even thirty years or more after they have graduated, alumni still speak about how the Faculty Masters who they have known have mentored them and helped them discover the path to success. All of the faculty and staff who are involved in Hinman are important, but it is the Faculty Masters who are the most important for they, since 1967, have been the lifeblood and the soul of Hinman College.