

Toga-clad students partake of delicacies served in the Roman style at the Classics Club banquet.

## Classics Club Holds Banquet; Guests Dine In Roman Manner

The Classics Club will hold its annual Roman Banquet this year at the Recreation Hall on April 9. Although plans are as yet incomplete, a speaker from Greece will be the feature of the program.

Guests, wearing the Roman tunic or toga will recline on the floor during the meal in imitation of the Roman's habit of reclining on couches. The food, eaten with fingers, will be traditionally Roman and will include olives, nuts — "everything from eggs to apples."

### COACH PICKS VARSITY

George Wells, coach of the men's varsity squad, named eight letter winners after Friday's game, four from each of the color teams. They are Jim Banker, Pete Genco, Bob Granger, Theron Rockhill, Dick Sheesley, Herm Simmeth, Don Trasher and Jim Walker. The squad elected Dick Sheesley and Don Trasher as co-captains.

## Muller Directs Extension Group



C. Muller G. Deckert

Torchbearers held its annual elections at a regular meeting, Saturday, March 14. The following were elected to the various offices: president, Carl Muller; vice-president, Glen Deckert; secretary, Ruth Goranson; treasurer, William Mehrhof; extension secretary, Gerald Wibberly; radio manager, Herbert Apel; publicity manager, Marcia Caldwell.

The Torchbearers' program consists of visitation at nursing homes, hospitals and county homes where the different groups sing, testify and do personal witnessing. At Sonyea students teach Bible classes each week.

Street meetings will be resumed as warmer weather arrives. In this area of service, Torchbearers give their testimonies, sing, pass out tracts and do personal witnessing whenever possible.

The organization also has a regular program over the campus radio station WJSL to reach the immediate area for Christ.

Just as the Romans did, so will the Classics Club do. Slaves, who will probably be town children, and entertainers will play a large part in the banquet.

This banquet has been a regular spring activity since 1938.

## Van Der Decker, Demarest Top Class In Scholarship

John Van Der Decker was named valedictorian and Carol Demarest, salutatorian of the Class of 1959 by Dean Arthur Lynip at the annual Senior Honors Banquet held at The Castle in Olean last night.

Mr. Van Der Decker has accumulated an average grade point of 3.97 and will receive *summa cum laude* honors at commencement. Miss Demarest has a cumulative grade point average of 3.77 and will receive *magna cum laude* honors at graduation with Thomas Hawkins who earned a 3.58 cumulative average.

### Editor Speaks

In view of the recent revival services and the ensuing emphasis on spiritual matters, the *Star* has thought it appropriate to give the events accompanying this phenomenon interpretative coverage for the benefit of our readers who do not reside in the surrounding area. The coverage is not intended to be complete but only representative.

Thus, on page two, we present an analysis by a theology professor, a historical comparison by a staff member, a practical survey by the college pastor and a personal interview story by a reporter.

### CORRECTION

In the lead story of the last issue of the *Star* it was erroneously stated that the quartet furnishing the entertainment for the annual staff banquet was the "WJSL Freshmen Male Quartet." They are the Radio Male Quartet of the program "Persuaded to Live." This program is not a WJSL program as was also stated, but has stemmed from a WJSL production of last semester entitled "A Song in the Night."

It is also false that the four freshmen in the quartet are trombonists. Two of the quartet members, Keith Marks and Wayne Hill, furnish a trombone duet for the "Persuaded to Live" program.

## Boulder Sponsors Allen's Fifth; Musical Satirizes Campus Life

The Boulder will sponsor a musical by Dr. William Allen entitled *Everane* April 3, at 8:00 p.m., in the college chapel. Dr. Allen calls it "a musical frivolity with several messages" and attaches the sub-title, "What Every Music Student Knows."

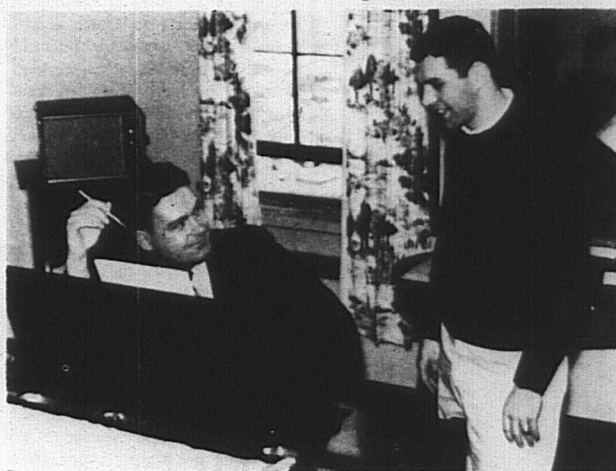
### Students Fill Roles

The cast includes Robert MacKenzie, Carol Froelich, John Hickox, Claire Hutchinson and Andrew Nelson. Robert MacKenzie as Robert Newboy and Carol Froelich as Claire de Lune play the leading roles. John, Claire and Andrew assume the title of "The Three Nameless Musicians."

The plot concerns the experiences of a new music major, Robert Newboy, at Houghton College. Robert enters as a freshman with the intention of getting through school on his "charm and smiles," but his intentions are shortly changed through the influence of a friend, Claire de Lune.

### Humorous, Historical Comments

Humorous comments lightly satirize the busy schedule of music students and the plentiful precipitation existent at Houghton throughout the



Dr. William Allen discusses plans for the forthcoming presentation of "Everane" with John Hickox.

year. An historical aspect is included by the reference made to the Indian Chief "What'shisname" buried underneath the point near Gaoyadeo Hall.

Dr. Allen has written four musicals prior to this year's presentation. They include *Ardelia*, written in co-authorship with Mr. Davis in 1955, *The Coffee Machine* written in 1956, *Selectra* produced in 1957 and last year's oratorio entitled *King Saul*, written in a serious vein.

Admission will be \$.50. Proceeds will go into the 1959 Boulder fund.

## Varsity Takes Two In Season's Finale

The Houghton Hardwoods bore their last onslaught of the 1958-59 basketball season as the Men's varsity eked out a three point overtime victory at the hands of the Alumni Friday, March 13.

The Grads, led by Phil Janowski, demonstrated their gifts of superior experience by showing the way throughout the first half. At half-time they led the varsity 23-15. Flashes of greatness continued to show in the alumni during the early part of the second half as Bernie McClure set up plays and Janowski worked for the shot.

With about six minutes to go, Coach Wells' varsity began to click and managed to tie it up at 47 all at the buzzer. With the Alumni tiring and Dick Sheesley leading the attack, the varsity outscored them 10-7 and went on to win 57-54.

Janowski and Sheesley led the scoring with 26 and 25 respectively.

The Varsity-Alumni women's game loped along in the leisurely pace of a tea party as the Varsity took the fat end of the 48-17 score.

Shorthanded during the first half, the Alumni borrowed personnel from the college roster. Laurie Mazza and Doris Springer left the ranks of the Alumni for the Varsity side between halves. Ruth Barth pumped in 18 of the Varsity tallies, while Laurie Mazza and Pat Pier each contributed 12 to the cause. Alice Banker was most successful for the Alumni with 9 points.

The players committed only five fouls in toto. However, both teams were inclined to pass too hard at short distances and make inaccurate shots at improbable depths.

## Pharaohs Capture Swimming Laurels

Purple showed its aquatic skill and a sense of team loyalty as both its women's and men's teams won in the swimming meets last week.

Elsie Stumpf and Betty Sue Stillman, each with nine points, led Purple to a 22 to 16 triumph over Gold on Wednesday. Also, Alice Russell scored four points for the Pharaohs. Laurie Mazza and Donna King made up the Gold duet that challenged Purple's trio. No records were broken.

Purple's quartet of men outdistanced another duet of Gladiator performers, 26-16 on Thursday. As they did in the class competition, Freshmen men again stole the meet with Dick Fero and Dick Nearbin each scoring nine points for the Pharaohs and Paul Titus ten for Gold. Dave Peterson tallied seven more for Purple and Dick Burcaw gained six points for Gold. Again no new records were established.

The varsity swimming team is composed of four girls this year — Elsie Stumpf, Laurie Mazza, Betty Sue Stillman and Donna King. Varsity status is attained by scoring a combined total of fifteen or more points in both the class and the color competitions.

## Dr. Stockin Speaks To Rochester IVCF

Dr. F. Gordon Stockin, classics professor, spoke at the University of Rochester Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Friday evening, March 13. He emphasized the centrality of the resurrection theme in the teachings of Peter and Paul.

Professors Charles Davis and Robert Austin gave personal testimonies which offered a unified Christian witness to the group. Professor Austin emphasized the reality of the person of Christ in Christianity.

The sixty students present showed an intense interest in the intellectual and spiritual responsibilities of the Christian student and graduate. This was evidenced particularly in stimulating after meeting conversations.

The group included three former Houghton students, Stephen Castor, David Neu and Paul Dommermuth.



## Theology Professor Cites Characteristics Of Revival

By DR. CLAUDE A. RIES

A college junior who left Houghton to take his fourth year in his own church school sent back to Houghton an article which he entitled "Greener Pastures?" Concluding it, he penned, "Houghton has character coupled



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with ability to exhibit to a skeptical world. Houghton need apologize for nothing; let schools whose stadiums clink with whiskey bottles, whose halls are foul with tobacco smoke, whose language is punctured by generous profanity, whose conversation flows constantly to sex, whose materialistic thoughts bar all doors against God — let them do the apologizing!"

### Spirit Breaks Barriers

That Houghton should be one of the few colleges in America today of high scholastic ranking to be visited with a pronounced visitation of the Spirit of God is a very humbling thought. Only the Spirit can melt

together such a diversified student body of forty denominations in this wonderful spirit of unity and spiritual power.

A second outstanding characteristic was the prominence given to the Scriptures by speakers and listeners. While adjustments to God's claims brought a sense of release, joy and power, the whole new life in God was tied in with the Word of God so that even blessed emotions did not become the foundation upon which the new spiritual experiences rested.

Most characteristic of the services, wherever held, was the spontaneous spirit of fervent and joyful singing.

The whole nights of prayer, the humbling confessions, the restitutions made, the outreach on campus and in home churches and elsewhere all attest to the genuineness of our recent spiritual refresher.

### Recent Testimonies

Here are some snatches of recent testimonies: "In bed around 1:30 a.m. I could not sleep. I thought I was passing out. I was sweating and trembling from head to foot. God was speaking to me. Another fellow and I went to church and there God met me."

"I had been living such a shallow, selfish Christian life. The Lord searched me, cleansed me and filled me with Himself. I ceased to live in my own fleshly strength. He gives me power in witnessing."

### Spirit Continues Work

The Special Meetings are ended, but the work of the Spirit continues, we are assured by God's Word: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

## Pastor Cox Views Spiritual Problems

The revival has revealed problems which many who have found a new relationship with Christ will find pressing upon them. Pastor Martin W. Cox has named a few representative ones and then suggested some practical helps for resolving them.

**THE PROBLEM OF FEELING** — The devil can influence feelings and emotions. The tides of emotion run low as well as high.

**THE PROBLEM OF PRESSURE** — We are busy. We get tired. We become tense. We tend to fail under test.

**THE PROBLEM OF TEMPTATION** — All of us are subject to enticement. We always will be. Even Christ was tempted.

**THE PROBLEM OF SIN** — Christians may fall into sin and think there is no use to try.



Rev. Martin W. Cox

**THE PROBLEM OF DOUBT** — There is the danger of doubting God, or doubting the application of His power to our needs.

**THE PROBLEM OF FEAR** — We may be afraid of the future, of failure, of the opinions of others.

With these problems before us, what can we do?

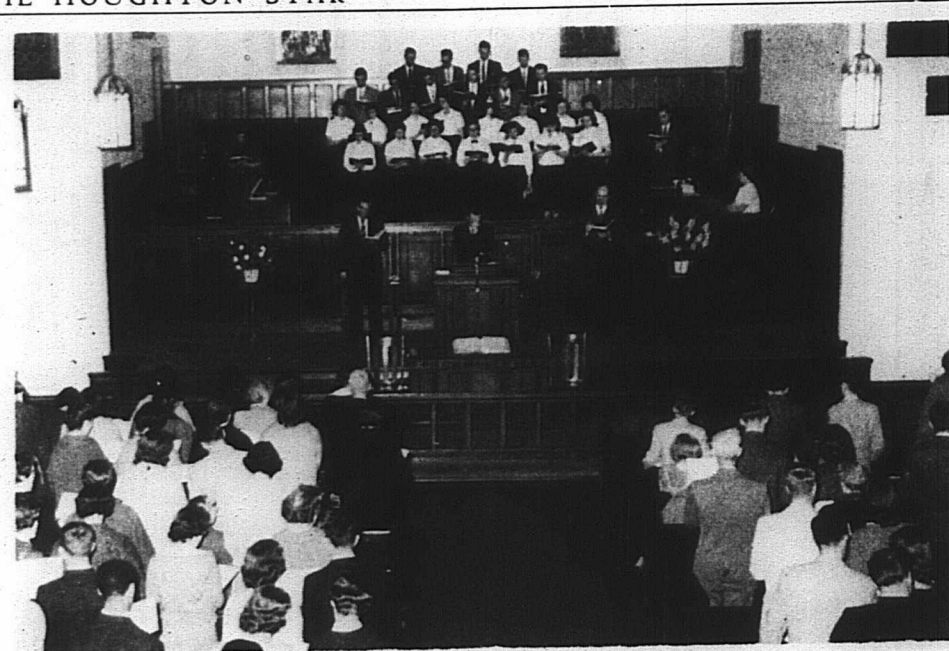
**THERE IS THE WORD** — We must get God's Word into us, quickly. It is our life. It is our safety. The "Quiet Time" is absolutely essential. The "Share the Word" cells are very helpful. TAKE THE WORD!

### Movements Varies

Revival did not come in the same way each time. In 1942, a human instrument, Rev. B. N. Miner, was mightily moved upon to preach sermons made powerful by the Holy Spirit. The result was a great movement Godward and the reaching of many who had resisted the appeals of numerous evangelistic meetings. In October 1951, the evangelistic services closed with little evidence of results. However, a prayer meeting in a boys' rooming house became too large and was adjourned to the church late Sunday evening following the final service. Our most recent revival experience came in connection with the scheduled evangelistic services in which a large portion of the seekers came for prayer at times and places other than those regularly scheduled.

### Testimonies Differ

Elements of similarity and difference appeared in each of the revivals at Houghton. Each produced con-



The sanctuary of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church, scene of revival services, is pictured during a recent service.

## Students, Faculty Bear Witness To Personal Working Of Spirit

By MARCIA CALDWELL

"These people are hypocrites!" "They're too emotional." "I'll just watch them for awhile." These were first reactions of many before they experienced the revival.

### Academy Students Explain

An Academy student explained that "everybody was so happy. I had never even enjoyed reading my Bible before. I listened to the service on the radio. I didn't think I'd let down — I was too proud — but finally I did. I saw my friends come to the Lord. The meetings

were a big blessing with lasting effects."

Another Academy student referred to the meetings as "a marvelous revelation of the Lord's grace. Each person saved stands as a miracle of His grace. I know this is so," he said, "because it is a miracle for me to be called a son of God."

"The Lord began in October" a college student said, "convicting me of sin which had entered my life while attending a secular college. Confession and forgiveness brought a deeper joy and satisfaction in loving and serving Him than anything the world had offered. In February I saw Him working in other lives but found no reason for Him to work in mine. Satan's attraction was strong but Christ won the victory. Complete yieldedness resulted in new peace and assurance that, as I daily listen to and obey His voice, Satan is defeated, self is crucified, and Christ is preeminent."

### Faculty Stresses Prayer

The faculty, too, had comments. "It was the preparation before the services — the prayer. I thank God that I was brought here. I have never experienced meetings like this with such deep movings of the Spirit. It was a very personal, very close thing. Miracles could be worked if people were always in such accord."

"In my own case, I think the usual purpose of revival is to draw men to Himself and send them forth with His teaching. It proved a time of testing, in my college life, a period of waiting, through which I tried to stay close to Him. He revealed something personal in my life and I feel compelled to go forth to do it. It was a mountain top experience and, as we quieted ourselves, we could hear His voice. Now, I feel that the emphasis on the Word should be applied to our personal living."

### Evokes Thought

Another college student thought of the lasting effects of the revival on himself. It was a time of serious thinking and through it he has received a purpose for living: "to glorify my Saviour."

"For several weeks before the revival, particularly at times when the pressure of living became unbearable for me, I had prayed to be convinced of the reality of Christianity. I had become so calloused to the demand of surrender to God that, had it not

been for this revival, I would undoubtedly never have given God complete control of my life. After yielding my life, I experienced an inner calm and stability which I thought impossible."

### Revival Defined

A second faculty member defined revival, "according to the dictionary," as a "returning to conscious life after unconsciousness! How well this definition applies to my own experience! After a period of unconsciousness of my own need for a deeper life in God, I suddenly became conscious of the utter hopelessness of serving God in my own strength. God met my need. I felt myself being cleansed by His Word and empowered by His Spirit. This is indeed a return to conscious life in God after the unconsciousness of the self-life."



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