

Notre Dame Chapel gets a facelift

Brighter', 'warmer', 'more inviting', 'bigger' ... These are some of the words used to describe the recently renovated chapel in Notre Dame College residence.

And although it looks different, Notre Dame Chapel still retains that peaceful, prayerful atmosphere which many alumni will fondly remember. The Chapel is still a much-needed quiet haven for our students away from the often chaotic pace of a busy campus.

Gone are the solid oak pews in favour of moveable, padded chairs. Gone is the solid altar in favour of a smaller, open and much simpler altar table which previously held the tabernacle at the side of the sanctuary. The tabernacle now faces the congregation on an angle and rests on a corner section of the old altar.

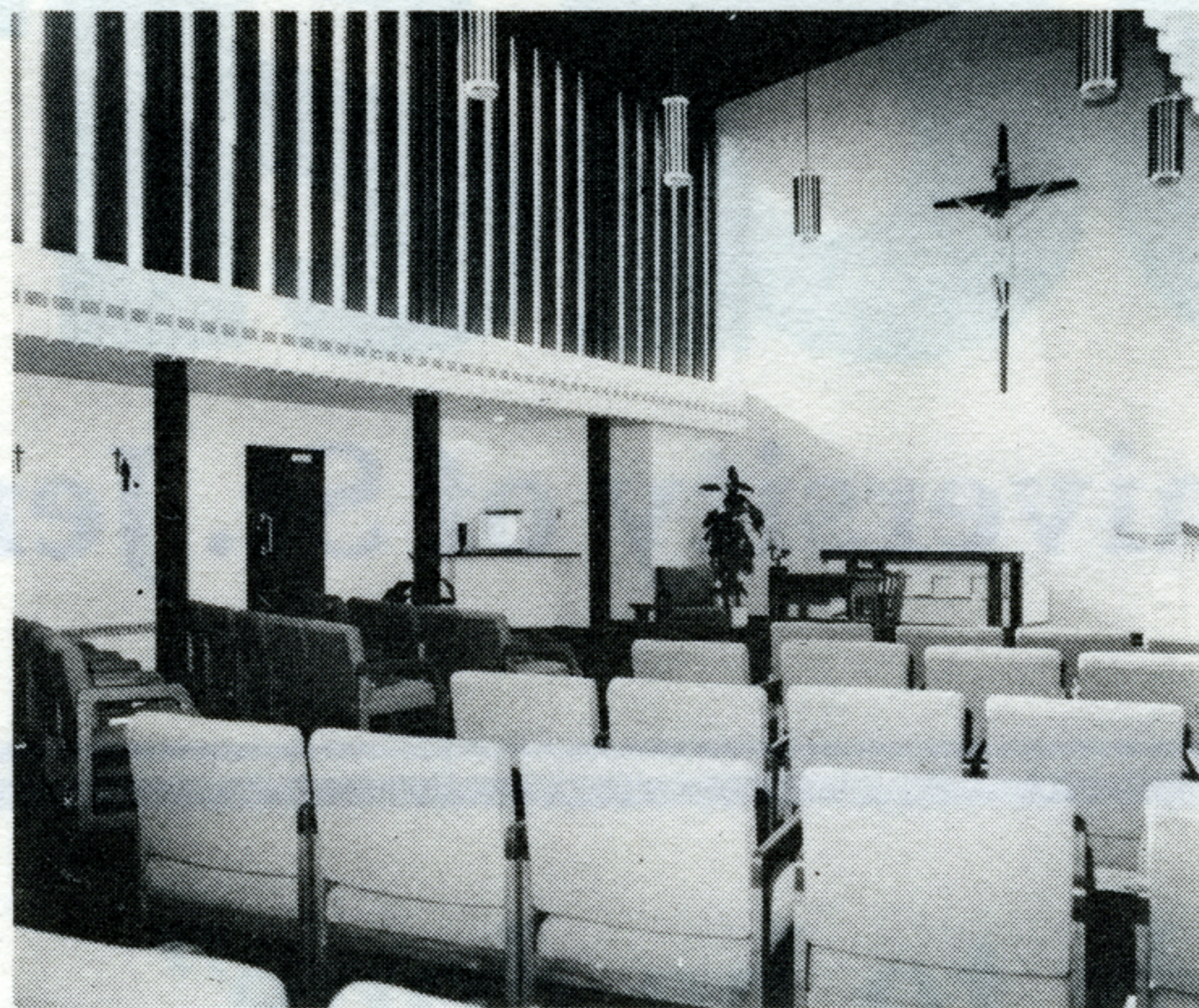
The entire chapel is now decorated with a deep rose carpet and lighter rose chairs with a medium walnut wood.

Last September a process of consultation with students, campus ministry and the Notre Dame community took place and each group was invited to suggest ways in which the chapel could be renovated to make it a more flexible facility.

"The pews didn't lend themselves to flexibility in prayer and scripture study," says Sr. Dianne Brenner (BA '73), Dean of Women at Notre Dame. "Most student and outside groups who use our facilities for retreats found the chapel uncomfortable and used our lounge instead."

The formal-looking pews were sold to members of the College community for \$50 each and were gone within days.

How has the reaction been to these changes? "Before they were actually



made, some students resisted the idea because for them the chapel meant pews,' says Sr. Dianne. "A lot education has taken place and through the process we have come to a better understanding of the importance of the chapel to students and others. Since the renovations, the reaction has been very positive as people do find it more inviting."

Renovations to the chapel cost \$16,000 and were part of the regular annual renovations and maintenance done to the residence. It is a well-used facility. During the school year daily masses are held at 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Prayer services, retreats, individual prayer, talks and other activities find the chapel in regular use. To accommodate the larger numbers over the weekends, liturgies are held in Siegfried Hall.

During the summer months, the chapel continues to be used for the Notre Dame sisters' daily prayer, the daily noon mass, and numerous groups use it for retreats held at the College. Even this summer's *Women and the Church* course has used the chapel for its morning lectures.

New Briefs

Congregation makes major contribution

The members of Congregation of the Resurrection living at St. Jerome's College have made a major contribution of \$53,600 to the College's Endowment Fund. This amount represents a proportion of their salaries and comes at a particularly important time. It is projected that over the next few years, the College will have to rely on the interest from the Endowment Fund to cover deficits in its operating budget. College President Father Choate says that "there is no doubt about the importance of this contribution. These are difficult times financially for St. Jerome's, and for all Colleges and universities in Ontario. When all is said and done, the commitment of the Congregation of the Resurrection to the College is clear and unequivocal."

Oktoberfest invitation All alumni are invited by the Student Union to be a part of Oktoberfest '86 - St. Jerome's style on Saturday, October 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The action takes place at Seagram Haus (A.K.A. the Seagram Gym) and the price is \$7.00 per ticket. Tickets are available by contacting the Alumni Office. Quantity is limited.

College English students honoured A number of St. Jerome's English students received UW English Department Awards for 1985-86. Julia McCarthy won a Creative Writing Award for her poetry; co-op student Beverly Billo won the Work Report Prize; Susan Burke was runner-up in the English 251 Essay Award and graduate English student Dana Woito (BA '84) won honourable mention in the Graduate Awards division. Congratulations to them all.

St. Jerome's alumni "defined"

During the past five years, alumni affairs has grown in importance both at St. Jerome's and at the University of Waterloo. As more and more faculties and colleges become involved in initiating programs for their alumni, it is becoming increasingly apparent that alumni frequently hold more than one allegiance.

For example, a Notre Dame resident for two years who was also a don, but was registered in Science has, in the past, not been technically considered a St. Jerome's alumna. She would not, then, have received *Update!* or other information on the College.

Conversely, a graduate who was registered at St. Jerome's in Arts but who took many of his/her courses on main campus has not been technically considered an Arts Faculty grad. It was clear that some inequities were created by this situation.

The implications of this "multiple allegiance" situation on fundraising and programming are significant. Since many were

dissatisfied with this definition of alumni, representatives of each faculty and college as well as the UW Alumni and Development Offices met to work out a solution.

As a result of long negotiations and a desire to reach an equitable agreement, the following definition now applies to St. Jerome's alumni:

"Alumni of 1985 and earlier who are considered alumni of St. Jerome's College will be exclusively solicited by the College if they were registered there for an academic program.

"Alumni of 1985 and earlier who were associated with a college for reasons other than academic registration (i.e. residence), will receive a dual solicitation from the college and the faculty in which they were registered.

"Alumni of 1986 and forward will receive a dual solicitation only if they were affiliated with a college, for two terms or more, by means of registration or residence."

New effort to find former residents

Under the new definition for St. Jerome's alumni, all former residents of Notre Dame and St. Jerome's College for two or more terms are now officially considered alumni of both St. Jerome's and the faculty in which they were registered. It has been well known to us that these graduates share a keen sense of loyalty to the College.

The College is now in the process of assisting the UW Alumni Office in identifying former residents and coding their files to indicate their place of residence while students.

In the past, only a small portion of our former residents have been receiving *Update!* and other alumni news and information. Our hope is that every graduate associated with St. Jerome's College either through academic registration or residence will be able to keep in touch with us. If you are aware of a graduate who was associated with St. Jerome's and who is *not* receiving *Update!*, please let us know. We hope to compile a list of all past residents so that they can be included in future plans for alumni.