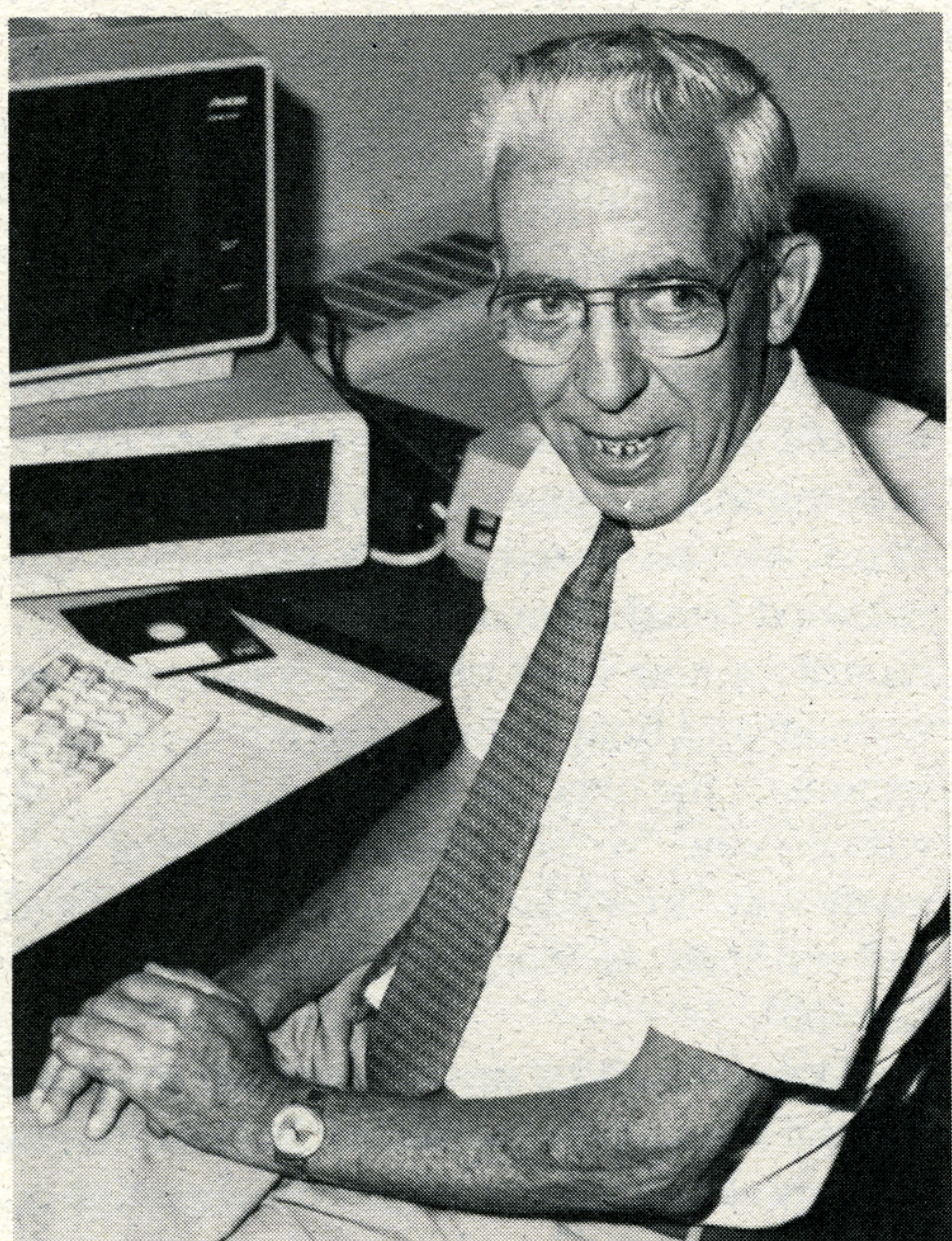


## College mourns loss of Father Norbert Lavigne, C.R.



Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R.

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The entire College community was saddened by the death of Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R. on January 15, after a brief illness.

Father Lavigne had a long association with St. Jerome's, both in its present location and at the former Kingsdale campus where he served as an instructor in Economics and as Dean of Men. He was one of the initial members of the St. Jerome's faculty at the Waterloo campus in 1962, and went on to serve in various capacities including acting President, instructor of Economics, and Treasurer. He left the College in 1985 to take a new post as Assistant Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. Fr. Lavigne remained in that position until the time of his death.

Father Lavigne was born in Penetanguishene, Ontario on April 17, 1919. He became a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection in August of 1938, and he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Peter's Seminary in London on June 3, 1944. In addition to his tenure at St. Jerome's College, Fr. Lavigne also taught at St. Jerome's High School and North Bay College.

College President Dr. Doug Letson notes that Fr. Lavigne's death marks the close of a chapter in the history of St. Jerome's College.

"The shades of some of the SJC founding fathers have been absorbed into the bricks, mortar, and spirit of St. Jerome's – they will haunt our halls forever. Norb Lavigne's is one of those," says Letson. "Father Lavigne was part of St. Jerome's even before its relocation to the UW campus, and he left for a new posting (retirement was not part of his working vocabulary) only very reluctantly in 1985, when advancing years and the crush of ever-expanding obligations simply caught up with him."

On a more personal note, Letson reflected on those traits that made Father Lavigne such a memorable part of life at St. Jerome's. "Some of us will never forget Norb's aggressive shyness, his affection for the verbal parry, his love of the outrageous. I enjoyed his presence, and after he moved on I was always pleased to see him drop by the College for a brief visit on one of his trips from Brantford. We'll not forget him."

Fr. Lavigne is survived by his brothers Romeo, John, Paul, Allan and Gerhard, and by a sister, Sister Leona, S.P. He was predeceased by two sisters, Margaret and Lola, and one brother, Tony.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Father Lavigne was celebrated at St. Pius X Church in Brantford.

## Reunion '92 – Long ago and far away ...

All reunion-goers expect to be transported back in time, to take a trip down memory lane, to reminisce about the "good ole days." But this year's reunion of St. Jerome's College grads will add a whole new dimension to the concept of "going back in time" as it transports its participants into the heart of the Middle Ages. A medieval fair, complete with the music, crafts and culture of the period, will be the central feature of this year's reunion gathering on Saturday, June 6, 1992. The afternoon will feature exhibits and activities for the entire family, the likes of which are more apt to be found in our history books than in our photo albums! The Graduates' Association Executive Committee has engaged the Society for Creative Anachronism – a group of present-day Medievalists – to recreate the spirit of that

long-ago age for contemporary visitors of all ages. A special invitation is being issued to all former thespians involved with St. Aethelwald's Players, that group of graduates whose recreation of Middle Age pageantry created a spirit all its own!

Beginning at 11:00 a.m., Notre Dame College will mark an historical event of a more recent vintage, as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of both residences. In honour of the occasion, Notre Dame will host a late-morning brunch with featured guest speaker Mary Malone. Dr. Malone will address the topic of ecofeminism.

In addition, the ever-popular "Stratford Festival Excursion" will continue with a visit to this renowned Canadian theatre. On the agenda for our theatrical enjoyment this year is Shakespeare's most famous love story, "Romeo and Juliet." The "excursion" will be preceded by an informal luncheon, along with what has become one of the most popular features of the annual Reunion activities: an introduction to the play by Dr. Ted McGee.

These events will be followed by Mass in Siegfried Hall, a cocktail reception, and an award dinner recognizing those grads who

celebrate anniversaries and special occasions. This year's 20-, 25- and 30-year honorees will be the classes of '72, '67 and '62. We'll also take time out to plant a tree and unveil a plaque in honour of the late Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R.

Reunion '92 is being held in conjunction with UW's Waterloo Weekend. There will be plenty of places to go, people to see, and things to do! So mark your calendar for Saturday, June 6, and join in the festivities as history and nostalgia combine forces to create more memories, much laughter, and the kind of fun we haven't seen in a *long, long* time.

"Mead" us in the courtyard. You'll "joust" never believe what we have in store!

