



From Mounds of Snow to Mounds

Top left. From two to three feet of snow Top right Chapel's new portico

Alfred, ME. After a memorable winter in Maine, there has never been so much activity on the Notre Dame Campus since the Notre Dame Chapel/Cafeteria was completed in 1966. Both the Cafeteria repairs and ground moving for Vinton Hall for York County Shelters brought hammering, digging and buzzing sounds to the campus.

A cold winter and a record accumulation of ice and snow (over 100 inches in Southern Me.) took its toll on the Chapel/Cafeteria building, tearing off some of the siding and accumulating snow on a roof that became a hazard for Sunday mass faithful and a sagging roof for frequenters of the dining hall.

*Below left: Earth moving endeavors
Below right: New parking lot entry.*

To the rescue came the Limerick Steeplejack Roofers, a company that has proved they can do fine work when they covered the roofs of Salvius and Eugene Belisle Halls even on cold winter days.

In late April the roofers started tearing off the sagging flashing around the back of the building and repairing the back entrances to the cafeteria dining hall and kitchen.

The major project was the new portico. In one day most of the skeleton of the overhanging roof resting on nine columns was completed. Finishing the ceiling, the lighting and painting took more time.

The parking lot side entrance to the chapel will also protect Sunday participants from ice and snow next winter. By Memorial Day most of the first part of the project was completed. The roof of the dining hall is scheduled for repair in the fall.

In the second week of May, the area behind the Shelter was abuzz as a shovel moved mounds of earth for the needed connections for drainage and septic system. By the end of the second week of work, the parking lot for the shelter and the building foundations were finished for Vinton Hall; it should be ready for occupancy come December.

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