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John Pomeroy takes a look at the newly-repaired St. Ambrose statue in the maintenance area.

## Statue is back, well almost

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**It's back.** The repaired St. Ambrose statue was officially dedicated Oct. 19.

A crowd of about 60 gathered and anticipated what the repaired version would look like in front of the draped pedestal early Sunday morning.

College President William J. Bakrow's wife, Maree, pulled the veil from the dedicated statue. The statue's new look is its bronze patina surface color.

The crowd was impressed. Applause and shouts of, "Oh, yeah," and "Ah, beautiful. Just gorgeous. This is all right," came from the excited group.

College President Bakrow himself glanced up and asked the group, "Isn't that beautiful?"

But the statue has now returned to college maintenance. After a few finishing touches, the repaired statue will again return to its pedestal in front of Ambrose Hall.

The statue was damaged in an accident November 16, 1985. College officials thought it was damaged beyond repair and set a \$30,000 goal to purchase a new bronze statue.

But this spring, sculptor James Anderson, part-time St. Ambrose instructor, was hired to repair the damaged statue and replace its hand, which came off in a 1936 accident.

Dr. Edward Rogalski, executive vice president of the college, says about \$5,000 has been raised to pay for the statue's repairs.

Bakrow says, "Landscaping, and perhaps, a bench and a tree will be added here." He says better lighting will also soon be added to make the statue more visible from Locust Street at night.

