

Statue committee goes to work

by Tony Berardi

The toppling of the statue of St. Ambrose Nov. 16 has been the subject of much discussion during the past three weeks. A special task force committee chaired by Edward Rogalski, senior vice president for administration and college relations, was set up in order to deal with many of the questions concerning the replacement of the statue. Other members of the committee are Thomas Chouteau, of the art department, Richard Geiger and the Rev. George McDaniel, of the history department, the Rev. Drake Shafer, vice president for student services, Pat McCoy, SGA president, and Thomas Otting, of the Alumni Office.

Rogalski said a fund had been established for the new statue. He said \$9,000 has been collected so far, including a generous donation from a person who wished to remain anonymous.

"We have looked into the matter of total cost for replacement," said Rogalski, "It was estimated to run between \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a new statue."

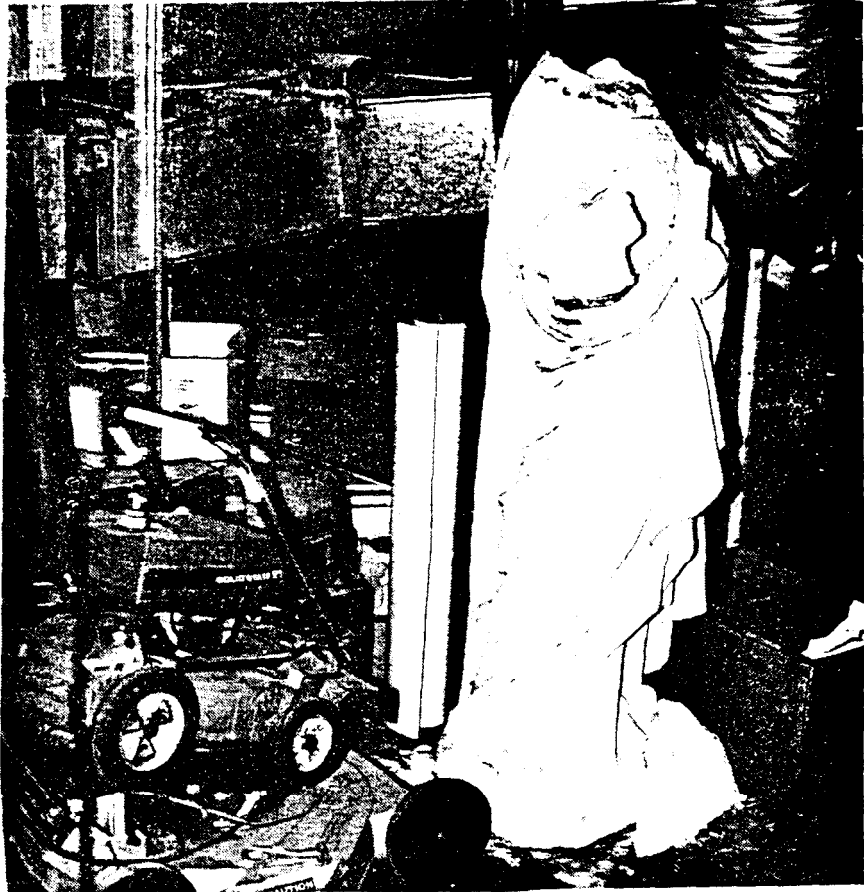
While the matter of what the statue will look like has yet to be decided, it was agreed the figure should be cast in bronze.

A better environment is also being planned for the new St. Ambrose. The committee agreed better lighting would be provided in order to lessen the chance of vandalism. Flowers will also be placed at the bottom of the base for beauty. Although these plans are now in action, the new statue will not arrive for at least six to seven months. Some seniors have expressed concern over the possibility there might not be anything atop the empty base for the graduation ceremony this May. The committee foresaw this situation and has decided the figure of St. Ambrose which now stands in the lobby of Christ the King Chapel will be placed upon the pedestal for the ceremony.

State aid cut

Financial aid award programs granted to St. Ambrose students by the Iowa College Aid Commission will be reduced in the 1986 spring semester, said Thomas A. Grady, director of financial aid.

The Iowa Tuition Grant reduction will be \$140 per-recipient. The Science and Math Grant reduction will be \$83 per-recipient.



Doug Niemeyer

The headless St. Ambrose statue now stands among lawn mowers in the maintenance area of the Calvin Fine Arts Center.

Teller machine to be removed

by David Baker

The automatic teller banking machine (ATM) in the South Hall lower lobby will be removed from campus Dec. 19.

Sharri Pheiffer, assistant vice president of Northwest Bank and Trust Company, Davenport, said "The reason the ATM is being taken out is because there is not enough activity to warrant the expense of keeping it here."

She said it costs the bank 522,000 a year to keep the ATM at the St. Ambrose location.

To keep the ATM at St. Ambrose, she said the bank has to pay equipment, security and service expenses. Pheiffer said the St. Ambrose ATM, part of the statewide Iowa network of ATMs, also costs the bank nearly \$300 a month for a telephone line.

Pheiffer said most St. Ambrose ATM users are drawing on accounts with banks in the network other than Nor-

thwest Bank and Trust Company.

"I can't justify subsidizing that operation when 75 percent of the transactions are made with banks other than our own."

The machine was first placed on campus for student convenience nearly two years ago. Pheiffer said she had hoped more St. Ambrose students would have opened accounts with Northwest Bank and Trust Company.

"We knew it was going to cost us money when we put it in. But we thought there would be a growth usage," said Pheiffer.

Edward Henkhaus, vice president of finance, said, "I regret the machine has to be taken out. It certainly has been a valuable machine for students to use."

Pheiffer said, "I don't want any ill feelings towards the school or the bank because of this. We have a good relationship with the college