



Since the cornerstone was laid in 1929, Lewis Hall has been the home of scientific discovery.



The Green House is just one of the many off-campus houses surrounding the SAU campus.

The history of SAU has been filled with progress, but according to President Edward Rogalski, the next decade will bring even more changes. It took 150 years for SAU to attain its

present-day appearance, and in the next ten years the campus will have a complete make-over.

"We are looking to renovate Davis Hall and place a new floor on it for addi-

tional labs," he says. "This work will begin May of 1990 and we hope to have it completed for the fall semester of 1990."

The oldest unrenovated science building in Iowa, Lewis Hall, will receive a total make-over from top to bottom. During the renovation, students will be attending classes in a plastic annex. Renovation is projected to start in 1991 and finish by 1992.

"Once those projects are completed, we will go on a new campaign of building a new library. We have a consultant that's working with the faculty to help us get a design, structure and site selection for the building. This is to be completed — hopefully — by 1995," Rogalski says.

In the education area, improvements are already being made.

"We are trying to provide some kind of campus-wide interactive computer hook-up system. This will be open to all students and faculty and this will allow them access to various software programs from the mainframe from any campus-based computer.

"We will be trying, in our academic future, to acquire the best faculty and try to provide them with the best possible means for instruction," Rogalski says. "In the near future, we are applying for a grant that will help us develop the faculty."

With the quality of education expanding, Dr. Rogalski foresees the campus size heading in the same direction.

"With the issue of size, we have started another thrust that we are undertaking — that is, we are trying to recruit additional traditional students. We now have extended our recruiting area into Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois, particularly the city of Chicago.

"We envision that perhaps in the future there may be a need for additional student housing. If that were to happen, though it's not definite now, we would build more modern-type houses that would be an alternative from what we have now."

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*This has been only a partial history of the physical plant of SAU; the proverbial tip of the iceberg. We urge you to find out more about SAU. To start, take a look at Anthony Farrell's "Bees and Bur Oaks: 100 Years of St. Ambrose College," which provides an enlightening look at the school's beginning. Also, our very own McMullen library is stocked with information about those early years. And finally, go talk to alumni, faculty and administration — after all, the best stories come from the people themselves. What you may discover, as we have, is a treasure chest of valuable memories.*

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