

Residence Halls Renamed

*South Now "Cosgrove" Hall,
East Now "Rohlman" Hall*

Two residence halls on campus have been renamed, honoring two former bishops of the Davenport diocese whose tenures included major contributions to the growth of St. Ambrose.

South Hall, the largest women's residence, has become "Cosgrove Hall," while East Hall, the largest men's residence, has become "Rohlman Hall."

The board of directors authorized the renaming of the buildings at its most recent meeting. Official commemorative services were held as part of Heritage Day ceremonies.

Bishop Henry Cosgrove, the second bishop of the Davenport diocese, served from 1884 to 1906, and Bishop Henry Rohlman from 1927 to 1944.

St. Ambrose has been a diocesan institution of higher learning since its founding by Bishop John McMullen in 1882, and the bishops serve as president of the St. Ambrose board.

In founding St. Ambrose, Bishop McMullen used two rooms of Father Cosgrove's parish elementary school, St. Marguerite's, now Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport.

-Bishops Cosgrove and Rohlman-

It was Bishop Cosgrove, the first American-born to head a diocese west of the Mississippi River, who purchased the site for construction of Ambrose Hall and who presided over the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone on July 5, 1885. Coincidentally, it was Bishop Cosgrove who made the decision in 1887 to convert St. Ambrose to a boarding school,



Immediately following the Heritage Day Mass alumni, friends and members of the campus community walked to East and South Halls for services officially renaming the residences.

and he launched the fund drive to provide for the necessary expansion.

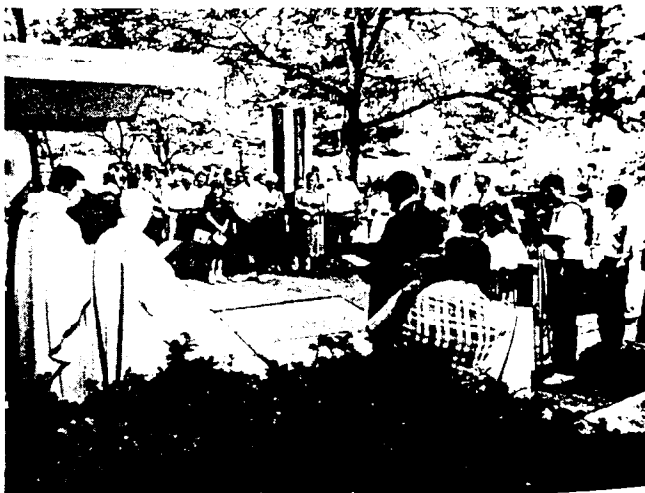
Bishop Rohlman, Davenport's fourth bishop, served from 1927 to 1944 and then succeeded to the archbishopric of Dubuque for 10 years.

During his term Lewis Memorial Science Hall was constructed and the library completed.

Other structures on campus also memorialize former bishops of Davenport. McMullen Library and Learning Center is named for the founder. Davis Hall residence is named for Bishop James Davis, who headed the diocese from 1906 to 1926. Hayes Hall, a combination residence, classroom, and seminary facility, is named for Bishop Ralph Hayes, bishop from 1944 to 1966.



The Rev. Drake Shafer, vice president for University ministry, presided at the commemorative services, here at South Hall, now renamed Cosgrove Hall.



East Hall now is Rohlman Hall