

tion of an almost-universal custom in American colleges: freshmen were required to wear a green cap.

March of 1927 marked the achievement of a goal which both President Hannon and President Hauber had long intended. St. Ambrose finally was admitted to the North Central Association of Colleges and fully accredited. Thus, the transformation of St. Ambrose into a full four-year accredited college was finally completed, 45 years after the College's beginning.

In April of 1927, the Davis Hall addition was completed. The second half was finished and the building looked very much as it does today. A chapel and library were both set up in the basement.

The baccalaureate sermon for the class of 1927 was preached on June 5th at Sacred Heart Cathedral by the Reverend Joseph G. Hauser of Sigourney, Iowa. Commencement day, June 8th, was ushered in by the dedication of the new Davis Hall. A solemn high Mass was celebrated at 8:30 a.m. by the Very Reverend A. J. Schulte, the first president of St. Ambrose.

On July 25 of 1927, the consecration of Henry P. Rohlman as bishop of Davenport occurred at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque. The new bishop was installed on July 26th at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. The Most Reverend Archbishop Kane of Dubuque announced from the pulpit a gift to the College of \$60,000 from Francis J. Lewis, K.S.G., of Chicago, Ill., a long-time friend of St. Ambrose. At the luncheon which followed, another gift of \$5,000 from an unknown donor was announced.

For the opening of the new academic year in September of 1927, the Reverend James J. Welsh, former athletic director, was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, West Liberty, Iowa, and the Reverend Carl H. Meinberg was named spiritual director of the College.

A professorship of ethics and apologetics at the new School of Religion at the University of Iowa was given to the Reverend H. G. Takkenberg, who would fill that position and continue to handle his usual duties as English instructor at the College. Because of these appointments, Father Code succeeded Father Takkenberg as advisor to the *Ambrosians*.

There was a 15 percent increase in enrollment over the year before at the College, no doubt due to the recent accreditation by North Central. The library and the College chapel, in the basement of Davis Hall, had been opened for the first time. New faculty included Father Leo C. Sterck and Father Thomas J.

Lew, both ordained during that summer; Professor Cletus Banwarth, recently of Notre Dame University; Professor Joseph Hussa of Marquette; and Professor Beryl Giltner of Illinois University. October 3rd of that year saw the establishment of Freshmen Induction Day. Initiation day for the freshman class was December 7th, Patron's Day.

On the morning of February 5, 1928, the Reverend John Manning was ordained in the College chapel by Bishop Rohlman. Father Martin Cone, professor of economics and sociology, was put in charge of the newly-organized Catholic Charities of the diocese.

On April 1st, Bishop Rohlman confirmed nine students in the St. Ambrose Academy chapel. The class was instructed by the Reverend Carl H. Meinberg, spiritual director of the College. Commencement for 1928 was held on Wednesday, June 6th. The honorable Frank J. Lewis of Chicago delivered the graduation address.

Little by little, after the College's accreditation, the high school department and the College began to separate. In 1928, the high school department published a separate catalog for the first time. The department was called St. Ambrose College High School. During that year, the Academy graduated 51 students and had a total enrollment of 255. One year later, in 1929, Father Ambrose Burke became the first principal of the Academy. Previously, whoever had occupied the position of dean of Ambrose Hall was also head of the high school department.

In 1931 the boarding school was discontinued when Father William Adrian replaced Father Burke as principal. He occupied that position from 1931 until 1935, when Father John McEniry, an alumnus of the class of 1925, became principal. He would remain as principal for 21 years. During that time the Academy would become a separate institution in all but location. McEniry generally had from 13 to 14 priests in addition to himself on the faculty. He used the Academy as a kind of feeding ground for the College, so that priests who had taught successfully at one were recruited for the other. Apparently the bishop agreed with him in this arrangement. The enrollment grew during his tenure from 177 in the Academy in 1935 to 434 students in 1955.

One of McEniry's principal interests was high school athletics. He changed his athletic program completely. Previously, the high