

just as the funeral began. The pallbearers had to struggle against the wind to carry the body into the chapel. About the time of the Gospel the sun broke out just before it set. Father William Dawson, a close friend, was moved to comment to the congregation at the end of the funeral Mass that Father Hegge "made things happen," as evidenced by the natural disturbances. At the time he died, Father Hegge had in progress a book on the apologetics of G. K. Chesterton - and a paper on death.

Ever since the discontinuance of football in 1960, St. Ambrose had lacked a fall sport. In 1969 this problem was solved with the establishment of the St. Ambrose Rugby Club. It never became as popular as the football team. Its matches were never viewed by a large portion of the student body. But of all the athletic groups that ever were formed on campus, the rugby team knew the essence of true sport better than most. The players provided everything for themselves. They were not, at that time, funded by the Student Government Association. They arranged their own matches with some of the most formidable opponents like Northern Illinois University and Notre Dame. They saw to their own uniforms and travel expenses. They hardly ever won a match but they established a custom. Usually opposing athletic teams met only on the field and then parted immediately, sometimes knowing each other a little better, sometimes enemies. The rugby team always had a party for the opposition after each match. The party was almost an integral part of the sport. It was accompanied by much beer drinking, much jargon, and much singing of appropriate songs. The result was this: the opposition went home fast friends with the St. Ambrose team. The true purpose of athletics was achieved.

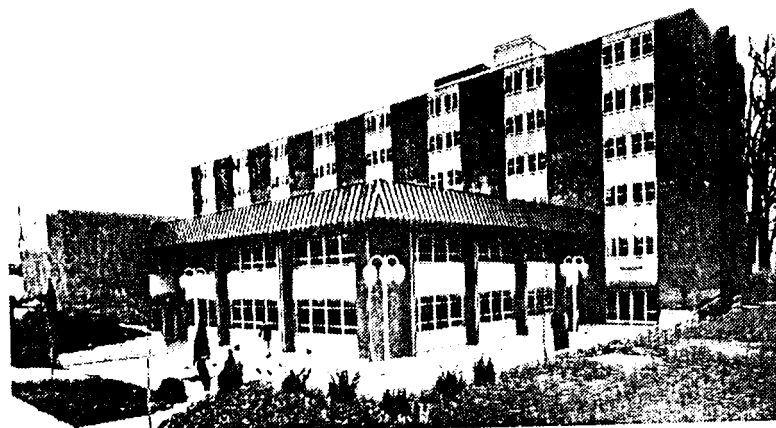
Recruitment for the team was easy: anybody could play who could take it. There were no limitations of age or state, and the St. Ambrose rugby team included faculty members playing right next to the students. Alumni were also allowed to play, and attachments formed among members of the team which would last for a very long time. Every once in a while after graduation someone on the team would marry another team member's sister, and the Rugby Club seemed to develop a whole new series of relations - familial as well as athletic. By and large, it was a far better venture into the true spirit of athletics than football had ever been.

When the new South Hall was erected in 1969, a whole block of Scott Street disappeared, through a gracious gift from the city of



Davenport. The street became part of the parking lot. The priests' garage also disappeared.

With the erection of the new Fine Arts Building, other things disappeared as well, particularly three houses owned by the College on Gaines Street that had been the residences of various faculty members. The new Fine Arts Building, which was esti-



South Hall, women's residence hall and food complex, which contains the Arnold Meyer Student Lounge.