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Completion of Helen Newman Hall, the new building for women's physical education, is still expected by the fall of 1962, according to Julius F. Weinhold, director of physical plant in the Department of Buildings and Properties.

Labor shortages in the area have slowed down construction on the building to date, Weinhold said. He attributed most of the delays the project has met to the volume of building currently being done in Ithaca and on the campus. Heavy rainfall during the past spring also delayed work, he added.

Excavation for the building is now completed, Weinhold reported. Sewer lines and electrical service have been run up to the site. In addition, he said, much of the equipment for the structure is finished and ready for installation.

Upon completion of the building, athletic activities now scattered over various parts of the campus will be centralized, and coeducational sports will be possible. The women's physical education program may be altered by the addi-

tion of such sports as fencing, riflery, badminton and synchronized swimming, and the physical education requirement may be lengthened from three to four semesters.

Pool to be Built

Among the facilities of the new building will be an Olympic size pool, 75 by 37 feet, with five lanes and two diving boards. The pool area will occupy three stories to allow room for spectators' galleries.

The bottom floor of Newman, which will house an indoor rifle range and 16 bowling alleys, will be entered on the side of the building facing the lake. A road will be constructed to pass this entrance.

The middle and upper floors will contain a 110 foot square gymnasium with a spectators' gallery. Men's and women's lockers will adjoin the gymnasium.

A dance studio will also occupy the middle floor, and will adjoin a terrace overlooking the lake. The studio will be fully equipped with rails and mirrors, Weinhold said.

The building will be named for the wife of former trustee Floyd R. Newman of Cleveland and Medina, Ohio, who donated the funds for its construction. Architects for the building are Mittelbush and Tourtelot of Chicago.

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