A photographer for The Tech provides this first glimpse of the inside of the new athletics/events center, scheduled for completion this September.

Inauguration plans discussed

By Steven Solomon

Although he assured the president's duties on July 1, Paul Gray '54 will have to wait until Sept. 26 to officially be inaugurated as the 18th president of MIT.

A 30-member inaugural committee chaired by Prof. Kenneth Hoffman has been organizing events for the inauguration for months. The actual ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, September 26, in Killian Court.

Classes will be canceled from all students and faculty to attend the ceremony or march in the procession, according to Hoffman.

About 75 students will march in the procession, according to Hoffman. They will be chosen, by Hoffman's discretion, from the committee's four student representatives.

The actual ceremony is expected to be completed by fall of 1981. The Whitaker Building, the Consolidated Health Sciences and Technology, and the intersecting Health Sciences building, to house all of MIT's medical services, will be ready by September of next year.

Pointing out that the final floor was fully specified six months later than the rest of the building, but that Turner Construction expected to be able to complete it on the same schedule as the other five floors.

The Webster Building, E41, is being renovated for spring of 1981. The former warehouse is partially replaced by MIT as an "adios" hall according to Portney. The recycling involves putting on a new exterior facade as well as reflecting the inside house the new east campus chilled water facility, an energy lab, and Sloan School classrooms and offices.

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Campus construction proceeds on schedule

By Richard Salz

"Keone Auditorium will be ready for occupancy by September," said Harry Portney, MIT Architect. The troublesome building was closed several months ago, shortly after flaws in the roof were discovered. Physical plant workers stripped off the old lead roof, and are currently replacing it with copper sheet under a layer of plywood and other materials.

Portney said that while construction may not be totally finished, the remaining "bugs and ends" would not interfere with the operation of the building.

In addition to containing the Institute's largest auditorium, Kresge contains several rehearsal rooms, a little theatre where smaller-scale performances were given, and served as the headquarters for some Institute drama groups.

The new athletic events center is scheduled for occupancy by the end of September. The building will contain an indoor ice rink - MIT's first - as well as facilities for special events such as graduation. Said Portney in reference to utilization, "it won't be a seven-month building."

At the end of campus, two health-related buildings are expected to be completed by fall of 1981. The Whitaker Building, to house the Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology, and the intersecting Health Sciences building, to house all of MIT's medical services, will be ready by September of next year.

Portney noted that the sixth floor was fully specified six months later than the rest of the building, but that Turner Construction expected to be able to complete it on the same schedule as the other five floors.