

Newman Center Nears Completion

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YSU's Lyden House is getting a new neighbor. Construction on the new Newman Center began Oct. 27, 1993, and is scheduled for completion near the end of this quarter. The official dedication ceremony is scheduled for fall.

The building will be the new home of Newman Catholic Students' Association.

"We want to make Newman a place where people of the University can come for information, formation and celebration," said Patricia Slater, Newman Center director.

Slater explained that the goal of the Newman Center is to establish a community where people are accepted and said, "Any student is welcome here."

The Center hopes to achieve that goal by organizing parties, retreats, prayer services, lectures, dinners, Bible studies and informal discussions.

The organization also participates in community service projects.

"We've done work with Tod Children's Hospital, soup kitchens and Habitat for Humanity," Slater said.

"The Center will also be a place for students to hang out during the day," Slater said, adding "eventually it will be offering extended hours."

Located at 254 West Madison, the new location will be "one of the first non-University sponsored projects leading towards the revitalization of the Northside neighborhood," said Slater.

"Inadvertently, we wound up in the middle of the Campus 2000 initiative," Slater said of the location. "We will be near the center of a lot of student activity."

Architect Mark Hanahan of Hanahan Strollo & Associates Inc. explained some of the goals he kept in mind while designing the new center.

Architecturally, the center will fit in with the Northside. Hanahan said he kept in mind the characteristics of many of the old Northside houses and "the details that make them special," explaining that features such as the flying



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A truck from Mike Coates Construction Company moves soil outside of the Newman Center across from Lyden House.

buttress are a Northside residential characteristic.

It will also compliment the neighboring Lyden House in appearance.

Hanahan said, "I tried to keep it in the vein of the Lyden House, material wise."

Hanahan also tried to "give it religious overtones through the

architecture" and make the building "homey and non-institutional."

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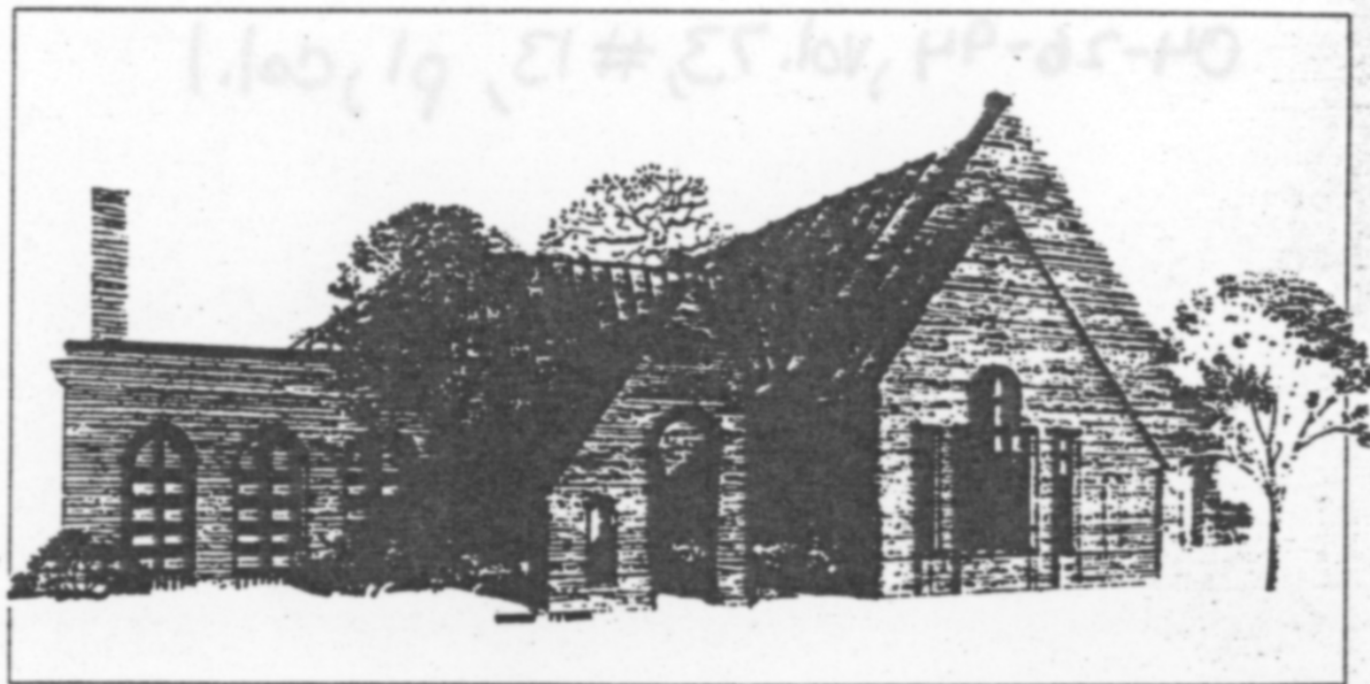
"non-institutional" characteristics featured inside the air-conditioned center are a living room with a fireplace, a kitchen, a pool table and television.

A meditation chapel, offices, a conference room and a large meeting room used for Sunday evening mass are also planned.

"We will make the Center available to all student groups for meetings," said Slater. "There will be no charge unless it is a really big event."

Slater also said that student groups meeting in the Newman Center will be able to use the kitchen facilities instead of University food services.

The building was funded by the Diocese of Youngstown and by the sale of the Newman Center's former site, a church that stood on



Compliments of Hanahan, Strollo & Associates

This illustration shows a completed Newman Center. The work is expected to be complete by the second week of June.

the corner of Wick and Rayen Avenues.

"The rest of the money comes from a private donation from Bill Lyden Jr., who is dedicating the chapel to his parents," Slater said.

According to Slater, the harsh winter has slowed down the Newman Center's construction, but they are anticipating completion by the second week of June.