Dedication of Whitman Hall Set for Thursday Evening

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The long-awaited formal dedication of Walt Whitman Hall will take place next Thursday evening in the Whitman auditorium. The ceremonies will be highlighted by the presentation of an original symphonic drama, "I, Walt Whitman."

Dedication of the five-million dollar Student Arts Center was originally set for Nov. 10 and later postponed because of difficulties in providing the lighting facilities necessary for the dedication ceremonies.

Along with presentation of the symphonic drama, two oil portraits of Whitman will be placed on view for the first time in the lobby of the Whitman auditorium. The ceremonies will also include a short speaking program. Col. John J. Bennett, chairman of the City Planning Commission, Dr. Joseph B. Cavallaro, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, and President Gideonse will deliver brief addresses.

Symphonic Drama Slated

"I, Walt Whitman," the symphonic drama based on the life and times of the poet and written by Dr. Ralph Goodman, of the English department, will be presented on the evenings of Jan. 13, 14, and 15 at 8:15 p.m.

The Thursday evening performance will be presented to an invited audience, including prominent guests and members of the community who have taken an interest in college matters. Two of the nation's leading experts on Whitman, Gay Wilson Allen and Emory Holloway, have also been invited to attend.