

New Wing Dedicated At Walden

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The Walden School, a 60-year-old private school on Manhattan's West Side, today dedicates a new six-story building which, the school's director says, "demonstrates that a private school with a commitment to the city can still survive here and do a good job."

The new wing, which is adjacent to its current facility at 88th St. and Central Park W., is named the Andrew Goodman Building, in memory of the 1961 Walden graduate who was one of three young civil rights workers killed in 1964 in Mississippi during a voter registration drive. Goodman's two brothers and grandfather were also Walden graduates.

The building was named after Goodman because "the kind of values he represented are the kind we think are important for our students to learn," said Walden director Nathan J. Levine.

Clark Is Speaker

Ramsey Clark, the former U.S. Attorney General and civil rights advocate, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremonies. Also speaking will be Broadway star Jonelle Allen, a 1966 Walden graduate, and Dr. June Christman, NYC Commissioner of Mental Health and Retardation Services and a Walden parent.

The new building, which more than doubles the school's present facilities, was designed by architect Edgar Tafel, also a Walden alumnus, and blends architecturally with the existing structure, occupied by the school since 1933.

More Enrollment Seen

Nine years in planning, the building contains a full floor of science rooms, 15 classrooms and an auditorium and gymnasium. The school's current enrollment of 530 students is expected to expand with the new space.

During the summer the Goddard-Riverside Community Center operates a day camp in the building for community children and during the school year there is an after-school program, half for Walden students and half for public school children in the neighborhood.