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New College officially opens its 1965-66 academic year today with a convocation this afternoon at which the senior warden (president) of New College, Oxford University, will deliver an address.

The convocation, to be held at 4 p.m., on the campus on the west side of College Hall, will be followed by brief dedicatory ceremonies and a reception at the East Campus, site of the three new recently completed residence courts.

President John Elmendorf will preside at the convocation and dedication, his first all-college academic assemblies since becoming president in September.

Returning today to register and also to attend the opening convocation will be students of the charter class, who on Monday morning enter their second year of studies.

Already on hand, and completing their orientation week are 94 students of the second class. They also begin classes Monday morning. They completed registering for the coming term on Friday.

The convocation is planned to be held outdoors on the grounds on the waterfront by College Hall.

Sir William Hayter, K.C.M.G., who was a British diplomat before being elected to his post at New College, spent the weekend on campus, meeting with faculty, students, and trustees.

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Sir William arrived at New College after a three-day stay at the University of South Carolina where he was guest of Associate Dean of the University George Curry, former professor of history at New College. He flies to Toronto Monday to take part in ceremonies at New College, one of the undergraduate colleges of the University of Toronto.

Sir William entered the diplomatic service in 1930 after receiving his degree at New College, Oxford. He served in posts in Vienna, Moscow, China, and Washington during his early diplomatic career. Later in his service to his government, he was Assistant Under Secretary of State, British Minister to Paris and Ambassador to Russia.

For the past seven years Sir William has been senior warden at New College, a position somewhat similar to the president of a liberal arts college in the United States.

New College at Oxford was founded nearly six centuries ago as the seventh of Oxford's twenty-one colleges, and today is an integral part of that great university.

Following the convocation, faculty, students, staff, and guests will go to the East Campus and in the patio linking the three huge residence courts, will hear remarks by Dallas Dort, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of New College, and by I. M. Pei, New College architect and designer of the buildings.

The three structures were designed by Pei to be internally oriented, so that through the use of a number of inner courtyards, an academic village is created.

Men students occupy one court and part of a second, while the women students are in a third. A faculty family resides in one of the courts while tutors and staff members have apartments in each of the other two courts.

Offering the invocation at the convocation will be the Rev. Dr. John Whitney MacNeil, a member of the New College Board of Trustees and pastor of the First Congregational Church in Sarasota.

A brass ensemble from the Florida West Coast Symphony, under the direction of Professor Paul Wolfe, will provide music for the convocation.

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