

NEW COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

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Sarasota -- The warden (president) of New College, Oxford University, arrives on campus this week-end to take part in a convocation Sunday, officially opening New College for the 1965-66 academic year.

Sir William Hayter, K.C.M.G., gives the main address at the convocation to be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in College Hall.

Dr. John van G. Elmendorf, president of New College, will be presiding at his first all-college assemblage, which will be attended by members of both the charter class, new students, faculty, staff and special guests.

After the convocation at New College a brief ceremony will be held on the East Campus to recognize the completion of and dedication to use of the three new residence courts.

Sir William, who took his degree at New College at Oxford, is in the United States on a short trip, visiting one older college and two new ones.

Sir William was, until eight years ago, a diplomat with the British Foreign Service. He began his career in Vienna in the early thirties, went on to serve in Western Europe and was then brought back to the Foreign Office to work under Sir Robert Vansittart. In 1938 he was sent to China and in 1941 he joined the British Embassy in Washington on wartime duties. At war's end he returned again to the Foreign Office, now as Assistant Undersecretary of State

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In 1949 Sir William was named British Minister in Paris and four years later, became Ambassador to Russia. His service in Moscow lasted four years and shortly afterward he was elected to his present position with New College, Oxford.

Before Sir William arrives on the campus of New College here, he will have spent three days on the campus of the University of South Carolina. His visit there had been arranged by Dr. George Curry, former Professor of History at New College, and now Associate Dean of the University.

From New College, U.S.A., Sir William flies to Canada where he will take part in ceremonies at New College, one of the colleges of the University of Toronto.

The convocation on the New College campus here is expected to mark a blending of the new and the old. Sir William's New College was founded in the fourteenth century and still serves students as it did then.

The New College he visits, while sharing the same name, was founded only in 1960 and this year accepts its second class of undergraduates.

Taking part in the convocation and in the later dedicatory ceremonies, in addition to Sir William and President Elmendorf, will be the Rev. Dr. John Whitney MacNeil, a member of the Board of Trustees, Dallas W. Dort, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, and I. M. Pei, New College architect.

The dedicatory ceremonies will be held in the newly completed patio which links the three residence courts of the East Campus. Although courts were pressed into service during the academic year to house students, the ceremonies will mark their official dedication to use. All three courts are now completed and students will live in each during the year.

Full classes for the second year begin Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. for both first and second year students.