

NEW COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

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Sarasota, Fla.— Dr. John Elmendorf will be inaugurated as president of New College Wednesday morning (Feb. 22) in ceremonies attended by representatives of educational institutions from this country and abroad.

Sir Patrick Dean, the British Ambassador to The United States, will be the inaugural speaker.

Dr. Elmendorf is the second president of New College, founded in 1960. He succeeded President George F. Baughman in 1965. This marks the institution's first inauguration since all formal ceremonies had been postponed until this year, the first the college has had a full academic program.

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard of the state-owned Ringling Museum, adjacent to the campus.

More than 150 colleges, universities and educational and professional associations will be represented by delegates at the inauguration. Oldest in date of founding is New College of Oxford University, established in 1379 and represented by a Sarasota alumnus.

The inaugural procession alone will number nearly 300 persons in academic regalia. The group will include the delegates, members of the college administration and faculty, students, and a presidential party made up of spokesmen for the students and faculty, a representative of the State of Florida, of the government of The United States, clergy, the college Marshal, the ambassador, and the president.

The official charge of office will be made to the president by Dallas W. Dort, chairman of the board of trustees. Dort will also present to Dr. Elmendorf a neckpiece holding the seal of the college, a symbol of the office of the president.

The opening prayer will be given by The Rt. Rev. Marion Bowman, Abbot of Saint Leo Abbey, the inaugural prayer by The Rev. Robbins Ralph, superintendent of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the benediction by Dr. Joseph R. Narot, rabbi of Temple Israel of Greater Miami.

Music prior to the program will be supplied by the Riverview High School Band and during the ceremonies by the Florida West Coast Youth Orchestra under the direction of Professor Paul Wolfe.

On the day before the inauguration, a press conference will be held at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport on the arrival of Sir Patrick and his party.

Early Tuesday evening a reception will be held on campus for the delegates. A luncheon follows the ceremonies for delegates and special guests and will be served in a huge tent erected on campus for this purpose.

In addition to the members of the Board of Trustees there will be present most of the ten persons who were the original Incorporators of the college in 1960, and six national and international figures who have been named Honorary Fellows of the college.