

## **Open Forum 1 1971**

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### **Clip transcript:**

#### **James Barber:**

Hello and welcome to Open Forum. This is in fact the first of all the Open University television programmes, and the Vice Chancellor, Dr Walter Perry, had hoped to be with us today. Unfortunately he's unwell and so hasn't been able to come. But here in the studio with me is the University Secretary, Mr. Christodoulou, and he's going to speak to you first. Chris.

#### **Anastasios Christodoulou:**

Good morning and a very happy new year to all of you. I doubt that any University Officer has ever had the opportunity of addressing twenty-five thousand students of his own University and hundreds of thousands of the general public at one and the same time. And the fact that I have this opportunity today marks the fulfilment of one of the most exciting dreams of educationists and broadcasters – The Open University, culminating in a partnership between two national bodies, under Royal Charter dedicated to promoting the general educational well-being of the community at large. It is therefore my privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to The Open University, students and general public alike.