

**Open Forum 9A 1973**

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**Clip transcript:**

**Presenter:**

Welcome to Alexandra Palace, where The Open University's first congregation attended by 3000 people, has just finished. 600 of the first 900 graduates were presented to the University's second Chancellor, Lord Gardiner, whose installation began the ceremony.

The symbolic moment of installation. The Vice Chancellor robes Lord Gardiner in the official gown of navy blue edged with gold.

**Walter Perry:**

By the authority of the Royal Charter I hereby install you Gerald, Baron Gardiner of Kittisford, Chancellor of The Open University.

**Gerald Gardiner:**

I declare that I will, to the best of my abilities strive always to uphold the objects of the University as defined in article three of the Charter and to maintain the articles and statutes of the Charter in spirit and in fact.

**Walter Perry:**

And I now invite you Sir as Chancellor to take the Chair at this congregation of The Open University.

**Narrator:**

After Lord Gardiner's installation as Chancellor, Dr Perry the Vice Chancellor conferred on him the first of The Open University's honorary degrees. To avoid association with any one faculty the University has chosen the degree "Doctor of the University" for honorary graduates.

**Walter Perry:**

My Lord and Chancellor. It is the wish of the Senate that you should yourself be the first recipient of an honorary degree of The Open University.

By the authority of the Senate of The Open University I confer upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of the University.