

THE QUEEN OPENS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Paying her first visit to Stoke for 10 years, the Queen comes to open the new North Staffordshire University College. To mark the occasion, Her Majesty plants a tree south of the Clock Tower. Situated on high ground five miles west of Stoke, the new University College, said the Queen, combines the wide vistas of the countryside with the busy life of an industrial city.

Escorting Her Majesty is the Principal, Lord Lindsay of Birker. The University College opened its doors to the first students almost before the last of the builders and decorators moved out, but already flower beds and lawns cover much of what was waste land then. At full complement the College will have 600 members; of the present 150 some are housed in former army huts.

After meeting the staff and representatives from Oxford, Birmingham and Manchester Universities, Her Majesty talks to 25 students chosen by ballot, one of them from Pakistan.

Permanent hostels will be opened as the College grows. Now the main thought is to open the doors of opportunity as soon as possible. And now, the official opening.

"I have now great pleasure in declaring open this University College of North Staffordshire. Long may it prosper and be honoured in all its sons and daughters."